



# 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

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

## *Meditation*

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."*

- Acts 2:1-13

*\*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.

## Call to Worship\*

Read Together

*Book of Common  
Prayer*

**ALL: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIP

### Song of Worship\*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

### Confession of Sin

Read Responsively

*Acts 2:22-23*

Leader: "Men of Israel, hear these words:

**People: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst,**

Leader: as you yourselves know —

**People: this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,**

Leader: you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

### Silent Confession

*Silently confess our lawless sins that sent Christ to the cross.*

### Assurance of Pardon\*

Leader

*Acts 2:24-26*

Leader: God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope."

#### 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.

## Songs of Thanksgiving\*

*All My Boast is in Jesus  
How Great is our God*

## LIFE TOGETHER

### Receiving of New Members

*Jan Boswell  
Emma Chapman  
Sarah & Phil Hoblet  
Mindy & Dennis Love  
Taylor & Matt Sandberg  
Kati & Nate Saunders*

### 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 9:19-27

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Dr. Gary Purdy**

*Renewed Relationships -*

*The Christian & Those To Whom We Are Sent*

#### **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\***

*Let the Nations Be Glad*

**The Lord's Supper**

*Belgic Confession, Article 24*

**We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin.**

**Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned.**

**So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls "faith working through love," which moves people to do by themselves the works that God has commanded in the Word.**

**Song of Receiving\***

*There is a Redeemer*

**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

- 5.19 Daybreak Prayer, 7:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service, 10:30 am
- 5.23 Men's Cornhole Tournament, 7:00 pm

**No Sunday School for the summer months -**  
This is the last Sunday we will have SS classes for adults and children. We take the summer months off. Sunday worship will continue at 10:30 am as usual throughout the summer.

## Announcements

**Men's Cornhole Tournament** - Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm at Eleven Lakes Brewery. RSVP on the Church Center app or online at: [northcross.churchcenter.com](http://northcross.churchcenter.com).

**This week's Mission + Outreach Organization**  
Andrew Goyzueta, Mary Neill Lucas  
Davidson College RUF

**VBS** - 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).

**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.



**New Worship Facility** - Be ready in the last two weeks of May and first two weeks of June 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.

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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, [GHOW1961@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GHOW1961@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)

**Cornelius:** Sunday  
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 April 30, 2024)

Congregation Giving - Actual \$306,871 vs. Budget \$300,653  
Expenses (less Missions, Deacons & Facility) - Actual \$246,785 vs. Budget \$296,953  
Missions expenses \$21,044 Deacon's Fund expenses \$1,552  
Worship Facility Received \$233,227 | Non-restricted cash position \$227,677