



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

AUGUST 30, 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 30, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Local Partner Update | Elizabeth Brill, Samaritan Health Center

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Song | *His Love Can Never Fail*

Song | *Leaning*

Scripture Reading | Thomas Jiang, Psalm 27:1-3, pg. 460

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Alex Robeson

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 11:1-7, pg. 1007

Sermon | Faith that Endures

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith

Song | *Ancient of Days*



Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

Prayer of Response

Song | By Faith

The alms offering will be collected during this song

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.

Women's Bible Study | Register by August 31

Register now to study Revelation this 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 Burson (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with questions.

Session Advisor Nominations | Submit by Tonight!

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 | Today!

New and returning young adults are invited to join us for lunch today, 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.

Parent Night | Tonight 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 Choir News

Community Choirs | Register by September 6: Spots are still available for singers ages 7 and older in our CGS Community Choirs! Learn more or register by September 6. Contact Alexa (alexacarter@gmail.com) with questions.

Adult Choir | Rehearsals Begin September 16: If you love to sing, consider joining the CGS Adult Choir! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 16, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. The choir will prepare for our Christmas service alongside the children's choirs and instrumentalists. Contact Greg (greg.a.wheatley@gmail.com) with questions.

Thank You, ISI Supper Club Hosts!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve as an ISI Supper Club host this fall! Last year, 9 CGS families participated, and this year we set a goal to double that number. We are grateful to have met and exceeded our goal! Thank you for helping welcome international students in Durham through hospitality and friendship.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 8/23/26:	\$27,559
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$339,423
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$221,553



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Scan the QR code to
register for an event:

