



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 7, 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.

Find Our People on Breeze

Our new directory of CGS members is available via Breeze (the same platform as our online giving portal). Once you log in, you can update your profile and search for other members in the directory to find directions and contact information.



December 7, 2025 | 10:45 AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle | Mike and Linda Herbert

Song | *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

Song | *What Child Is This*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Steve Jones, John 3:14-18, pg. 888

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 | Genesis 22:1-18, pg. 16

Sermon | *The Second Promise of Christmas*

Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

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



Song | *The Stand*

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 | Romans 5:6, 8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for 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 | *Behold the Lamb*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Immanuel*

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.

Advent SMC | December 14

Join us for **Advent prayer** at the start of each class. Let's prepare our hearts to worship King Jesus. No SMCs for the remainder of December. Join us for our first Town Hall of 2026 on January 4th at 9:15 a.m.

Young Adults Christmas Party | December 13

Join us at the Pun's home (4706 Cumberland Dr Durham) for a cookie swap. Bring 2 dozen cookies to swap! We'll have festive snacks and drinks and play some games.

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.

Youth Group Christmas Party | December 14

Middle and High Schoolers, join us in the Youth Room for our annual Christmas party this year. Invite a friend or two and stay tuned for costume and theme details to come. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Legacy Brunch | December 11

Sign up to join folks 55+ for a Christmas BBQ Brunch at 10:30 a.m. in room S212. Join us for delicious food, stimulating conversation, and fun games.

How Great Our Joy! Christmas Worship Service | December 14

Bring the whole family on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. to join our choirs in a joyous Christmas celebration. Reception to follow.

SERVE TOGETHER

Children's Ministry Service Project | December 14

During Children's Worship, we will be creating blessing bags for the homeless. Please contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org) if you are willing to provide 20 of a specific item for the bags.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

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



Please recycle. Thank you!

*Scan the QR code to
register for an event:*





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