



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MAY 3, 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.

If you have not already, please complete the Connect Card in the pew in front of you so that we can get to know you!

Garrett Farewell Reception | May 3

Please join us **today**, 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.



May 3, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Testimony | Cortner Crumlish

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *If It Had Not Been for the Lord / Ancient of Days*

Song | *Your Labor Is Not in Vain*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Stephen Eckel, Matthew 8:23-27, pg. 813

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 | Psalm 124, pg. 517

Sermon | *A Song of Ascents*

Kris Cooper, RUF Pastor at North Carolina Central University, Durham

Song | *Firm Foundation*



Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 | Jesus, Strong And Kind

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

Prayer of Response

Song | O the Deep, Deep Love of 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.

**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.

Our Triune God: A Festival of Hymns | Today, May 3

Join us for an evening of worship today, 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!

Durham Rescue Mission Service Day | May 9

All are invited on Saturday, May 9 to serve alongside the members of the DRM. We especially need volunteers to help with food prep and meal service. Volunteers will receive a free t shirt. Sign up on the CGS website. Questions? Contact Mark Hlad (markhlad@gmail.com).

Legacy Brunch | May 14

All those 55+ are invited to join us for brunch on Wednesday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. We will enjoy a salad and sandwich buffet and a lighthearted time of fellowship with trivia led by Mike Herbert and Simon Stokes.

Memorial Day Cookout | May 24

All are invited to join us for our Memorial Day Cookout on Sunday, May 24 following worship. CGS will provide burgers and hotdogs, along with activities for all ages. More details and a signup will be available soon!

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 to let us know you're coming!

Town Hall | May 31

Join us in the sanctuary for our quarterly Town Hall on Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m. We'll share the **church's new mission and vision** and provide updates from ministries across our congregation, along with plans for the months ahead. This will also be a time of encouragement, connection, and an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Community Garden Workdays

Our community garden is beginning to flourish and needs steady tending! Join us for Saturday workdays anytime from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., now through October (unless otherwise noted). Contact Amanda (amanda.m.briscoe@gmail.com) with any questions.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Weekly Budget:	\$35,202
Given on 4/19/26:	\$56,777

Year-to-date budget:	\$1,513,686
Year-to-date giving:	\$1,759,743



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