



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

OCTOBER 4, 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 4, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Spencer Johnson, Pastor of Youth Ministry

Song | *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Song | *The God We Love (Nicene Creed)*

Sacrament of Baptism | Mabry Elizabeth Ginn, covenant child of Marianna and John Ginn

Song of Blessing | Jesus Loves You

Scripture Reading | Ruling Elder Steve Jones, Leviticus 16:16–27, pg. 95

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.

Nicene Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading | Hebrews 13:1-17, pg. 1009

Sermon | Faithful to the End

Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

Series: Running the Race of Faith

Song | Be Thou My Vision

Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. Instead of loving our neighbor, we have looked down on them. Instead of serving you, we have demanded things from you. Forgive us. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 | There Is a Fountain (Red Mountain)

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

Prayer of Response

Song | Build Your Kingdom Here

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.

NERF Night | Tonight!

All middle and high schoolers are invited to join us for our annual NERF Night tonight from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at CGS! No need to bring your own nerf guns. We'll have plenty, so come join us downstairs in the Youth Room!

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.

Young Adult Evening Conversations | October 13

Young adults are invited to an evening conversation on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Brad and Susan Berndt (4027 Swarthmore Road Durham, NC 27707). A "Panel of One Anothering" will share stories of giving and receiving love, forgiveness, compassion, exhortation, and more. Enjoy good food, fellowship, and time together! RSVP below to let us know you're coming.

Legacy Lunch | October 15

What was once a brunch is now a lunch! Join us Thursday, October 15, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for "Everything Soup but Chili," including salad, cornbread, and dessert. We will hear from Claudia Vaughn and her daughter Alyssa, who advise seniors on Medicare and supportive health plans. They will also share their family's story of rescuing Claudia's five grandchildren.

Durham Rescue Mission Meal | October 18

CGS will provide lunch for the DRM men's campus on Sunday, October 18. Sign up below and bring your dishes to the main kitchen on Sunday morning. Thank you for supporting this monthly ministry for our DRM brothers. Contact Will (wburkhart877@gmail.com) with any questions.

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, 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 9/27/26:	\$24,622
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$551,563
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$351,290



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