



# 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 28, 2024

## *Meditation*

*“Epiphany is not to be a thing of the past, something that happened two thousand years ago only, but an appearance now in the body of Christ assembled, and epiphany in me. I have been called from darkness to light, and now am to be a manifestation of Christ.”*

*- Robert Webber*

## Call to Worship

Read Together

Book of  
Common Prayer

**All: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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

*This I Believe*

*Let the Nations Be Glad*

#### 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 Responsively

*Psalm 95:7-9*

Leader: He is our God!

**People: And we are the people of His pasture, the sheep of his hand.**

Leader: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts,

**People: or put God to the test though we have seen His work.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader

Colossians 2:13-15

Leader: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

### Song of Thanksgiving

*Jesus Paid It All*

## 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 7:36-50

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD**

**Sermon**

*"Epiphany –  
Jesus, Forgiver of Great Debts"*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

**Song of Response**

*Jesus We Love You*

**The Lord's Supper**

*The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Song of Receiving**

*Abide With Me*

**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

- 1.28 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 1.31 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am  
Youth Life Group, 7:00 pm
- 2.1 Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 2.4 Congregational Meeting, after worship

**This week's Mission + Outreach Organization**  
Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman

**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.



## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting** - You are invited to attend an informational meeting regarding the move to the new worship facility on Sunday, February 4th after the worship service. We will provide an update on the work being done to start the project including an update on the total budget.

### **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).

**New Member Class** - If you are interested in the New Member class this spring, please reach out to Gary or an elder.

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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

### **West Lake Norman:** Sunday

Matt Estler, mdestler5@gmail.com

Greg Howard, gwhow1961@gmail.com

### **East Huntersville:** Sunday

Roger Edwards, roger.edwards55@gmail.com

### **Cornelius:** Sunday

Jonathan Skolrood, jonathan.skolrood@gmail.com

### **Cornelius:** Sunday

Matt Gordon,

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### **Davidson:** Sunday

Matt Seiter, 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