



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

JULY 26, 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.



July 26, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Ministry Update | *Angie Heinrich*

Call to Worship | *Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor*

Song | *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Song | *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

Scripture Reading | Michelle Bryan, Genesis 14:17-20, pg. 10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Kris Burson

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 7:11-28, pg. 1004

Sermon | The Perfected High Priest

Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Series: Running the Race of Faith



Song | *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

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 | Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

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 | *Upon a Life I Did Not Live*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *And Can It Be*

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.

Sundae Funday | Tonight!

Join us tonight, July 26, for our final Sundae Funday of the year! Gather with CGS friends of all ages at 6:00 p.m. at Two Roosters Ice Cream (800 Taylor Street, Durham, NC) for ice cream and fellowship.

Women's Bible Study Registration | Opens August 1

Registration for Women's Bible Study opens on Saturday, August 1. This fall we will study *Revelation* by Jen Wilkin. Join us as we grow together in God's Word.

Women's Prayer Walk | August 1, 8:00–8:45 a.m.

Women and children are invited to join us on Saturday morning, August 1, as we walk around the church and pray for CGS and its ministries. Meet at the front entrance by the church office.

YAC Fall Retreat | Register by August 2

Registration is now open for the YAC Fall Retreat, taking place October 2–4 at Topsail Beach. Please register by Sunday, August 2. Contact Mark (markwhipple@cgsonline.org) with questions!

Durham Rescue Mission Back-to-School Drive | Through August 2

Support local students by donating school supplies to the DRM's annual Back-to-School Supply Drive. Scan the QR code to view the wish list. Contact Mark (markhlad@gmail.com) or Bryan (bryan.lineberry@gmail.com) for details.

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 (jkbusbee@gmail.com).

Summer Social Dance | Tuesdays, through August 11

Join us on Tuesday evenings, July 28 and August 4 and 11, from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the CGS auditorium (lower level) for free swing, folk, and social dance lessons. Youth and adults are welcome, and no experience or partner is required. Invite your friends and neighbors! Contact Levi (levimason@cgsonline.org) with questions.

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

Save the date for the Women's Retreat, taking place November 6–8 at Topsail Beach. Registration details will be shared in late August.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$41,060
Given on 7/19/26:	\$32,575
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$123,181
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$67,213



Please recycle. Thank you!

Scan the QR code to
register for an event:

