



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

OCTOBER 26, 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

Thank you for your thoughtful responses to the "vision prompts" during this season of renewing the mission and vision of CGS. We've loved hearing from you! We have one final question. Please use the card in the bulletin to share your hopes for CGS and return it to the Vision and Voices board in the narthex.

We'd Love for You to Recycle Your Bulletin

Please place your bulletin and other papers in one of the plastic bins located at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Narthex. Thank you!



October 26, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Song | *"All My Boast is in Jesus"*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Steve Jones, Psalm 84:1-7, pg. 493

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 2:11-17, pg.1015

Sermon | *"Sojourners and Exiles"*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Visions of the Church

The CGS Choir is leading our worship today.



Song | *"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"*

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, forgive us. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have trusted in our own merit. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. Instead of asking for your Spirit to make us like Christ, we have tried to remake ourselves through our own efforts. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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 | *"There is a Fountain"*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *"We are Yours"*

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.

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.

Sunday Morning Classes | Through November 9

Session 2 classes include a study on the *Book of Job*, another on *Theology and the Arts*, a new module of *Theological Foundations for Leaders*, and Part 2 of the *Man in the Mirror* study. The CGS Prayer Hour is for men and women of all ages and life stages to pray together for our church and our community.

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

We need your presence and insights as we gather for a big family conversation during our congregational retreat to pray and discern where God is leading us. The retreat starts Friday night, Nov.14 and runs through the SMC hour on Nov 16. We'll provide meals and childcare. Come for as much of the retreat as you can.

SERVE TOGETHER

One Week Left to Switch to the New Online Giving Profile

Update your CGS online giving profile on Breeze, our new church management platform. Breeze gives you easier access to our church directory and online giving portal. Access the Member Portal on cgsonline.org or stop by the church office to update your profile by October 31.

Church Interiors Refresh | Through October 31

The Women's Ministry Interiors Committee is collecting furnishings to soften up spaces in our church. Take items to room S207 now through October 31. Desired items are couches, lamps, coffee and side tables, framed art, rugs, and accent chairs. Email julieburson@cgsonline.org to help the Interiors Committee on the morning of November 1.

Calling Musicians and Singers

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

Volunteer to Teach Our Little Ones

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

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2025

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

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