



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 21, 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 our annual Christmas Eve service featuring songs and Scripture to focus our hearts on Jesus' first coming.

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December 21, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle | Beth and Ella Herring

Song | *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Song | *What A Glorious Night*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Alex Robeson, Luke 1:26-35, pg. 855

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 9:1-7, pg. 573

Sermon | *The Promise of the Perfect Ruler*

Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

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



Song | *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

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 | 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 | *King of Kings*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Hark! the Herald Angels 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.

Year-End Giving

With gratitude for your continued faithfulness, we invite you to prayerfully consider a **year-end gift** in support of our ministries as we look ahead to the new year. Mailed checks should be postmarked by December 31.

Alice Philp Memorial Service | Today

Friends of the McKeel family are welcome to attend a Service of Remembrance today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for CGS member Alice Philp, beloved mother of Julie McKeel, who went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 12.

Holiday Season Office Schedule

Wednesday, December 24: Office closes at noon.

Thursday-Friday, December 25-26: Office closed.

Thursday, January 1: Office closed.

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.

Home for the Holidays College Dinner | December 28

College students are invited to dinner on Sunday, December 28, at 6:00 p.m. at 4001 Branchwood Drive (The Heinrichs). Contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org) for details.

Final Edge Registration | Due December 31

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. Please complete the registration form and submit the \$50 deposit by December 31. If finances are a concern, please reach out. Contact Spencer (spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org) with any questions.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Fiscal Year-to-Date giving as of 11/30/2025:	\$786,462
Fiscal Year-to-Date budget as of 11/30/2025:	\$762,710



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