



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**JUNE 21, 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 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.

**CGS Mission**

Led by God's Word and Spirit, the Church of the Good Shepherd seeks to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel, shaping faithful followers of Jesus in grace-filled intergenerational community, and loving our neighbors in Durham, Chapel Hill, and the world.



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June 21, 2026 | 10:45 AM

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Costa Rica Team Update** | *Brenda Pun*

**Call to Worship** | *Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor*

**Song** | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**Song** | *All I Have is Christ*

**Sacrament of Baptism** | Chosen McKethan, covenant child of Aaron and Sarah McKethan.

**Song of Blessing** | *Jesus Loves Me*

**Scripture Reading** | Alex Mitchell, Numbers 14:1-10, pg. 122

**Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer** | Ruling Elder Doug Betts

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** | Hebrews 3:1-19, pg. 1002

**Sermon** | Holding on to THE Hero

*Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation*

Series: Running the Race of Faith



**Song** | *Build My Life*

## **Confession of Sin**

Gracious Father, we are full of sin. Forgive us. We cry out from our wounds. Heal us. We are steeped in foolishness. Make us wise. Cleanse us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, and the shame of being thought old-fashioned. Renew us by your Spirit. All for the sake of your son, Jesus. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** | Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are 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** | *Jesus Paid It All*

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

## **Prayer of Response**

**Song** | *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

## **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.

### VBS General Information

- VBS starts at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow!
- **VBS Closing Assembly:** Friday, June 26 at 11:30 a.m. Join us as we sing our VBS songs and celebrate a wonderful week together.
- **VBS Gallery:** Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. Come to the CGS Concourse before worship to enjoy coffee and donuts while viewing photos, crafts, daily themes, and memory verses from our week at VBS.

### Celebration Lunch for Chosen McKethan's Adoption | Today!

Join us after worship as we celebrate the official adoption of Chosen McKethan and give thanks for God's faithfulness to the McKethan family throughout their fostering journey. A light lunch will be served. If you did not RSVP, there may still be food available, but we kindly ask that those who registered be served first.

### Costa Rica Youth Missions Team | June 27–July 4

Please pray for our youth missions team as they serve in Costa Rica. Pray for safe travels, fruitful ministry, and spiritual growth.

**Team Members:** Caroline Garrett, Spencer Johnson, Brenda and Maddie Pun, Bettina and Peter Eckel, Monica, Kevin, Levi, and Phoebe Gainey, Tim and Asher Johnson, Grant and Lincoln Hoffman, Russell and Ella Herring, Belle Heinrich, Nathaniel and Anna South, Benjamin Stolt, Andrew Bennard, Marjorie Horton, Macie Herman, Grace Siglin, and Merritt Masella.

### Sundae Funday | June 28

Join us on June 28 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).

### PSS Alms Offering Update

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) via our May 31st alms offering. A total of \$3,783.42 was collected. We are grateful for your faithfulness and generosity, which help support the important work of PSS.

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## CGS FINANCES

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For Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2025

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| Weekly Budget:       | \$35,202    |
| Given on 6/14/26:    | \$32,124    |
| Year-to-Date Budget: | \$1,760,100 |
| Year-to-Date Giving: | \$1,867,782 |



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