



# 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

April 21, 2024

Eastertide

## Meditation

*“The Easter fact must include the message this fact proclaims: God makes all things new. It must also include the message that we have been raised with Christ. Calling God’s people to die to sin and rise to the new life is central not only to Easter day but to the Easter season.”*

- Robert Webber  
*Ancient-Future Time*

## Call to Worship\*

Read Together

*Book of Common  
Prayer*

**ALL: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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\*

*Jesus Is Alive*  
*Shepherd*

#### 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

*The Confessions*  
*Augustine*

Leader: You have made us for yourself, O Lord,

**People: and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader

*1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Leader: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

### Song of Thanksgiving\*

*Worship Christ the Risen King*

## 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.

*\*Please stand*

## CHANGED BY GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading\*

### I Corinthians 7:17-24, 29-31

<sup>17</sup> Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

<sup>18</sup> Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. <sup>19</sup> For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. <sup>20</sup> Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. <sup>21</sup> Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) <sup>22</sup> For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. <sup>23</sup> You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. <sup>24</sup> So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Hudson Belk**

*Renewed Relationships - One Lord, Different Appointments*

#### **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.

*\*Please stand*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

**Song of Response\***

*It Is Well*

**The Lord's Supper**

*Belgic Confession (1561), Article 23*

**The sole obedience of Christ crucified is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God's approach, without doing what our first parents, Adam and Eve, did, who trembled as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves.**

**In fact, if we had to appear before God relying—no matter how little—on ourselves or some other creature, then, alas, we would be swallowed up.**

**Therefore everyone must say with David: "Lord, do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you."**

**Song of Receiving\***

*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

**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

4.21 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service, 10:30 am

### Announcements

**Women's Spring Service Project** - Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 am at Caterpillar Ministries in Huntersville. We will do some painting and yard work, and finish up with lunch together at Verde. Please register (in the Weekly News) so we know how many are coming.

**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](http://northcross.churchcenter.com).

And also very importantly...VBS is an all-hands on deck thing! We need YOU on our team and we need lots of hands to help in all kinds of areas to make VBS possible. If you can serve even just for some of the days, please email Emma: [emma@northcrosschurch.com](mailto:emma@northcrosschurch.com) or sign up in the lobby today!

**This week's Mission + Outreach Organization**  
Billy and Kate Greenman  
Paths of Hope Ministries, Peru

**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.



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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, [GHOWARD1961@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GHOWARD1961@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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Cole Beardsley, [COLEB96@VT.EDU](mailto:COLEB96@VT.EDU)

**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 March 31, 2024)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$242,030 vs. Budget \$252,587

Expenses (less Missions, Deacons & Facility) - Actual \$154,707 vs. Budget \$199,734

Missions expenses \$19,144 Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,552

Worship Facility Received \$231,177 | Non-restricted cash position \$303,149