CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

NOVEMBER 1, 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.

November 1, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Song | *All My Boast is in Jesus*

Song | *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Scripture Reading | Elizabeth Monk, Psalm 62:5-8, pg. 479
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 | Romans 1:16-17, pg. 939

Sermon | *The Power of Proclaiming the Gospel*
Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor
Series: Renewing our Vision and Mission

Song | *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Deacon of the Day: Dylan McCormick

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, how quickly our hearts turn from you. Forgive us for our loveless deeds and our many self-justifications. Draw us out of the darkness of our sin and set our feet upon your steadfast love and faithfulness. We ask this believing that your Word is true—that you do not break bruised reeds and you will not quench the faintly burning wick of our faith. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been 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 | *Jesus Paid It All*

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.

Operation Christmas Child!

Join us in sharing the good news of Jesus with children around the world. Pick up an Operation Christmas Child box and information ***today*** at the table in the sanctuary narthex. We would love to pack and send 100 boxes! Contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org) for more information.

Young Adult Lunch | Today!

Young adults are invited to lunch today, following worship. Meet in the back left of the sanctuary (facing the pulpit), and then we'll head to Blaze Pizza (5320 McFarland Dr. #100, Durham, NC 27707). Contact Anna (a.michmerhuizen@gmail.com) with any questions.

RUF Care Packages

Give our RUF students a virtual hug during exam week by contributing to care packages that include fun candy, healthy snacks, homemade cookies, and a host of other goodies. Check out the board in the narthex for items you can purchase or make. Grab a Post-It, shop, and bring your items back to CGS by **Sunday, November 15th.** Scan the bulletin QR code for more information.

Thanksgiving Food Drive | Through November 22

Help support our neighbors in need! Bring non-perishable food donations to the narthex each Sunday through November 22. Donations will benefit local families through the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and TABLE. CGS member Laura Dille serves as TABLE's Director of Operations.

Youth Friendsgiving Dinner | November 8

Middle and high schoolers are invited to come out on Sunday, November 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for an evening featuring delicious tacos and sweet fellowship! Sign up to bring a dessert or drink! Contact Caroline (carolinegarrett@cgsonline.org) to learn more.

Women on Wednesdays (WOW) | November 11

Join other women for the next WOW gathering at Joanne Liddle's house (3800 Darwin Rd, Durham 27707) on November 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This is a drop-in open house event. Bring a snack or drink to share if you can. Contact Julie (julieburson@cgsonline.org) with questions.

Community Youth Choir Concert | November 14

Join us on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a concert featuring our five choirs (K-12). The program includes folk songs, hymns, and classics, followed by refreshments in the concourse. All are welcome!

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning **7/01/2026**

Weekly Budget:	$42,428
Given on 10/25/26:	$39,806
Year-to-Date Budget:	$721,274
Year-to-Date Giving:	$547,927

Please recycle. Thank you!

Scan the QR code to register for an event: