



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

APRIL 5, 2026

Community Garden | Workdays begin 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. Contact Amanda (amanda.m.briscoe@gmail.com) with any questions.

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.

Taste of CGS | April 26

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) Sunday, April 26, after worship! Visit the CGS website to RSVP!

Sabbatical for Bob Burns | April 1–June 30

Pastor Bob and Janet Burns will be on a well-deserved sabbatical now through June 30. We encourage the congregation to support and respect this season set aside for rest and renewal.



April 5, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation and CGS Choir

Pastor: Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Song | *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Song | *Death Was Arrested*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder, Andrew Carlson, 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 16:1-8, pg. 853

Sermon | *The Power of the Resurrection*

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Song | *Living Hope*



Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, forgive my sins. The pursuit of my own desires has led only to misery, and every intention and action that has appeared wise in my own eyes has led to grief and shame. Replace the burden of my guilt with the humble yoke of Jesus Christ, that walking the downward path of humble dependence, I might one day rise, and having been made like him, I would wear instead the eternal weight of your glory. In the precious name of 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 | *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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 | Registration Dates

Registration for CGS families opened April 1, and public registration begins April 22. Adult volunteer registration remains open. Visit the CGS website for more details!

Young Adult Lunch | April 5

Join us today at 1:30 p.m. at the Whipple home (4210 Peachway Dr, Durham) for a potluck. Bring a dish, bring a friend, and come enjoy time together! Questions? Contact Elizabeth (esnydermounts@gmail.com).

Mario Kart Tournament Youth Group | April 12

Mario Kart Night is coming! Join us on April 12 for Wii racing, snacks, and time with friends in the youth room from 6:30–8:15 p.m. Invite a friend and get ready to race!

Legacy Brunch | April 16

All those 55+ are invited to join us for brunch on April 16 at 10:30 a.m. We will have a conversation as we share about the joys and challenges of parenting adult children.

Durham Rescue Mission Meal | April 19

CGS will provide lunch at the DRM men's campus on Sunday, April 19. Please bring your dishes to the main kitchen on Sunday morning. Thank you for supporting this monthly ministry for our DRM brothers. Sign up below. Or contact Will (wburkhart877@gmail.com).

CGS Annual Family Camp Out | April 24-25

All are welcome to join us at Jordan Lake State Recreational Park on April 24-25, for our annual CGS campout and water activities. Not a camper? Join us for s'mores in the evening, then head on home! RSVP below by April 19. Questions? Email RiLee (rileerobeson@cgsonline.org).

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.

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 pm. Please visit the CGS website to register! Questions may be emailed to Julie (julieburson@cgsonline.org).

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

As of 3/29/2026:

Fiscal year-to-date giving:	\$1,605,195
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$1,372,878
Fiscal year-to-date surplus:	\$232,317



Please recycle. Thank you!

*Scan the QR code to
register for an event:*

