



# NORTHCROSS

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*Loved. Equipped. Sent.*

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## **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

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### **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

January 14, 2024

## *Meditation*

*Stars cross the sky, wise men journey from pagan lands, earth receives its savior in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race. Now it is no longer, "dust you are and to dust you shall return," but "you are joined to heaven and into heaven shall you be taken up."*

*- Basil the Great, 330-379 AD*

## Call to Worship

Read Together

Book of  
Common Prayer

**All: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

## **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

*All Creatures of Our God and King  
My Worth is Not in What I Own*

#### 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

Psalm 44:24-26

**ALL: Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground. Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!**

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Psalm 103:8, 13-14

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

### Song of Thanksgiving

*Be Thou My Vision*

## 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

Luke 7:11-17

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

*"Epiphany –  
Jesus' Compassion & Resurrection Power"*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

**Song of Response**

*Come Behold the Wondrous  
Mystery*

**The Lord's Supper**

### **The Apostle's Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day He rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Song of Receiving**

*The Love of God*

**Benediction**

### **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.

### **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

- 1.14 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 1.17 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am  
Youth Life Group, 7:00 pm
- 1.18 Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 1.19 Youth Game Night, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

## Announcements

**Get to know the Pastor** - Expect Gary to initiate with you soon individually, as couples, and families. He can grab lunch, an afternoon coffee, a late afternoon drink or walk, or a dinner in your home if that's best! If you want to reach out to him to set up a time, email him at: [gary@northcrosschurch.com](mailto:gary@northcrosschurch.com). Also, please take a moment to go on Planning Center and upload a photo to your profile. This will help Gary as he gets to know us!

## This week's Mission + Outreach Organization

Billy and Kate Greenman  
Paths of Hope Ministries

**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).

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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](mailto:HUDSONBELK2@HOTMAIL.COM)

### West Lake Norman: Sunday

Matt Estler, [MDESTLER5@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MDESTLER5@GMAIL.COM)

Greg Howard, [GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM)

### East Huntersville: Sunday

Roger Edwards, [ROGER.EDWARDS55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROGER.EDWARDS55@GMAIL.COM)

### Cornelius: Sunday

Jonathan Skolrood, [JONATHAN.SKOLROOD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JONATHAN.SKOLROOD@GMAIL.COM)

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Matt Gordon,

[MATTHEW.RANDOLPH.GORDON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MATTHEW.RANDOLPH.GORDON@GMAIL.COM)

### Davidson: Sunday

Matt Seiter, [MATTHEW.SEITER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MATTHEW.SEITER@GMAIL.COM)

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## NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of December 31, 2023)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$162,851 vs. Budget \$168,392

Expenses (less Missions & Deacon's Fund) - Actual \$146,759 vs. Budget \$205,256

Missions expenses \$13,531 Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,145

Worship Facility Received \$221,502 | Non-restricted cash position \$640,934