



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

April 7, 2024

Meditation

If Lent is time to give things up, Easter ought to be a time to take things up, champagne for breakfast again—well, of course. Christian holiness was never meant to be merely negative. Of course you have to weed the garden from time to time; sometimes the ground ivy may need serious digging before you can get it out. That's Lent for you. But you don't want simply to turn the garden back into a neat bed of blank earth. Easter is the time to sow new seeds and to plant out a few cuttings. If calvary means putting to death things in your life that need killing off if you are to flourish as a Christian and as a truly human being, then Easter should mean planting, watering, and training up things in your life that ought to be blossoming, filling the garden with color and perfume, and in due course bearing fruit. The 40 days of Easter season until the ascension, ought to be a time to balance out Lent by taking something up, some new task or venture, something wholesome, and fruitful and outgoing and self-giving.

- N.T. Wright
Surprised by Hope

Call to Worship*

Read Together

*Book of Common
Prayer*

ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Please stand*

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*

Crown Him With Many Crowns
All Things New

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 *from I Corinthians 6*

Leader: The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

People: And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Leader: Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

People: But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Leader: Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?

People: We are not our own,

Leader: for you were bought with a price.

All: So we glorify God in our body.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader

John 8:3-11

Leader: The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to

them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

Song of Thanksgiving* *Love Constraining to Obedience*

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.*

**Please stand*

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*

I Corinthians 7:1-9

¹ Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.

⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. ⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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

Renewed Relationships - Marriage & Singleness

**Please stand*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Song of Response*

In Christ Alone

The Lord's Supper

Belgic Confession (1561), Article 22

ALL: We believe that for us to acquire the true knowledge of this great mystery the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him.

For it must necessarily follow that either all that is required for our salvation is not in Christ or, if all is in him, then he who has Christ by faith has his salvation entirely.

Therefore, to say that Christ is not enough but that something else is needed as well is a most enormous blasphemy against God—for it then would follow that Jesus Christ is only half a Savior.

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).

**Please stand*

This Week's Calendar

- 4.7 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 4.10 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- 4.11 Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Announcements

New Worship Facility - Be ready in the last two weeks of April and first two weeks of May to help move NorthCross into the new building! There's lots to do (moving, installation, cleaning) and the more hands we have the better (everyone is welcome). We'll firm up dates as we get closer to construction finishing.

VBS Registration - Now Open! VBS will be held June 18-21 from 9-11:30 am at Torrence Chapel Park in Cornelius. Register on the Church Center app or online at:
northcross.churchcenter.com.

Communicants Class - Offered the 4 Sundays of this month 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.

Women's Spring Service Project - Saturday, April 27th at Caterpillar Ministries in Huntersville. We will do some painting and yard work, and finish up with lunch together.

This week's Mission + Outreach Organization
Rev. Hudson Belk & Rev. Ken Cross
Cede Sports

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.



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, GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM
East Huntersville: Sunday
Roger Edwards, ROGER.EDWARDS55@GMAIL.COM

Cornelius: Sunday
Jonathan Skolrood, JONATHAN.SKOLROOD@GMAIL.COM
Cornelius: Sunday
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