



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MARCH 15, 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.

REGISTRATION OPEN: Outreach Conference | April 11-12

Join us on Saturday, April 11, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for a Japanese hibachi dinner and 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.



March 15, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Song | *Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)*

Song | *Abide*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Kyle Osborne, Hosea 6:4-6, pg. 754; Micah 6:6-8, pg. 779

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading | Mark 12:28-34, pg. 848

Sermon | *The Greatest Commandment*

Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Song | *Love Still Bids You Welcome*

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:8, 11-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from 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 | *Rock of Ages*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

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.

Young Adult Evening Conversations | March 17

Young adults are invited to an evening gathering on Tuesday, March 17, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the Whipple home (4210 Peachway Dr., Durham). We will enjoy an Irish-themed dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day and discuss cultivating intentional habits to help us thrive in an age of distraction. We'll use concepts from Justin Early's *The Common Rule*.

VBS 2026 | Important Dates

VBS Registration opens for **volunteers** on **March 18**, and the link will be available on the CGS website.

Please note the following dates:

Wednesday, April 1: Registration opens for CGS families.

Wednesday, April 22: Registration opens for the general public.

Thank you, Levi and Jessica Mason!

After many years of faithful AV systems support at CGS, Levi and Jessica Mason are stepping away from the weekly role of providing (and improving) the audio experience during worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in learning more about the essential and creative role of **AV Technician Leader**, review the job description on the CGS website or contact Julie McKeel (juliemckeel@cgsonline.org).

Hoeffener-Polio Wedding | March 29, 9:30 a.m.

Ruth Hoeffener and Zach Polio, dear friends who have been attending our church, are getting married during the SMC hour on March 29 in the sanctuary. Our church has played such a significant role in their lives recently that they've inviting all who are able to attend. They sincerely ask only for the gift of your presence. All are welcome to attend a small reception in the Concourse following the worship service.

Spring Women's Bible Study Registration | Now Open!

The Spring Women's Bible Study will meet April 15–May 27, with morning sessions from 10:00–11:30 a.m. and evening sessions from 7:30–8:45 p.m. This session we will study *Psalms of Ascent: A Journey to Joy* by Lydia Brownback. Contact Julie Burson (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with any questions.

Costa Rica Team Fundraiser | March 22

Our high schoolers are hosting a grilled cheese fundraiser for the summer mission trip on March 22 right after worship! Head down to the Commons to grab a grilled cheese and tomato soup and help support the team as they prepare to serve in Costa Rica this summer. For \$5, choose two of three options: soup, grilled cheese, or chips.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

As of 3/8/2026:

Fiscal year-to-date giving:	\$1,512,220
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$1,267,272
Fiscal year-to-date surplus:	\$244,948



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