



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 27, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Song | *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Song | *Holy Forever*

Testimony and Sacrament of Baptism | Sybil Newman

Scripture Reading | Tara Carlson, Deuteronomy 4:9-14, pg. 148

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Andrew Henson

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 12:18-29, pg. 1009

Sermon | Where Faith Takes You

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith



Song | *All I Have Is Christ*

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we have desired the Kingdom of the world and traded our time and effort for unworthy trinkets. Forgive us. We have tried to build our own kingdoms and enforce our rule when we should be your servants. Pardon us. Make us mute to any voice and immune to any power that does not serve you and your interests, even if it comes from our own hearts. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

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 | *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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 educate our church about what God is doing here and around the world. **Apply now via the QR code or the website.**

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.**

Women's Drop-in Craft Night | October 8

Join the Women's Ministry Leadership Team on Thursday, October 8, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in room S202 for an evening of crafting and snacks! Bring a craft you're currently working on, or join us for optional garden gourd decorating. Please email Julie Burson (julieburson@cgsonline.org) if you plan to attend.

CGS Great Fall Roundup | October 24

It's time to get your boot-scootin' on! Join us on Saturday, October 24, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the CGS South Lot for our first-ever all-church Fall Roundup. Enjoy chili, games, inflatables, and social dancing with easy-to-follow instructions. All ages are welcome! Wear your Western gear and bring a camping chair or picnic blanket. **Register now using the QR code below.**

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 9/20/26:	\$15,174

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$509,135
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$326,668



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