



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 6, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Worship Team Update | Alexa Carter, Greg Wheatley, and Nathan McKeel

Call to Worship | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Song | *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Song | *All Things New*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Dave Long, Genesis 12:1-9, pg. 8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading | Hebrews 11:8-16, pg. 1007

Sermon | Faith That Leads You Home

Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Series: Running the Race of Faith



Song | *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

Confession of Sin

Faithful God, you call us to follow You by faith, yet we confess that we demand sight before we obey. You call us to live as pilgrims and strangers on this earth, but we confess that we have tried to make this world our permanent home, rather than pressing forward toward the better, heavenly country. Forgive us and cleanse us by the blood of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Renew our hearts, and grant us the faith to look ahead to that city with permanent foundations, whose designer and builder is God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 | *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

We invite you to meditate quietly during this time.

Prayer of Response

Song | *Take My Life*

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.

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).

Women's Retreat Registration | Now Open!

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. Space is limited.

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, learning about experiences we've had over the summer, and reflecting on God's faithfulness.

CGS Choir News:

Community Youth Choirs registration closes **TODAY**. 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.

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

New Arrivals:

We are so grateful for the Lord's provision for the safe arrival of the newest little lambs in our CGS family!

Naomi and Nathanael Baugus welcomed their son, Gilbert Calvin.

Jennifer and Matt Crimmins welcomed their daughter, Scarlett Jane.

If you would like to bring these families a meal or donate a gift card, please email RiLee (rileerobeson@cgsonline.org) for the link.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 8/30/26:	\$18,190

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$381,851
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$239,742



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