



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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DECEMBER 22, 2024

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December 22, 2024 | 10:45 AM

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Spencer Johnson

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** | Pallavi Lineberry

**OPENING SONG** | *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

**SONG** | *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** | *Micah 5:2-4*

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN**

**Q:** What is our prayer for our children?

**A:** To know and enjoy God and his word.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *New City Catechism Q & A #25*

**Q.** Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

**A.** Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *Luke 2:1-21*

**SERMON** | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor



## PRAYER OF RESPONSE

**SONG** | *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress Your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! Be pleased then to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust You for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** | *Isaiah 1:18*

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

**SONG** | *"Once In Royal David's City"*

## BENEDICTION

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us **December 24** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for our annual Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service featuring songs and Scripture to focus our hearts on Jesus' first coming. There will be no nursery so bring your little ones to the service. We will have worship bags for them.

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Sunday Morning Classes at **9:30 a.m.** will resume **January 5** with Session 1 of our spring classes. See the Winter & Spring SMC flyer on tables outside the Sanctuary for more information!

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## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### YEAR-END GIVING

The last day to make a 2024 tax-deductible charitable contribution is **Tuesday, December 31**. Don't forget that you can make a contribution online up until midnight **December 31**. Checks that are mailed must be postmarked on or before **December 31**. The postmark determines the year of the contribution.

### HOLIDAY SEASON OFFICE SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24-Friday, December 27:** Office closed.

**Wednesday, January 1:** Office closed.

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are on break from all formal youth activities from **December 22-January 11**. Ski trip registration (now open to 8th-12th grade students), is due **January 3**. Questions? Email Spencer ([spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org](mailto:spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org)). See you on **January 12 at 6:30 p.m.** for our first youth group of 2025!

### WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS

CGS Women are invited for fellowship and snacks at Sydney Henson's home on **January 15** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** Address: 3515 Bluestone Court, Chapel Hill. Bring your preferred beverage or snack to share! Contact Susan Berndt ([SusanmBerndt@gmail.com](mailto:SusanmBerndt@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday evening study resumes on **January 15** and will meet weekly from **7:30-9:00 p.m.** throughout the Spring. We will begin a study of Hebrews, "Better" by Jen Wilkin. Newcomers welcome! Contact Lauren Parrish ([cheek.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:cheek.lauren@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### MEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP

Our annual Men's Backpacking Weekend returns this winter. The two potential weekends are **January 10-12** or **January 17-19**, leaving CGS around **2 p.m.** on Friday to head out. We will hike approximately 10-15 miles with backpacks that weekend. If you've never been with us before, please come! Contact Andrew Parrish ([andrewmasonparrish@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmasonparrish@gmail.com)) with your interest and preferred weekend.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:	\$1,950,000
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget (5 months):	\$812,500
CGS Actual Fiscal YTD Income Received:	\$628,812
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit) to Budget:	(\$183,688)

CGS Actual Surplus/(Deficit) for Fiscal YTD 2024-25: (\$88,199)

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## CGS LEADERSHIP

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### ELDERS

Norman Acker  
Doug Betts  
Andrew Carlson  
Stephen Eckel  
Michael Ervin  
Michael Hieronymus  
Steve Jones  
Glenn Jordan  
Dave Kiefer  
Dave Long  
Kyle Osborne  
Alex Robeson  
Todd Rust  
Joe Scanlon  
Ray Toher

### DEACONS

Richard Alford  
Stephen Balevic  
Daniel Carter  
Justin Davis  
Dean Freck  
Andrew Hassinger  
Aaron Mitchell  
Brian Prentice  
Phillip Yelverton

### SESSION ADVISORS

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