



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**DECEMBER 28, 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!

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December 28, 2025 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** | Chris Garrett, Pastor of Congregational Care

**Song** | *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Song** | *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Scripture Reading** | Ruling Elder Ray Toher, Luke 4:16-30, pg. 859

## 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 61:1-7, pg. 620

**Sermon** | *Hope for the Waiting*

Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

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

**Song** | *Behold*



## Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other sins that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. Once again, we ask for your grace and the healing that comes through his wounds. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## 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 | Behold the Lamb of God

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

## Prayer of Response

## Song | On Jordan's Stormy Banks

## 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.*

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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.

### 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.

### Home for the Holidays College Dinner | TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

College students are invited to dinner tonight (Sunday, December 28) at the Heinrichs (4001 Branchwood Drive). Contact Angie ([angieheinrich@cgsonline.org](mailto:angieheinrich@cgsonline.org)) for details.

### Town Hall | January 4

Join us for our quarterly Town Hall on January 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Ministry updates will be shared, followed by an opportunity for questions.

### Sunday Morning Classes (SMCs) | January 11

Join us for our new SMC classes beginning January 11. Please see the flyer in your bulletin or visit the church website for additional information.

### Official 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. Parents, please complete the online registration form and submit the \$50 deposit by December 31. If finances are a concern or if you have questions, please contact Spencer ([spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org](mailto:spencerjohnson@cgsonline.org)).

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## CGS FINANCES

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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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