



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**MARCH 1, 2026**

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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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March 1, 2026 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

**Song** | *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

**Song** | *All Ye Weary and Distressed*

**Scripture Reading** | Ruling Elder Ray Toher, Psalm 130:5-8, pg. 518

## 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 5:21-43, pg. 840

**Sermon** | *Savior of the Desperate*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

**Song** | *Heal Us*



## **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** | Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **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** | *I Asked the Lord*

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

## **Prayer of Response**

## **Song** | *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

## **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](http://cgsonline.org) or RSVP with the QR code below.

### **GO Team Missions Lunch | Today!**

The CGS GO Team invites you to join us for lunch today, March 1, after worship in the conference room to hear from CGS ministry partner Phil Remmers, director of the Robert Morrison Project. We look forward to this time of fellowship and learning.

### **Young Adult Lunch | Today!**

Young adults are invited to lunch today, March 1, following worship. Gather in the back left of the sanctuary, facing the pulpit, and then we'll head to Chubby's Tacos, located at 4711 Hope Valley Road in Durham. Please contact Anna ([a.michmerhuizen@gmail.com](mailto:a.michmerhuizen@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **JourneyMates Lenten Retreat | March 6**

The JourneyMates Lenten Retreat will take place on the CGS campus on Friday, March 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This retreat includes a guided program with Lectio Divina and also offers some individual reflection time to slow down with God. Visit [www.journeymates.org](http://www.journeymates.org) for more info!

### **Legacy Brunch | March 12**

Please join us for our brunch on Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. We will enjoy a variety of freshly prepared biscuits and delicious side dishes. Bob Burns will lead a thoughtful conversation on how God forms and sustains hope in our lives. We look forward to this time of fellowship and encouragement together.

### **SAVE THE DATE: Missions Conference | April 11-12**

Join us on Saturday, April 11, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for a family-friendly event focused on being "Everyday Disciples" in our neighborhood, at the park, in our city, and wherever God leads us. We'll wrap up the conference in a joint SMC on Sunday morning.

### **SAVE THE DATE: Durham Rescue Mission Service Day | May 9**

On Saturday, May 9, CGS will serve at the Durham Rescue Mission. We will prepare and serve a meal alongside the residents, sharing in fellowship as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. This is a meaningful opportunity to serve others and live out our calling as disciples of Jesus. More details will be shared soon.

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## CGS FINANCES

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For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Fiscal Year-to-Date giving as of 2/15/2026:	\$1,456,619
Fiscal Year-to-Date budget as of 2/15/2026:	\$1,196,868
Fiscal Year-to-Date surplus as of 2/15/2026:	\$259,751



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