



# 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

February 4, 2024

## 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

Read Responsively

from Psalm 81

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

**Congregation: Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.**

Leader: "Hear O my people,  
I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

**Congregation: But he would feed us  
with the finest of the wheat;  
"And with honey from the rock,  
I would satisfy you," says the Lord.  
Amen.**

## 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

*Honey in the Rock*  
*The Love of God*

#### 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.

### Confession of Sin

Read Together

*Morning and Evening Prayers*

**ALL: Steadfast God,  
I confess that I am often smudged by my failures  
and disheartened by my self-deception.  
I am unnerved by circumstances I can't understand.  
Let your love lift me like a tide,  
so that I float free of destructive pride and faithless fear.  
Float me out in the sea of your surging love.  
Remind me today, tomorrow, and the next day  
in whose path I walk, to whose welcome I move,  
in whose promise I live and grow.  
My calendar is thick with things to rattle or undo me.  
I am not strong enough, wise enough, or pure enough  
to keep from stumbling.  
And yet I'll be with you.  
Surely, you are a God who comes to save through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

#### 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.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Read Responsively

Exodus 14:13-14  
The Apostles Creed

Leader: Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

**ALL: 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 Thanksgiving**

*No Longer Slaves*

## **LIFE TOGETHER**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Announcements**

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **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.

## 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.*

### Scripture Reading

**James 5:13-20**

*<sup>13</sup> Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick (weak)? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick (weak), and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.*

*<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.*

*<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, <sup>20</sup> you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.*

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

*Ken Cross*

*"One Last Important Thing!"*

### **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

*Show Us Christ*

### The Lord's Supper

### Song of Receiving

*Jesus Thank You*

### 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

- 2.4 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service, 10:30 am  
Congregational Meeting, after worship
- 2.7 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 2.8 Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 2.9 Youth Jam Session, 7:30 pm

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting** - You are invited to attend an informational meeting regarding the move to the new worship facility today after the worship service. There will be an update on the work being done to start the project including an update on the total budget.

**Youth Worship Night & Jam Session** - The Youth will hold a worship night on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 pm at the church. If you play an instrument, bring it and join in the jam session.

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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

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

**This week's Mission + Outreach Organization**  
Ben Pate  
RUF, Columbia University

**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).

**Cornelius:** Sunday  
Jonathan Skolrood, jonathan.skolrood@gmail.com

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Matt Gordon,  
matthew.randolph.gordon@gmail.com

**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