



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

AUGUST 16, 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 16, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Song | *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Song | *Before the Throne of God Above*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Andrew Carlson, Galatians 5:16-18, 24-25, pg. 975

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 10:1-18, pg. 1006

Sermon | Perfected, Yet Being Perfected

Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Series: Running the Race of Faith

Song | *Rock of Ages*



Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us for forgetting that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, forgive us for quenching your power and squandering your gifts. We confess our blindness to your glory has led to shallow confession, weak conviction, and lukewarm repentance. Have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Leviticus 26:12-13

And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

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 | Love Constraining to Obedience

We invite you to sing or meditate quietly during this time.

Prayer of Response

Song | Jesus Paid It All

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.

Promotion Sunday & Adult Gathering | August 23

Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 23, as we begin a new year of Sunday morning gatherings! Our kids will move into their new classes, while adults will meet in S212 for coffee, tea, and conversations around how to encourage authentic hospitality within our congregation to better love each other and our visitors.

CGS Challenge: Let's Double our ISI Supper Club Hosts | Register by August 28

Join us in welcoming international students in Durham by hosting 2-4 students for dinner once a month this fall. Sign up by **August 28** to be a CGS host with ISI. Meet your students on September 12 from 3:45-6:00 p.m. at Blacknall Presbyterian Church. Questions? See Juan in the narthex after worship.

Samaritan Health Center Alms Offering | August 30

Alms will be collected at the end of the August 30 worship service to support Samaritan Health Center, a faith-based nonprofit providing high-quality, charitable healthcare to individuals in need in Durham, regardless of their ability to pay.

Session Advisor Nominations | Open now through August 30

Please consider nominating a woman to serve as a Session Advisor. Session Advisors attend monthly Session meetings and offer wisdom and counsel from a woman's perspective. Submit your nomination by August 30.

Parent Night | August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Spencer, Caroline, and Angie for vision and information meetings for parents of preschoolers through high school seniors. Childcare not provided.

Women's Bible Study Registration

Register now to study Revelation in the fall and Philippians in the spring. Choose Tuesday evenings (7:00–8:30 p.m., beginning September 15) or Wednesday mornings (10:00–11:30 a.m., beginning September 16). Contact Julie (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with questions.

Community Grounds & Brew Crew | Sundays, 10:00–10:35 a.m.

Join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship at **Community Grounds** in the Annex on Sunday mornings before worship. Interested in serving on the Brew Crew? We're scheduling volunteers for the fall and would love to have you! Training takes just a few minutes alongside experienced baristas. Sign up below or contact Katie (katiemayes@cgsonline.org) to learn more.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 8/9/26:	\$37,032

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$254,567
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$157,370



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