



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

OCTOBER 25, 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.



October 25, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Commissioning of Session Advisors | Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Jacqueline Davis and Terry Ervin

Call to Worship

Song | *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Song | *Jesus, Strong and Kind*

Sacrament of Baptism

Eli Jarrett, covenant child of Natalie and Colin Jarrett, and Hudson Kastner, covenant child of Candace and Chris Kastner

Song of Blessing | *Jesus Loves You*

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Alex Robeson, Psalm 71:15-24, pg. 484

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Alex Robeson

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 1:8-15, pg. 939

Deacon of the Day: Andrew Hassigner



Sermon | *What Faith Looks Like*

Matt Mahla, RUF Campus Minister, Duke University

Song | *In Christ Alone*

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn us. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To him we flee; forgive us for his sake, and by your Spirit help us to live in the light of his sacrifice—for in him we hope and in him we come before you this day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:6,8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for 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 | *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *All I Have is Christ*

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.

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 Little'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.

Communicants Class Interest Form

Communicants Class is an eleven-week course designed to guide and equip our covenant children who have professed faith in Christ as they prepare to become communing members at CGS. If your child is interested, please scan the QR code below to complete the interest form. The course will run from January 24–April 11, 2027. Questions? Contact Caroline (carolinegarrett@cgsonline.org).

"Greening" of the Church | November 28

Join us on November 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, to decorate the church for Christmas, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Men, women, and children are invited to come. We'll have cookies and cocoa to kick off the Advent season together!

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 10/18/26:	\$35,214

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$678,846
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$508,121



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