



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MAY 24, 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 24, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | *Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation*

Song | *Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

Song | *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Ray Toher, Isaiah 49:22-26, pg. 610

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 3:20-35, pg. 838

Sermon | Jesus Unbound

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Song | *In Christ Alone*



Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we confess today that we often live in spiritual slavery. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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 | *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *It Is Well with My Soul*

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 | Today!

Join us **today after worship** for our Memorial Day Cookout. CGS will provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks, inflatables, and games for all ages. Please bring camping chairs or blankets for picnic-style seating outdoors. Limited indoor seating available.

PSS Social and Service | May 28

The Women's Ministry 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!

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 Funday are back! Join us on May 31 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of ice cream and fellowship. CGS friends of all ages are invited to gather on the last Sunday of each month this summer at Two Roosters Ice Cream (800 Taylor Street, Durham, NC).

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. Sign up below to RSVP!

CGS FINANCES

For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

Weekly Budget:	\$35,202
Given on 5/10/26:	\$25,308

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$1,619,292
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$1,762,496

Giving for Designated CGS-Supported Initiatives:	
Costa Rica Missions Trip:	\$64,120.30
Year-to-Date Alms:	\$9,226.80



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