



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MAY 17, 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 how you can join in.

If you have not already, please complete the Connect Card in the pew in front of you and drop it in the basket at the welcome table.

Town Hall | May 31, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in the sanctuary for our quarterly Town Hall on Sunday, May 31. We'll share the church's **new mission and vision** and provide updates from ministries across our congregation. Nursery and children's Sunday School will be available.

Congregational Meeting | May 31, 12:00 p.m.

Immediately following the worship service on May 31, we will hold a congregational meeting to elect officers (Elder and Deacon). During this meeting, members will vote by paper ballot to affirm the slate of nominees.



May 17, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Song | *Come to the Water*

Song | *Great Are You Lord*

Sacrament of Baptism | *Caius Joseph Porter, Liam Samuel Porter, and Silas Clay Porter, covenant children of Zach and Bethany Porter.*

Song of Blessing | *Jesus Loves Me*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Kyle Osborne, Ezekiel 17:22-24, pg. 704

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 4:26-32, pg. 839

Sermon | Making Much of Little

Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Song | *His Glory and My Good*

Confession of Sin

Lord, we confess that we are often slow to trust the hidden and slow growth of Your kingdom. Please forgive us for how we long for efficiency and visible success more than we long for You. Forgive us for not offering refuge to those around us. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: faithful, patient, and a God who welcomes the weak and insignificant. We ask in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:8, 11-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from 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 | *Jesus, I Come*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Build Your Kingdom Here*

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.

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. Sign up below to RSVP or bring food.

PSS Social and Service | May 28

The CGS Women's Leadership Team invites women to a social and info session on Thursday, May 28, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in room S212. Pregnancy Support Services (PSS), a local ministry supported by CGS, will join us as we make encouragement bracelets given to clients after their first ultrasound. Snacks will be served. Please RSVP!

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 reception@cgsonline.org to let us know you're coming!

PSS Alms Offering | May 31

Alms will be collected at the end of the May 31 worship service to support Pregnancy Support Services (PSS), a Christian nonprofit providing compassionate care for those facing unexpected pregnancies in Durham, Chapel Hill, and surrounding areas. Lakeisha Blake, Director of Church Engagement for PSS, will join us to share about their work.

Sundae Funday | May 31

Summer Sundae Fundays are back this year! CGS friends of all ages are invited to join us for ice cream on the last Sunday of each month this summer at Two Roosters Ice Cream (800 Taylor Street, Durham, NC 27701).

GO Team Lunch | June 7

Join the CGS Global Outreach (GO) Team for lunch after worship in room S212 to hear from long-time CGS ministry partners Scott and Jenny Hawkins, with International Students, Inc. (ISI) at Duke University. Many of you participate in the ISI Supper Clubs, so come learn more about this incredible ministry right in our own backyard.

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Weekly Budget:	\$35,202
Given on 5/10/26:	\$30,937
Year-to-date budget:	\$1,584,090
Year-to-date giving:	\$1,737,188
Non-Budgeted Projects:	
Costa Rica Missions Trip:	\$64,120.30
Year-to-date alms:	\$9,226.80



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