



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

JANUARY 11, 2026

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!

Dark Games | Tonight!

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room.

Come spend time with friends and enjoy fun games around the church.

International Students Inc (ISI) Supper Club | January 16 Deadline

Registration is open through January 16 for the spring semester of ISI Supper Club. Volunteer to host 2-4 international students four times in the spring to share the love of Christ through food and fellowship. Sign up using the QR code on the back or contact Rebekah Lassiter (rlassiter@internationalstudents.org) with questions.



January 11, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Chris Garrett, Pastor of Congregational Care

Song | *Let the Earth Be Glad*

Song | *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Introduction of New Members | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry
Jay McKethan, Simon Reis, Emory Stokes, Libby Schwark, Samuel Robeson,
Hudson Treible, and Eleanor Winslow.

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Doug Betts, Psalm 103:1-5, pg. 502

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 | Mark 2:1-12, pg. 837

Sermon | *The Beginning of Discipleship*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus



Song | Lord, I Need You

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess we have not loved you as we ought; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We make much of the sins of our neighbors, while minimizing our own. We use the gifts you give to us to serve ourselves instead of others. For the sake of Christ, forgive us. Renew us. By your grace, produce your righteous fruit in our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 | Jesus I Come

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

Prayer of Response

Song | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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.

VBS 2026! Save the Date | June 22-26

Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2026, taking place June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. More information and registration details will be available soon!

Women on Wednesdays Social | January 14

All women are invited for a time of social fellowship at Monica Gainey's home (1002 Valley Rose Way, Durham, 27712) on January 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Drop in any time and bring any food or drink you'd like to share. Please reach out to Julie (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with any questions.

Legacy Brunch | January 15

Join adults 55+ on Thursday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m. for a brunch buffet of assorted bagels and yogurt with toppings, followed by a conversation with two parents on how life has changed in our local school systems over the past ten years and how we can support our families today.

Young Adult Evening Conversations | January 22

Join us for dinner and conversation at the Whipple home (4210 Peachway Dr., Durham) on Thursday, January 22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Together, we will explore the ancient reflective practice of the Examen, a way to slow down and reflect with God on the past, present, and future.

Taste of CGS | January 25

Are you new to our church and looking to connect with others, or to learn more about our church? Join us for lunch at the Whipple's house (4210 Peachway Dr., Durham) after worship on Sunday.

SERVE TOGETHER

Children's Worship Openings

Children's Ministry is looking for male puppeteers, as well as guitarists and vocalists, who would like to help lead Children's Worship. Please contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org) for more information.

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



Please recycle. Thank you!

Scan the QR code to
register for an event:





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