



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

JANUARY 5, 2025



January 5, 2025 | 10:45 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALMS OFFERING | CGS Refugee Support Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

SONG | *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

SONG | *"Light Shine In"*

SCRIPTURE READING | *Psalm 126, pg. 517*

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 | *(Ages 3 to 3rd grade)*

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 #27*

Q. Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

A. No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING | *Ruth 1, pg. 222*



TODAY'S SINGERS *are Alexa Carter and Levi Mason*

SERMON | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

SONG | *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | *Romans 5:6-8*

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...
but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG | *"Jesus I Come"*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

SONG | *"Amen"*

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

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

ALMS OFFERING - CGS REFUGEE SUPPORT MINISTRY

Our CGS Deacons invite us to participate in today's quarterly Alms Offering as we hear from the Refugee Support Ministry at CGS. Please prayerfully consider donating to help these refugee families, addressing spiritual, social, and physical needs. You can give directly to the fund via the QR code below, online at cgsonline.org/give/, or by using the offering plates found in the back of the Sanctuary.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Marcelline and Juma Ingunzi on the arrival of their daughter, Clementine. We are so grateful for the Lord's provision & for the safe arrival of the newest little lamb to our CGS family.

MEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP

Our annual Men's Backpacking Weekend is next weekend, **January 10-12**, leaving CGS around **2 p.m.** on Friday. We will hike with our backpacks approximately 10-15 miles. If you've never been with us before, please come! Contact Andrew Parrish (andrewmasonparrish@gmail.com) with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are on break from all formal youth activities until **January 11**. Questions? Email Spencer (spencer-johnson@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) 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.

CGS ADULT CHOIR

Do you love to sing? The CGS Choir is looking for you! We'll be preparing to present a spring concert featuring a wide variety of sacred music—from Psalm settings to hymns and other wonderful selections! We'd love to have you join us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the choir room, beginning **January 29**. Questions? Contact Greg Wheatley (Greg.A.Wheatley@gmail.com).

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**, date TBD. 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).

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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