



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MARCH 22, 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.

Costa Rica Team Fundraiser | Today after worship!

Our high schoolers are hosting a lunch fundraiser TODAY, right after worship! Head down to the Commons to grab a grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup to 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.

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.

Palm Sunday Procession | March 22

If your child would like to participate in the Palm Sunday procession, please meet Ms. Angie outside the sanctuary doors before worship begins. Parents are welcome to accompany their little ones.



March 22, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Local Partner Update | Mark Hlad, Durham Rescue Mission

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Psalm 23 sung by Grace Notes, a CGS Community Choir

Song | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Song | *In Feast or Fallow*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder, Todd Rust, Ezekiel 17:22-24, pg. 704

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 4:26-29, pg. 839

Sermon | *The Unstoppable Kingdom*

Matt Mahla, RUF Pastor at Duke University, Durham

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Song | *Your Labor Is Not in Vain*



Confession of Sin

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy as we confess that we often act as if the growth of Your kingdom depends entirely on our own efforts. We have been anxious, impatient, and doubtful, failing to trust that Your Word works in ways we cannot see. We have sought immediate results instead of faithfully scattering the seed, and we have doubted Your promise of a harvest. Forgive us for our lack of faith and love of control. Help us to rest in Your sovereignty, sow seeds faithfully, and remember that the kingdom is Yours. You will bring it to completion in Your perfect time. 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 | *Antiphonal Kyrie*

We invite you to meditate quietly during this time as Grace Notes sings "Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy" in Greek.

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 | Important Dates

VBS Registration for **volunteers** is **now** open! The link to register is available on the CGS website. Please note the upcoming dates: **Wednesday, April 1:** Registration opens for CGS families. **Wednesday, April 22:** Registration opens for the general public.

Church-Wide Email Update

In response to the increasing number of emails being sent out to our church family each week, we are transitioning from weekly emails to a monthly church-wide email beginning in June. To aid this transition, we'll send two church-wide emails each month through May. We are also updating the CGS website to provide more timely and relevant information. Visit cgsonline.org to find the weekly bulletins and sermon discussion questions.

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

Everyone is invited to attend the wedding of Ruth Hoffner and Zach Polio 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 extended an invitation to all who can attend. Please join the happy couple at a small reception in the concourse following the worship service.

World Relief Alms Offering | March 29

We will collect alms at the end of the worship service on March 29 for World Relief Durham. World Relief works with refugees, local churches, and community partners to help refugees in the Triangle integrate and thrive as they rebuild their lives. Garry Crites, Church and Community Engagement Manager for World Relief Durham, will join us to share about their work.

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.

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.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

As of 3/15/2026:

Fiscal year-to-date giving:	\$1,551,582
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$1,302,474
Fiscal year-to-date surplus:	\$249,108



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