



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MARCH 29, 2026

Palm Sunday Procession | TODAY

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.

Hoffner-Polio Wedding Reception

Today we joyfully celebrated the wedding of Ruth Hoffner and Zach Polio during the SMC hour. You are warmly invited to join them in the Concourse immediately after the worship service concludes for some refreshments.

Good Friday Service | April 3

Please join us in the sanctuary on Good Friday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m., for a service of worship, remembrance, and reflection.

VBS 2026 | Registration Dates

CGS family registration opens **April 1**, and public registration opens **April 22**. Adult volunteer registration is open on the CGS website.



March 29, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Alms Offering | Garry Crites, World Relief Durham

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Song | *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder, Alex Robeson, Psalm 22:1-4, pg. 457

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 14:26-42, pg. 851

Sermon | *The Resolute Shepherd*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Song | *The Garden*



Confession of Sin

Everlasting God, our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passions. We have sought after many things and neglected you. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us to stillness and rest in your presence, that we may find in you our life and joy and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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 | His Mercy Is More

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

Prayer of Response

Song | Jesus Paid It All

The alms offering will be collected during this song.

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.

Welcome to Nathan McKeel, our new AV Technician Leader

We are excited to welcome Nathan to our staff to oversee the AV team in support of CGS worship. Nathan has been a faithful member and served CGS for decades, including years supporting our livestream. We are so grateful to Levi and Jessica Mason for their service as they pass the baton to Nathan.

Spring Women's Bible Study Registration | Register by April 1st

The Spring Women's Bible Study will meet April 15–May 27 on Wednesday mornings (10:00–11:30 a.m.) or evenings (7:30–8:45 p.m.). We will study *Psalms of Ascent: A Journey to Joy* by Lydia Brownback. Childcare is available for a fee in the morning. Contact Julie (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with questions.

Flowering of the Cross | April 5

All children, whether in age or in heart, are invited to bring flowers to place on the large cross outside the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning.

Young Adult Easter Potluck | April 5

Join us on Easter Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Whipple home (4210 Peachway Dr, Durham) for a potluck. Sign up to bring a dish, bring a friend, and come enjoy time together! For questions, contact Elizabeth (esnydermounts@gmail.com).

REGISTRATION OPEN: Outreach Conference | April 11-12

Join us Saturday, April 11 (4:00–7:00 p.m.) for a Japanese hibachi dinner and a family-friendly event focused on being "Everyday Disciples." We'll wrap up the conference in a joint SMC on Sunday morning.

Community Garden Workdays | Begins April 11

Our community garden is beginning to flourish and needs steady tending! Join us for Saturday workdays from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., now through October (unless otherwise noted).

Costa Rica Team Fundraiser | Thank You!

Thanks to all who supported last Sunday's grilled cheese fundraiser and helped us raise more than \$1,000 for the high school mission trip to Costa Rica. We're grateful for your partnership and look forward to sharing more during the upcoming Missions Conference on April 11.

Durham Rescue Mission Service Day | May 9

Registration is now open! Join us Saturday, May 9, as we prepare and serve a meal with residents at the Durham Rescue Mission. Sign up on the CGS website.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

As of 3/22/2026:

Fiscal year-to-date giving:	\$1,571,606
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$1,337,676
Fiscal year-to-date surplus:	\$233,930



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