



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

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**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/Vision Evening of Praise and Prayer | TONIGHT**

Gather with us tonight at 6:30 p.m. in room S212 for our final **Praise and Prayer** event this semester as we ask God to show us His way forward to shape the mission and vision for CGS in the coming months.

**Calling Musicians and Singers**

If you're a college student, or new to CGS, play an instrument or sing, contact Jen ([jenwhipple@cgsonline.org](mailto:jenwhipple@cgsonline.org)). We'd love to welcome you and connect you to the musical community at CGS.



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November 2, 2025 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship** | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

**Song** | *In Christ Alone*

**Song** | *Build My Life*

**Scripture Reading** | Ruling Elder Doug Betts, Isaiah 2:1-5, pg. 567

## 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** | Ephesians 2:11-22, pg. 976

**Sermon** | *Temple of the Living God*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Visions of the Church



## **Song** | *The Church's One Foundation*

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Forgive us for thinking so little of you. Pour upon your church the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon** | Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **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** | *Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)*

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

### **Prayer of Response**

## **Song** | *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

### **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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*\*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.*



*Please recycle. Thank you!*

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## GROW TOGETHER

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Learn more at [cgsonline.org](https://cgsonline.org) or RSVP with the QR code below.

### Young Adults Fall Gathering | November 7

Come out for a lovely evening of fellowship and delicious food around the fire pit at Alex and Aaron Mitchell's home! Bring a dish to the potluck if you're able and RSVP via the QR code.

### Legacy Brunch | November 13

Adults 55+ are invited to sign up for the Legacy Thanksgiving Potluck Brunch on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. in room S212. We'll provide the turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, and gravy. You can bring a salad, side or sweet. We will be discussing the challenge of managing our emotions.

### Sign Up for our Church-Wide Retreat | November 14-16

We value your presence and insights during a family conversation at our congregational retreat this month to pray for discernment about where God is leading us. It starts Friday night, Nov. 14 and ends on Sunday morning, Nov. 16. We'll provide meals and childcare. Please sign up to attend as much of the retreat as you can.

### Register for the Women's Retreat | Through November

Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat in Greensboro on Feb. 13-14! Visit the CGS website to register by November 30 to secure your spot. Contact: [julieburson@cgsonline.org](mailto:julieburson@cgsonline.org)

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## SERVE TOGETHER

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### Local Ministry Alms Offering | Durham Rescue Mission

We will be collecting alms on November 30th for the Durham Rescue Mission. As Durham's oldest and largest long-term shelter, the Durham Rescue Mission currently serves 400 men, women and children a day, 365 days a year throughout the Triangle by providing safe shelter, addiction recovery programs and much more.

### CGS Food Donation Drive | Through November

Recent unprecedented changes in our federal government mean that our neighbors are no longer receiving food assistance benefits. This loss will create real hardship for our community members who are already struggling to put food on the table. To help fill this gap, we are launching a Food Donation Drive through November. Bring food donations to the table in the Narthex. Requested foods can be found on the CGS website. Thank you!

### Volunteer to Teach Our Little Ones

We can always use help in the nurseries, Sunday School, and Children's Worship. Please scan the QR code to sign up to cover one Sunday morning opening. Thank you!

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## CGS FINANCES

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For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2025

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| Total Annual Budget:                                 | \$457,626  |
| Actual Contributions received as of 9/30/2025:       | \$365,583  |
| Difference (Annual Budget and Actual Contributions): | \$(92,043) |

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





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## CGS LEADERSHIP

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### ELDERS

Norman Acker  
Doug Betts  
Andrew Carlson  
Stephen Eckel  
Steve Jones  
Dave Long  
Kyle Osborne  
Alex Robeson  
Todd Rust  
Ray Toher

### DEACONS

Richard Alford  
Stephen Balevic  
Daniel Carter  
Justin Davis  
Dean Freck  
Andrew Hassinger  
Aaron Mitchell  
Brian Prentice  
Phillip Yelverton

### SESSION ADVISORS

Michelle Bryan  
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