



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.

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

March 17, 2024

Meditation

“On the fifth Sunday of the Lenten cycle, Jesus raises Lazarus, says the grain of wheat must go into the ground and die, and forgives the woman taken in adultery, and saves her from stoning. The Word is clear: to follow Jesus is to live, no matter how many deaths we face in life. ”

- Joan Chittester
The Liturgical Year

Call to Worship

Read Responsively

*Book of Common
Prayer*

Leader: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:

People: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise;

Leader: that, among the swift and varied changes of the world,

People: our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

*King of Love
Come Thou Fount*

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

Exodus 16:2-4

ALL: And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not."

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

*Belgic Confession
Article 21*

Leader: For it is written that "the punishment that made us whole" was placed on the Son of God and that "by his bruises we are healed." He was "like a lamb that is led to the slaughter;" he was "numbered with the transgressors" and condemned as a criminal by Pontius Pilate, though Pilate had declared that he was innocent.

Song of Thanksgiving

Goodness of God

Covenant of Baptism

Annabelle Wilson

Welcome New Members

Henry & Annabelle Wilson

LIFE TOGETHER

Passing of the Peace

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

Announcements

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational 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.

CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:10-17

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." ¹³ But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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.

Sermon

Dr. Gary Purdy

Lent – Facing Fallenness in Physical Needs

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response

Jesus Strong and Kind

The Lord's Supper

Belgic Confession (1561), Article 21

**All: So he paid back what he had not stolen,
and he suffered — “the righteous for the unrighteous,”
in both his body and his soul —
in such a way that
when he sensed the horrible punishment required by our sins
“his sweat became like great drops of blood
falling down on the ground.”
He cried, “My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?”**

**And he endured all this
for the forgiveness of our sins.**

Song of Receiving

Satisfied

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

- 3.17 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 3.20 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 3.21 Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- 3.23 Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00 pm

Announcements

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 23, 3:00 pm at the Edwards home (14001 McCord Rd., Huntersville). Please RSVP, link in Weekly News.

Communicants Class - Offered the 4 Sundays in April during the SS hour for children in 3rd-5th grades who have expressed an interest in their faith and church membership.

New Members Class - April 19 @ 7:00 pm and April 20 @ 9:00 am at the home of Cindy and Scott Tew.

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

VBS Registration - opens tomorrow! Vacation Bible School will be held June 18-21 at Torrence Chapel Park in Cornelius.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Crisis 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.



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
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Cole Beardsley, coleb96@vt.edu

Davidson: Sunday
Matt Seiter, matthew.seiter@gmail.com

NorthCross Church YTD Financial Summary

(for fiscal year 2023/2024; as of February 29, 2024)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$216,125 vs. Budget \$224,522

Expenses (less Missions, Deacons & Facility) - Actual \$182,008 vs. Budget \$231,999

Missions expenses \$17,244 | Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,552

Worship Facility Received \$227,689 | Non-restricted cash position \$406,152