



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 13, 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.



September 13, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Song | *Goodness of God*

Sacrament of Baptism | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Annie Lee, covenant child of Natalie and Zack Lee

Song of Blessing | Jesus Loves You

Scripture Reading | Ada Wang, Deuteronomy 8:1-10, pg. 152

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 11:17-40, pg. 1008

Sermon | The Experience of Faith

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith

Song | *For All the Saints*

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from 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 | *He Will Hold Me Fast*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *His Glory and My Good*

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.

Legacy Brunch | September 17

Our first Legacy Brunch will be on **Thursday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m.** in room S212. We will have a fun time re-gathering, hearing about experiences we've had over the summer, and reflecting on God's faithfulness.

Young Adult Evening Conversations | September 17

Young adults are invited to dinner and conversation on **Thursday, September 17, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.** at the Whipple home (4210 Peachway Dr., Durham).

CARE Training | September 20

Register for our Children and Adults in a Responsible Environment (CARE) training on **Sunday, September 20 from 9:00–10:30 a.m.** in the Conference Room (N310). This one-time training is required for all adult CGS members and regular attenders who volunteer or work in ministries serving minors from birth through age 18. Questions? Contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org).

Durham Rescue Mission Meal | September 20

CGS will provide lunch for the DRM men's campus on Sunday, September 20. Sign up and bring your dishes to the main kitchen on Sunday morning. Thank you for supporting this monthly ministry for our DRM brothers. Contact Will (wburkhart877@gmail.com) with any questions.

Taste of CGS | September 20

Are you new to our church and looking to connect with others, or to learn more about our church? Join us for lunch at the Whipple's house (4210 Peachway Dr., Durham) after worship on Sunday.

Women's Retreat Registration | Register by September 30

Join us November 6–8 at Salt and Light Christian Center in Topsail Beach for our Women's Retreat, *Draw Near: Finding Our Identity in Christ Through Prayer*. Enjoy a refreshing weekend of fellowship, relaxation, creativity, prayer, and small group time. The cost is \$200 and includes meals; partial scholarships available.

Join our Global Outreach Team

CGS's Global Outreach (GO) team is seeking new members! The GO team meets monthly to pray for our global ministry partners, support our missionaries, evaluate missionary candidates, and help our church learn more about what God is doing around the world through missions. **Apply now via the QR code or the website.**

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 9/6/26:	\$33,327

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$424,279
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$273,069



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register for an event:

