



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd!

We are excited to welcome you here. Please visit the welcome table in the narthex following the service to learn more about ways you can join in.

If you have not already, please complete the Connect Card in the pew in front of you so that we may better welcome you!

Mission/Vision Evening of Praise and Prayer | Tonight

Gather with us tonight from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in room S212 for a time of worship and prayer, asking God to guide our hearts and show us His way forward as we work together to shape the mission and vision for CGS in the coming months. Upcoming Praise and Prayer events are on October 5, October 19, and November 2.

Mission and Vision 2025

During this season of renewing the mission and vision of CGS, we'd love to hear from you! Use the card in the bulletin to share your hopes for CGS and return it to the Vision and Voices board in the narthex.



September 21, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Song | *"Sing His Love"*

Song | *"Anchor of Hope"*

Scripture Reading | Elder Alex Robeson; Isaiah 49:5-7, pg. 609

Congregational Prayer and 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, pg. 966

Sermon | *Ambassadors* - Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Visions of the Church

Song | *"All Things New"*



Confession of Sin

Everlasting God, our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passions. We have sought after many things and neglected you. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us to stillness and rest in your presence, that we may find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Communion is for anyone who is united by faith to Christ and joined to any Christ-centered church.

Song | "Jesus I Come"

We invite you to either join in singing or meditate quietly during this time.

Prayer of Response

Song | "In Christ Alone"

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.

**White grape juice is located on the outer ring of the tray; red wine is on the inner rings.*

The pre-packaged elements in the center of the tray are certified gluten free.

The baked bread is prepared using a gluten free mix. Cross-contamination with common allergens is possible.

GROW TOGETHER

Learn more at cgsonline.org or RSVP with the QR code below.

Get Help with your CGS Online Giving Profile Today!

We're transitioning to **Breeze**, our new church management platform, to give you easier access to our church directory and online giving portal. CGS volunteers will be in the Narthex after Worship **today** to help you update your online profile access.

Taste of CGS | September 28

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 after worship on September 28, from 12:15-1:30 p.m., for a delicious meal and a chance to hear from ministry staff about ways you can connect further. RSVP or contact Mark at markwhipple@cgsonline.org.

Membership Class | Saturday, October 4

Interested in learning more about Good Shepherd or exploring church membership? Join us on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room to ask questions and learn about the process of becoming a member here. Whether you're new to our community or have been worshipping with us for a while, this is a wonderful opportunity to take your next step with us. We'd love to have you there! Email us at reception@cgsonline.org to let us know you're coming.

Women on Wednesdays Social | October 8

Join us for the next Women on Wednesdays Social on October 8 at Brenda Pun's home from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Drop in and bring any food or drink you would like to share. 4706 Cumberland Dr., Durham, 27705

SERVE TOGETHER

Garden Work Days

September 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.: Fall planting! Come plant the second wave of foundational and flowering plants in the Picnic Place / flower garden next to the nursery entrance.

October 18, 8:30-11:30 a.m.: Churn the Berm! Come help till the berm to prepare the soil for wildflower seeds. We will also be building a compost system on this day. If you have a motorized tiller we could use, please let us know! We will need four.

SAVE THE DATE: 4th Annual Great Out West Fall Fest | October 11

Grab your cowboy gear, a few friends & join us for chili, games, hayrides, prizes & more at the back parking lot of CGS from 5:00-7:30p.m., Saturday, October 11. All ages welcome! RSVP & sign up on the website to help with one of our favorite events of the year or to bring food! See you there, partner!

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2025

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| Total Annual Budget: | \$305,084 |
| Actual Contributions received as of 7/31/2025: | \$249,325 |
| Difference (Annual Budget and Actual Contributions): | \$55,759 |

*Scan the QR code to
register for an event:*





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ELDERS

Norman Acker
Doug Betts
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Dave Long
Kyle Osborne
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