



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

OCTOBER 18, 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 18, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Interim Worship Director | Jen Whipple

Call to Worship | Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Song | *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Song | *Build My Life*

Scripture Reading | Greg Wheatley, Isaiah 61:1-4, pg. 620

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

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 | Luke 4:16-30, pg. 859

Sermon | Christ's Vision

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Renewing our Vision and Mission



Song | *King of Kings*

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, forgive me for pursuing my vision of my life, and disregarding your vision for me. Teach me that the way down is the way up, that the heart broken by sin is healed by grace, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive. I ask this, trusting in Jesus' life and death, given to me by faith through your Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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 | *The Garden*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Be Thou My Vision*

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.

CGS Great Fall Roundup | October 24

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, a mechanical bull, 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.**

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).

Operation Christmas Child!

Join us in sharing the good news of Jesus with children around the world by packing an Operation Christmas Child shoebox! Shoeboxes will be available in the sanctuary narthex beginning October 25 and throughout November.

Join our Global Outreach Team

CGS's Global Outreach (GO) Team is seeking new members! Help support our global ministry partners through prayer, missionary care, and outreach. Learn more and apply through the GO Team flyer or on our website.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	\$42,428
Given on 10/11/26:	\$29,677

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$636,418
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$472,907



Please recycle. Thank you!

*Scan the QR code to
register for an event:*

