



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**APRIL 26, 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. Please complete the Connect Card in the pew in front of you so that we can get to know you!

**Taste of CGS | Today!**

Are you new to our church and looking to connect with others, or to learn more about our church? Join us for lunch at the Whipple's house (4210 Peachway Dr. Durham) today, April 26, following worship! Visit the CGS website to RSVP!

**Ladies Tea Party | May 16**

All ladies aged five and up are invited to a delightful tea party on May 16, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration is open until April 30. Please visit the CGS website to sign up! Questions may be emailed to Julie Burson ([julieburson@cgsonline.org](mailto:julieburson@cgsonline.org)).



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April 26, 2026 | 10:45 AM

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Local Partner Update** | Durham Rescue Mission, Kristin Jensen

**Call to Worship** | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

**Song** | *Come, Ye Sinners*

**Song** | *This Is Amazing Grace*

**Introduction of New Members** | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation  
Sandra Stinnett, Emily McCormick, Scott and Kim VanderMeer, Rodgers, Kate, Lucy, and Sam Harshbarger  
Miqueias Ferriera de Araujo and Ana Maria Reis de Souza Araujo

**Scripture Reading** | Ruling Elder Alex Robeson, Ezekiel 36:24-28, pg. 724

## **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 7:1-23, pg. 842

## **Sermon** | *Cleansing from our Laws*

*Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor*

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

## **Song** | *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

### **Confession of Sin**

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. Heal our minds with your word, heal our consciences with your love, heal our hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon** | Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

### **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** | *From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)*

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

### **Prayer of Response**

### **Song** | *Nothing but the Blood*

### **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.

### **YAC Pickleball Event | May 2**

Join us to play pickleball at Piney Wood Park (400 E Woodcroft Parkway, Durham, NC 27713) on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. Please email Anna ([a.michmerhuizen@gmail.com](mailto:a.michmerhuizen@gmail.com)) with any questions or to be added to the YAC GroupMe for last-minute weather updates.

### **Farewell Reception | May 3**

Please join us on Sunday, May 3, immediately following worship, for a reception honoring Chris and Jenny Garrett. We are so grateful for their many years of service, love, and faithfulness, and we pray for God's grace and guidance as they step out in this next season of their lives. Sandwiches and cake will be served in the concourse, with seating available in S212, along with an opportunity to share words of gratitude and blessing. You are also invited to write a personal note to the Garretts, either in advance by emailing Julie Burson ([julieburson@cgsonline.org](mailto:julieburson@cgsonline.org)) or at the reception.

### **Our Triune God: A Festival of Hymns | May 3**

Join us for an evening of worship on Sunday, May 3 from 5:00–6:15 p.m. The CGS Choir and congregation will sing together, lifting our voices in rich hymns that celebrate our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Come be part of this meaningful time of worship!

### **Membership Class | May 30**

Interested in learning more about Good Shepherd or exploring church membership? Join us for our Membership Class on Saturday, May 30, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Conference Room ( N310). This class is open to newcomers and longtime attendees. Please email us at [reception@cgsonline.org](mailto:reception@cgsonline.org) to let us know you're coming!

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## SERVE TOGETHER

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### **Durham Rescue Mission Service Day | May 9**

Registration is 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. Questions? Contact Mark Hlad ([markhlad@gmail.com](mailto:markhlad@gmail.com))

### **Community Garden Workdays**

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). Contact Amanda ([amanda.m.briscoe@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.m.briscoe@gmail.com)) with any questions.

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## CGS FINANCES

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For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Weekly Budget:	\$35,202
Given on 4/19/26:	\$45,333

Year-to-date budget:	\$1,478,484
Year-to-date giving:	\$1,702,966



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register for an event:*

