



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 29, 2024



December 29, 2024 | 10:45 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP | Chris Garrett, Pastor of Congregational Care

OPENING SONG | *"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

SONG | *"Great Are You Lord"*

SCRIPTURE READING | *John 14:25-31*

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 #26*

Q. What else does Christ's death redeem?

A. Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING | *Psalms 131*

SERMON | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation



TODAY'S SINGERS are Ashley Treible and Sam Mayes

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

SONG | *"Love Still Bids You Welcome"*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | *1 John 1:9*

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

SONG | *"All Must Be Well"*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HOLIDAY SEASON OFFICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1: Office closed.

YEAR-END GIVING

The last day to make a 2024 tax-deductible charitable contribution is **Tuesday, December 31**. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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) with your interest and preferred weekend.

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) 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) with any questions.

COMMUNITY GARDEN INTEREST MEETING

CGS will be starting a community garden this spring! There will be an interest meeting right after church on a Sunday in **January**, so stay tuned for the date coming soon. Until then, if you'd like more information or to put your name on the list of potential volunteers (opportunities will range from fence building to seed starting and more), please email Amanda Briscoe (amanda.m.briscoe@gmail.com) or Tara Carlson (tara.b.singh@gmail.com).

SERVICES STREAMED

As a service to our homebound or absent members, most worship services and programs held in the Sanctuary at Church of the Good Shepherd are streamed and can be accessed via our website. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Garrett (communications@cgsonline.org).

BUDGET SUMMARY

For Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Total Annual Budget:	\$1,950,000
Budget for the First 5 Months (to date):	\$812,500
Actual Income Received (so far):	\$628,812
Difference between budgeted and actual income (shortfall):	(\$183,688)
Net Loss (so far, after expenses):	(\$88,199)

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