



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

AUGUST 2, 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.

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.



August 2, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Song | *Your Grace is Enough*

Song | *Mighty to Save*

Sacrament of Baptism | Ben Stolt

Introduction of New Members

Kailee and Xachory Chapman, Nathanael and Naomi Baugus, Caleb Schaeffer, Greg and Jennifer Wheatley, and Dan, Laura, and Ben Stolt

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Todd Rust, Ezekiel 36:24-28, pg. 724

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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 | Hebrews 8:1-13, pg. 1005

Sermon | The End of Religion

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith

Song | Love Constraining to Obedience

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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 | How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)

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

Prayer of Response

Song | All My Boast is in 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.

Serve with CGS Kids!

A new year in Children's Ministry begins on **August 23** and we'd love for you to join the team! We are looking for 9 Sunday School teachers, 19 Children's Worship volunteers, and 28 Nursery volunteers. Stop by the table in the sanctuary narthex or contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org) or RiLee (rileerobeson@cgsonline.org) for more information.

YAC Fall Retreat | Register by TODAY!

Today is the last day to register for the YAC Fall Retreat, taking place October 2–4 at Topsail Beach. Don't miss this weekend of fellowship, worship, and time together at Topsail Beach! Contact Mark (markwhipple@cgsonline.org) with any questions.

Women's Bible Study Registration | Now Open!

Registration is now open for Women's Bible Study! This fall, we will study *Revelation* by Jen Wilkin. Join us as we grow together in God's Word.

YAC Lunch | Today

Young adults are invited to lunch today, following worship. Meet in the back left of the sanctuary (facing the pulpit), and then we'll head to Blaze Pizza (5320 McFarland Dr. #100, Durham, NC 27707). Contact Andrew Hassinger (hassingerandrew2@gmail.com) with questions.

CGS Men at the Durham Bulls | August 26

Join the men of CGS for a night at the Durham Bulls game on August 26 at 6:00 p.m. The \$20 fee includes your game ticket, food, soft drinks, and water. Register by **Wednesday, August 5**. Contact Jed (jikbusbee@gmail.com).

Women on Wednesdays | August 12

Join us on Wednesday, August 12, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the home of Sydney Henson (3515 Bluestone Ct., Chapel Hill). This drop-in, open house-style event is a great opportunity for fellowship. Bring a snack or drink to share, if you'd like, and enjoy a fun evening together!

Save the Date: Women's Retreat | November 6–8

Save the date for this year's Women's Retreat, November 6–8, 2026! Our time together will include learning how to share Jesus with the people in our lives who don't yet know Him and long walks on the beach. More information will be shared in the August edition of *Women's Ministry Monthly*.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 7/26/26:	\$27,953

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$169,712
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$95,166



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