



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**MARCH 8, 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.

**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.



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March 8, 2026 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** | Chris Garrett, Pastor of Congregational Care

**Song** | *Lay Me Down*

**Song** | *All I Have is Christ*

**Scripture Reading** | Ruling Elder Steve Jones, Isaiah 53:11-12, pg. 614

## 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 10:35-45, pg. 846

**Sermon** | *A Ransom for Many*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

**Song** | *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*



## **Confession of Sin**

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. Instead of loving our neighbor, we have looked down on them. Instead of serving you, we have demanded things from you. Forgive us. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save. We ask in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon** | Romans 5:6, 8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for 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** | *His Glory and My Good*

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

## **Prayer of Response**

## **Song** | *All My Boast is in 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.

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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.

### VBS 2026 | Important Dates

Join us for VBS, June 22–26, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. This summer we will explore **The Power of the Gospel** through the story of Paul. Registration has not yet opened, but please note the following dates:

**Wednesday, March 18:** Volunteer registration opens.

**Wednesday, April 1:** Registration opens for CGS families.

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

### Audio-Visual (AV) Technician Leader

We are currently searching for someone to join our staff as part-time AV Technician Leader. Review the job description on the website to learn more about this essential and creative role. If interested in applying, please send a cover letter and resume to Julie Mckee ([juliemckee@cgsonline.org](mailto:juliemckee@cgsonline.org)).

### 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. Join us as we gather to study God's Word together this spring. The book may be purchased during registration. Contact Julie Burson ([julieburson@cgsonline.org](mailto:julieburson@cgsonline.org)) with any questions.

### 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*.

### Costa Rica Team Fundraiser | March 22

Join us on March 22 following worship in the Commons (S214) for a grilled cheese and soup lunch supporting the Costa Rica Mission Trip. For \$5, choose two of three options: soup, grilled cheese, or chips.

### 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 3/1/2026:	\$1,487,680
Fiscal Year-to-Date budget as of 3/1/2026:	\$1,232,070
Fiscal Year-to-Date surplus as of 3/1/2026:	\$255,610



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Scan the QR code to  
register for an event:





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## CGS LEADERSHIP

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### ELDERS

Norman Acker  
Doug Betts  
Andrew Carlson  
Stephen Eckel  
Steve Jones  
Dave Long  
Kyle Osborne  
Alex Robeson  
Todd Rust  
Ray Toher

### DEACONS

Richard Alford  
Stephen Balevic  
Daniel Carter  
Justin Davis  
Dean Freck  
Andrew Hassinger  
Aaron Mitchell  
Brian Prentice  
Phillip Yelverton

### SESSION ADVISORS

Michelle Bryan  
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