



NORTHCROSS

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Loved. Equipped. Sent.

Welcome to NorthCross Church!

Whatever your spiritual disposition

- skeptic, seeker, follower -

we are glad you are with us today and pray that you experience the grace of our Lord.

Our desire is to have our hearts strengthened by the grace of Christ and to share that grace with the community of Lake Norman.

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Our Mission

NorthCross Church exists to facilitate a gospel movement throughout the communities that make up Lake Norman for the glory of Christ.

Our Vision

To be a people who are Loved by God,
Equipped by the Gospel, and Sent into our communities.

Loved: Experiencing God’s love and the love of one another
in community

Equipped: Growing in our knowledge of the gospel and
strengthened to share it with others

Sent: Engaging in the mission of God within our local communities

Sunday Morning Children’s Ministry Information:

Sunday School: 9:30 am (children age 3 – high school)

*All children are welcome to stay with their parents in the
worship service! Also available:*

Nursing room: adjacent to the sanctuary. Turn on the
speaker to hear the sermon.

Nursery: provided during the worship service for babies and
children up to age 2

Children’s church: ages 2 & 3 in the toddler room
ages 4 - 2nd grade in the early elementary room

**Children will be dismissed from the service during the Passing of
the Peace. They will return before Communion. The teachers will
bring the children to the sanctuary and help find their parents.*

Wifi Network: NCC **Password:** #northcrosschurch1

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 29, 2023

Meditation

*“The resurrection was indeed a miraculous display of God’s power, but we should not see it as a suspension of the natural order of the world. Rather it was the beginning of the **restoration** of the natural order of the world...the world as God intended it to be... The resurrection means not merely that Christians have a hope for the future, but that they have a hope that comes **from** the future. The Bible’s startling message is that when Jesus rose, he brought the future kingdom of God into the present.”*

- Rev. Tim Keller
Hope in Times of Fear

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

Deut. 7:6
Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Congregation: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Preparing for Worship

With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to quiet ourselves and prepare our hearts for worship.

Call to Worship

God calls us to worship because God exists and speaks first. Therefore, our worship is answering God. We answer him by offering what we are to who God is. The Call to Worship is a way to proclaim God as he is, while also challenging what we worship daily.

GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIP

Songs of Worship

Jesus is Alive
Be Thou My Vision

Confession of Sin

The prayer of confession invites us to speak words that are remarkably honest about how our thoughts, feelings, actions and words can curve inwards. This kind of honesty does not come naturally in our relationship with God or with others. But confession is liberating when we sense the greater power of Jesus' love.

Assurance of Pardon

This is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession. These are God's affirming words, his forgiveness of us because of Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

Read Together

Every Moment Holy
Doug McKelvey

**ALL: Search my heart, O Maker of Hearts,
as I consider the span of my days,
give me wisdom to see clearly whether I have
poorly invested my hopes and dreams,
that I might, even now, cultivate a better desire.**

**If my goal, O God, has been to accomplish such achievements
as to preserve the memory of my own name,
then I have surely failed, blind to my own poverty of soul.**

**Or if my goal, O Christ, has been to make it to the end of
this life unwounded, unscarred, insulated from all discomfort,
without vexation or need, I will be disappointed indeed -
shallow dreams cannot bear the weight of my hope.**

**O Spirit, I was created to be a vessel of your love,
received and offered. That was always the sum of your calling, that I
would answer your eternal "yes" with a lifelong "amen."**

**Almighty God, allow me once again to rest my trust in you,
and to choose to set my hope in you alone. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Read Responsively

Romans 8

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Congregation: But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus Thank You

LIFE TOGETHER

Passing of the Peace

**Children ages 2 through 2nd grade dismissed for Children's Church*

Announcements

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings

We give as an act of faith, remembering his faithfulness as our provider and joining with God's people in expressing our dependence on him, in obedience to be generous with all we have as he is generous to us.

Scripture Reading

James 1:1-12

*¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.*

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The sermon is teaching based on the Scripture Reading. The role of the sermon is to explain the truths of the Bible and apply them in our lives. This is not just an intellectual function; our hearts are to be affected by the words of God preached.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Sermon

"Living Life Through Resurrection Lenses"
Rev. Hudson Belk

The Lord's Supper
Jesus Christ promised to meet (or commune) with his people in a special way through this "sacrament" - from the Latin word meaning mystery. We experience Christ's spiritual presence as we eat in faith. The Lord's Supper points us to the finished work of Christ at the cross and in the resurrection on our behalf.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response

Your Labor is Not in Vain

The Lord's Supper

Song of Receiving

*We Will Feast in the
House of Zion*

Benediction

Benediction
"Benediction" means "a good word" or blessing. In this blessing God gets the last word, promising to be with us as he sends us out into the world, carrying the hope, joy and love of Christianity's central message (the gospel).

This Week's Calendar

- 10.29 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship service, 10:30 am
- 11.1 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 11.2 Ladies Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

Women's Christmas Party - Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Dec. 7th** at Oak Street Mill in Cornelius!

Small Table - November 14, 6:00 pm, hosted by Karen Toney (514 Cardinal Ct., Davidson). Small Tables are intentional gatherings for women that foster Faith & Community over a meal. RSVP to Karen.

Men's Retreat - Nov. 10-12 at Montreat Conference Center.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization

Ben Pate, Columbia University RUF

Connect Card - If you are new to NorthCross and want to connect, or if you have a prayer request, use this QR code and fill out the form online.



Daybreak Prayer at 7:30 am:

The session invites us to join in prayer for NorthCross during this time of transition. Please join us Sunday mornings at 7:30 am via Zoom (link is in the Weekly News).

Life Groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, service and study.
Contact one of the leaders if you would like to attend.

Huntersville: Sunday
Hudson Belk, hudsonbelk2@hotmail.com

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NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of September 30, 2023)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$88,137 vs. Budget \$84,196

Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$ 67,038 vs. Budget \$296,737

Missions expenses \$7,831 Deacon's Fund expenses \$256.47

Worship Facility Received \$201,204 | Non-restricted cash position \$622,073