



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MEDIA POLICY

1. Purpose and Scope

Church of the Good Shepherd captures life in our congregation through photos, video, and audio to share worship and ministry with those who cannot attend and to invite others into our community.

Media captured during worship services, classes, ministry gatherings, special events, and outreach may be shared through church communication channels including livestream platforms, social media, our website, and printed materials.

This policy explains how media is used at Church of the Good Shepherd and outlines options for those who prefer not to appear in church media.

2. Consent to Photography, Video, and Audio Recording

By attending worship services or events at Church of the Good Shepherd, you acknowledge that photography, video recording, audio recording, and livestreaming may take place. Your image, likeness, voice, or participation may be captured and used in church media and communications. This includes, but is not limited to, livestreams, social media, printed materials, and church communications.

This consent applies to all forms of church media and is given without compensation or additional notice. Church of the Good Shepherd will not intentionally identify individuals by name in published media without prior consent.

3. Use and Distribution of Media

Church of the Good Shepherd seeks to use media in ways that reflect the life of our congregation and invite others into our community. Photographs and recordings are used thoughtfully and respectfully and may appear on our website, social media channels, printed materials, newsletters, bulletins, and in training or ministry development resources.

All media remains the property of the church and may be used to share worship, ministry, and church life with the broader community.

4. Privacy and Opt-Out Options

Church of the Good Shepherd understands that some individuals may prefer not to appear in photographs or recordings. While we cannot guarantee complete exclusion from all media capture, we provide the following options:

- **Advance Requests:** If you would like to avoid being photographed or recorded, please notify a staff member or media volunteer before an event or service.

- Post-Event Requests: If you see a photo or recording that includes you and would prefer it not be used, you may submit a request by contacting the church office at hello@cgsonline.org. We will review each request individually and take reasonable steps to accommodate concerns, but removal cannot be guaranteed.

5. Media Capture of Minors

Children may appear in photographs or recordings taken during worship services, classes, and church events. Church of the Good Shepherd will not publish media featuring a single minor. Only group images including children may be shared publicly without written parental consent.

Parents and guardians should be aware that regular worship services are livestreamed and archived online. If a parent or guardian has specific concerns about their child appearing in media, they are encouraged to contact the church office at hello@cgsonline.org. We will make reasonable efforts to limit visibility whenever possible.

6. Release of Liability

By attending Church of the Good Shepherd gatherings, you release the church, its staff, volunteers, and affiliated organizations from any claims or liabilities related to the use of your image, likeness, or voice in church media.

While the Church will take care in how media is shared, once content is made public, the Church cannot control how third parties may download, share, or redistribute it.

7. Policy Administration

This policy may be updated at any time. The most current version will be available through the church office or website. For questions or concerns, please contact the church office at hello@cgsonline.org.