



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

NOVEMBER 16, 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!

Welcome Makaila Mele!

We are excited to announce that Makaila Mele, a long-time member of CGS, has joined the staff as our new Communications Strategist. Makaila is a recent graduate from UNC-Charlotte and brings a lot of energy and ideas to this role. Please join us in welcoming Makaila.

We'd Love for You to Recycle Your Bulletin

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November 16, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Song | *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Song | *Great Are You Lord*

Introduction of New Members | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation
Steve and Jan Hobson, Thomas Jiang, Will and Sarah Kirkgard, Robert Kullberg, Jim and Joy Otten

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Normal Acker, Isaiah 65:17-19, pg. 624

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 | Revelation 21:1-5; 9-27, pg. 1041

Sermon | *The Bride of Christ*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Visions of the Church



Song | *The Sands of Time are Sinking*

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 | *Is He Worthy?*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Build Your Kingdom Here*

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.

CGS Community Choirs Concert | November 22

Join us on Saturday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a concert featuring our five choirs (K-12). The program includes folk songs, hymns, and classics, followed by refreshments in the Concourse. All are welcome!

Young Adults Friendsgiving | November 23

Come hungry and join us for our annual Friendsgiving Feast on Sunday, November 23, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Whipple's home (4210 Peachway Dr Durham)! Sign up using the QR code to bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish. Invite friends to join in for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

Register for the Women's Retreat | Register by November 30th

Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat in Greensboro on February 13-14! Visit the CGS website to register during the month of November.

SERVE TOGETHER

CGS Food Donation Drive | Through November

We are continuing to hold a Food Drive through November. Bring food items to the Narthex. A list of requested foods can be found on the CGS website. Thank you!

Greening of the Church | November 29

You're invited to help us decorate the church for Christmas. All are welcome to help from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We'll have cookies and cocoa to kick off the Advent season together! Contact Julie (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with questions.

Christmas Worship Jam Session | December 1

Join us at the Whipple's home (4210 Peachway Dr, Durham, NC) on December 1, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. to play and sing Christmas praise songs together. Please let us know if you're planning to bring an instrument. RSVP or contact Jen (jenwhipple@cgsonline.org).

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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