CHURCH OF THE

# Good Shepherd

**NOVEMBER 15, 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 15, 2026 | 10:45 AM

## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship |** Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor

**Song |** *This Is Amazing Grace*

**Song |** *O Praise the Name (Anástasis)*

**Introduction of New Members |** Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation
Phil and Renee Remmers, Doug and Sybil Newman, Caleb Schaeffer

**Scripture Reading |** Elizabeth McKeel, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, pg. 151
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer |** Ruling Elder Todd Rust
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 |** Matthew 28:16-20, pg. 835

**Sermon |** *Growing Together*
Bob Burns, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Series: Renewing our Vision and Mission

*Deacon of the Day:Stephen Balevic*

**Song |** *Abide*

## Confession of Sin

Gracious God, instead of living in your presence, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of walking in the freedom of holiness, we have preferred the chains of sin. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Heal us. Teach us again what it means to be children of our Heavenly Father. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Communion is for anyone who is united by faith to Christ and joined to any Christ-centered church.*

## Harp Instrumental | *Matthew Gillespie*

*We invite you to meditate quietly during this time.*

## Prayer of Response

**Song |** *Living Hope*

## 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.

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**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 | Due Today!

Filled shoeboxes are due today, November 15! If you still need to return yours, please bring it to the church office no later than 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, November 16. Thank you for helping us reach our goal of sending 100 boxes!

### Thanksgiving Legacy Lunch | November 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join us Thursday, November 19, for a Thanksgiving meal! We'll provide turkey and gravy. Please RSVP and bring a Thanksgiving side or dessert to share. CGS member and physical therapist Alex Mitchell will speak on maintaining physical health as we age.

### Women's Prayer Walk | November 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Women and children are invited to pray for CGS and its ministries on Saturday, November 21. Meet at the front entrance by the church office. We will gather indoors or walk around the church, depending on the weather.

### RUF Pack and Pray | November 21, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Join us in the Commons by the large kitchen to pack donated treats into Christmas bags and pray for the students receiving them. All are welcome! Come for as long as you are able.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive | Donations Due November 22

Next Sunday, November 22, is the final day to bring non-perishable food donations to the narthex. Help support local families through the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and TABLE.

### Young Adult Friendsgiving | November 22

Come hungry and join us for our annual Friendsgiving Feast on Sunday, November 22, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. at the Whipples' home (4210 Peachway Dr., Durham)! Invite a friend and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and time together. RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to share!

### "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

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| Weekly Budget: | $42,428 |
| Given on 11/8/26: | $39,508 |
| Year-to-Date Budget: | $806,130 |
| Year-to-Date Giving: | $612,061 |

*Please recycle. Thank you!*

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