



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 15, 2024



December 15, 2024 | 10:45 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS | Chris Garrett

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH | Caleb Pun

OPENING SONG | *"Good Christian Men Rejoice"*

SONG | *"All Things New"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING | *Isaiah 40:3-5*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *New City Catechism Q & A #24*

Q. Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A. Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING | *Luke 1:57-80*

SERMON | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

SONG | *"What Child Is This?"*



CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, we confess that though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | *Psalm 103:11-12*

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG | *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

SONG | *"Immanuel"*

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more announcements, please turn the page and/or scan the QR code on the back page.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us **December 24** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for our annual Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols. This will be a special evening utilizing Carols and Scripture to focus our hearts on Jesus' first coming. No nursery will be provided, but your little ones are welcome and encouraged to attend the service.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Join us at the Youth Group Christmas Party tonight, **December 15**, from **6-8:30 p.m.** at Tim and Julie Johnson's house. Use the QR code below to RSVP for our pizza count tonight! Middle schoolers, sign up by **December 20** for the EDGE retreat this summer! See the youth email for more important details about registration. Questions? Email Spencer (spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org).

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS

You're invited to join CGS women as we share social fellowship time, at Sydney Henson's home, on **January 15**, from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** Address: 3515 Bluestone Court, Chapel Hill. Bring a beverage (your preference) or snack to share! Contact Susan Berndt (SusanmBerndt@gmail.com) with any questions.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We will be continuing this group starting Wednesday, **January 15** and meeting weekly on Wednesdays **7:30-9:00 p.m.** throughout the Winter and Spring. We will begin a new study of Hebrews, "Better" by Jen Wilkin. Newcomers welcome! Contact Lauren Parrish (cheek.lauren@gmail.com) with any questions.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE

Join us in the Auditorium **December 20** from **7-9 p.m.** for a free dance event where we'll be learning swing and folk dances. This is intended for youth and adults, and no experience or partner is required! Feel free to invite friends and neighbors! We will be dancing to Christmas music! Contact Levi Mason (levi.s.mason@gmail.com) with any questions.

THANK YOU FROM RUF

Thank you, CGS! You made the RUF care packages a reality with your generous donations of fun snacks, homemade cookies, microwave popcorn, and so much more. Thank you to all the ladies in Wednesday Morning Bible Study who hand-painted the gift bags. You all did a wonderful job! Finally, thank you to the volunteers for the Pack and Pray event. We had so much fun together packing those bags, and a sweet time praying for the students! What a blessing CGS has been to our RUF students. Thank you!

BUDGET UPDATE

Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:	\$1,950,000.
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget (4 months):	\$650,000
CGS Actual Fiscal YTD Income Received:	\$528,948
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit) to Budget:	(\$121,052)
CGS Actual Surplus/(Deficit) for Fiscal YTD 2024-25:	(\$51,872)

*November's financials are in the process of being completed, and will be available within this week.

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