



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 14, 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!

Christmas Eve Service | December 24

Join us in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. for this special service of worship and reflection.

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December 14, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle | Thomas Jiang and Aaron Wang

Song | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Song | *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Sacrament of Baptism | Louisa Faith Pritt, Covenant Child of Jacob and Nikki Pritt

Song of Blessing | *Jesus Loves Me*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Andrew Carlson, Matthew 1:18-23, pg. 807

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 | Isaiah 7:1-17, pg. 571

Sermon | *The Promise of Emmanuel*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Finding Christmas in the Old Testament

Song | *O Come, All You Unfaithful*

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we are full of sin. Forgive us. We cry out from our wounds. Heal us. We are steeped in foolishness. Make us wise. Cleanse us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, and the shame of being thought old-fashioned. Renew us by your Spirit. All for the sake of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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 | *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

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.

Year End Giving

We are grateful for your continued faithfulness. As we look toward a new year with hope, please prayerfully consider a **year-end gift** to support and strengthen our ministries. Your generosity enables our church to continue faithfully serving, growing, and proclaiming the hope of the gospel in our community.

How Great Our Joy! Christmas Worship Service | December 14

Bring the whole family today at 5:00 p.m. as our choirs lead us in a joyous Christmas celebration. A reception will follow!

Youth Group Christmas Party | December 14

Middle and High Schoolers, join us in the Youth Room tonight from 6:30-8:45 p.m. for our annual Christmas party. Wear your best ugly Christmas sweater and invite a friend. We look forward to celebrating with you!

SMCs Holiday Break | December

No SMCs for the remainder of December. Join us for our first Town Hall of 2026 on January 4 at 9:15 a.m.

Register for the Edge | Through December

Rising 6th-9th graders are invited to the Edge at Covenant College with other PCA churches from June 15-19, 2026, for a week of worship and fellowship. The cost is \$375. Parents, please complete the interest form by December 31, so we can submit a headcount. Contact Spencer (spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org) with any questions.

SERVE TOGETHER

Apply for the Costa Rica Vision and Service Trip | December 14

Calling all High Schoolers! Today is the last day to apply. Come serve and grow next summer as part of our Youth Costa Rica Vision and Service Trip, June 27-July 4. We're also looking for a few adult men volunteers! Contact Brenda Pun (punsters4@gmail.com).

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Total Annual Budget as of 10/31/2025:	\$610,168
Actual Contributions received as of 10/31/2025:	\$487,735



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