



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

AUGUST 23, 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 23, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

ISI Supper Club | *Steve and Jan Hobson*

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Song | *God Is for Us*

Scripture Reading | Tara Carlson, Psalm 27:11-14, pg. 460

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Cliff Pearce

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 10:19-39, pg. 1007

Sermon | Responding to Our High Priest

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith

Song | *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the ways we envy others. We think little of what you have graciously given to our bodies, minds, and souls, and striving for our neighbors' possessions, we worship the gift rather than the giver. Cleanse us from worldliness and all evil desires and teach us to rest in the gift of who you are and who you have made us to be. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:6, 8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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 | *Until He Comes Again*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *All Glory Be to Christ*

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.

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. Last year, 9 CGS families served as Supper Club hosts, and this year, our goal is to double that number to 18! 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.

Upcoming Town Hall | August 30

Join us on August 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for our upcoming Town Hall. We will hear a financial update, learn more about the outdoor playground renovation, receive an update from this summer's officer retreat, and review helpful CGS statistics that provide a snapshot of our church. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. We hope you will join us!

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.

YAC Lunch | August 30

New and returning young adults are invited to join us for lunch next Sunday, August 30, following worship in the Annex (the area on the right as you leave the sanctuary). Come connect with others and hear about upcoming YAC events this fall! Subs and drinks will be provided. A \$5 suggested donation is appreciated. Register now! Questions? Contact Mark (markwhipple@cgsonline.org)

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.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 8/16/26:	\$36,624
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$296,995
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$193,993



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register for an event:

