



CHURCH OF THE Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd!

We are excited you are 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 can get to know you!

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.

Taste of CGS | TODAY

Are you new to our church and looking to connect with others, or to learn more about our church? Join us at Pastor Mark Whipple's house after worship TODAY, from 12:15-1:30 p.m.(4210 Peachway Dr Durham, NC 27707), for a delicious meal and a chance to hear from ministry staff about ways you can connect further.



September 28, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Chris Garrett, Congregational Care Pastor

Song | *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Song | *"Who You Say I Am"*

Scripture Reading | Elder Dave Long, Exodus 19:1-6, pg. 60

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 | 1 Peter 2:9-10, pg. 1015

Sermon | *"Royal Priests"* - Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Series: Visions of the Church

Song | *"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*



Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 44:2 pg. 604

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*

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

Song | "Before the Throne of God Above"

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

Prayer of Response

Song | "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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.

Membership Class | Saturday, October 4

Interested in learning more about Good Shepherd or exploring church membership? Join us for our Membership Class (and light refreshments) on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. You'll get to ask questions and learn about the process of becoming a member here. 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

Legacy Brunch | October 9

Come for a fantastic meal and stimulating conversation for those 55 and older from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Our focus this month will be discussing the challenges of loneliness and how we can support one another. If you have questions, contact Bob Burns (bobburns@cgsonline.org) or Sandra Stinnett (stinn001@icloud.com). If you'd like to contribute food, contact Linda Herbert (linda.hunny@gmail.com).

Announcing Women's Ministry Support Partners

If you find yourself experiencing a sudden, acute crisis and would like to pray with and talk to a support partner, please email julieburson@cgsonline.org for more information.

SERVE TOGETHER

Mission/Vision Evening of Praise and Prayer | October 5

Plan to gather with us 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. Other upcoming Praise and Prayer events are on October 19, and November 2.

Update Your CGS Online Giving Profile | Through October

We're transitioning to **Breeze**, our new church management platform, to give you easier access to our church directory and online giving portal. Visit the Member Portal link on cgsonline.org to learn how to update your profile.

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 5:00-7:30 p.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

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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