



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 20, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)*

Song | *Abide*

Sacrament of Baptism | Shepherd Frederick Dille, covenant child of Laura and Mark Dille

Song of Blessing | Jesus Loves You

Scripture Reading | Tara Carlson, Isaiah 35:5-10, pg. 595

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Todd Rust

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 12:1-3, pg. 1008

Sermon | The Race of Faith

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith



Song | *By Faith*

Confession of Sin

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. 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 | *Jesus, I Come*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

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.

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.**

Taste of CGS | Today after Worship!

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.

Young Adult Retreat Registration | Register by Tonight!

All young adults are invited to Topsail Beach, October 2–4, for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and time together! This year's theme, "For One Another," will focus on practicing the "one anothers" of Jesus and what it looks like to live them out in Christian community. **Register by tonight, September 20!**

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.

Membership Class | October 3

Interested in learning more about Good Shepherd or exploring church membership? Join us for our Membership Class on Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Conference Room (N310). This class is open to newcomers and longtime attendees. **Please RSVP to reception@cgsonline.org by September 30.**

Samaritan Health Center Alms Offering Update

Thank you for your generous support of Samaritan Health Center through our August 30 alms offering. A total of \$3,889.57 was collected. We are grateful for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting this important work.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 9/6/26:	\$38,424
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$466,707
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$311,494



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