



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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MAY 4, 2025

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May 4, 2025 | 10:45 AM

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONG** | *"How Can I Keep From Singing"* | Grace Notes Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

**SONG** | *"The Untroubled Heart"*

**SONG** | *"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"*

**BAPTISM** | Hayley Elizabeth Navarro

**PRAYER** | Matt Mahla, RUF Campus Minister at Duke University

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *James 1:12-15, pg. 1011*

**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.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** | *2 Samuel 11, pg. 262*

**SERMON** | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

**SONG** | *"God Be Merciful to Me"*

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*Today's Singers are Jen Whipple and Alex Mitchell.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN | *Psalm 51:1-4; 9-10***

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON | *Isaiah 44:22***

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **SONG | *"Behold"***

### **PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

### **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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **A "TASTE OF CGS" LUNCH | TODAY**

Are you new to our church and looking to connect with others, or to learn more about our church? Join us at the Whipple's house (4210 Peachway Dr.) after worship from **12:15-1:15 p.m.** Come meet new people over a delicious meal, hear ministry staff share their heart for CGS, and learn how to connect further!

### **NEW "LEGACY" MINISTRY LUNCHEON | TODAY**

Join us for lunch, a discussion, and time to brainstorm ideas for our new ministry for folks 55 and older here at CGS. We'll meet in Room S212 at **12:21 p.m.** after worship and wrap up by **1:45 p.m.**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS | TONIGHT**

Students, come on out for our "Senior Send-Off" Party from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** to celebrate our seniors with a bonfire, dinner, games, and more outside! Questions? Contact Spencer ([spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org](mailto:spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org)).

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## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Use the QR code to register for any of the activities below.*

### IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Sydney and Andrew Henson on the arrival of Felicity Grace this past week! If you'd like to support their meal train, please email RiLee ([rileerobeson@cgsonline.org](mailto:rileerobeson@cgsonline.org)).

### THE GRAY HAVENS CONCERT | MAY 7

The Gray Havens are coming back to CGS for a special concert on **May 7**, at **7:30 p.m.** Grab your tickets online before they sell out! Contact Matt ([mattmclure@cgsonline.org](mailto:mattmclure@cgsonline.org)) to volunteer behind the scenes.

### CGS COMMUNITY CHOIRS SPRING CONCERT | MAY 9

Gather your friends and attend our spring concert on **Friday, May 9**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, with refreshments to follow! This musically varied concert highlights our five choirs (more than 120 singers) with students ranging in age from kindergarten through high school.

### CGS ADULT CHOIR CONCERT | MAY 18

The CGS Adult Choir is pleased to present their free spring concert *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* **Sunday, May 18** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Join us for a beautiful evening of music with exciting settings to many familiar hymns. Email questions to Greg ([greg.a.wheatley@gmail.com](mailto:greg.a.wheatley@gmail.com)).

### DURHAM RESCUE MISSION MEAL | MAY 18

Thank you for supporting this monthly ministry for our DRM brothers. CGS will provide lunch at the DRM men's campus on **Sunday, May 18**. Please bring your dishes to the main kitchen on Sunday morning. Sign up below. Or contact Will ([wburkhart877@gmail.com](mailto:wburkhart877@gmail.com) or 919-732-5199).

### WEDDING DIRECTORS NEEDED

Would you like to assist couples in planning and coordinating wedding ceremonies held in our church? We are seeking someone who is organized, dependable, and has a heart for serving others during one of life's most meaningful moments. For more information, contact Bettina ([seckel@nc.rr.com](mailto:seckel@nc.rr.com)).

### CGS IS SEEKING A PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

We are currently searching for someone to join our staff as part-time Director of Communications. Visit our Friday email to learn more about this creative and flexible role. If interested in applying, please send a cover letter and resume to [juliemckeel@cgsonline.org](mailto:juliemckeel@cgsonline.org).

### BUDGET SUMMARY For Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Total Annual Budget:	\$1,950,000
Budget for the First 9 Months, ending 3/31/2025:	\$1,462,500
Actual Contributions received as of 3/31/2025:	\$1,424,545
Difference between CGS budget and actual Contributions received:	(\$37,955)
Actual Contributions received minus Expenses paid or (shortfall):	\$74,478



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