CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

NOVEMBER 8, 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 8, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship | Mark Whipple, Pastor of Community Formation

Song | *Sing His Love*

Song | *Thy Mercy, My God*

Scripture Reading | Thomas Jiang, Psalm 133:1-3, pg. 519
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer | Ruling Elder Dave Long
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.

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading | Colossians 3:11-17, pg. 984

Sermon | *Gathering in a Grace-Filled Community*
Simon Stokes, Lead Pastor
Series: Renewing our Vision and Mission

Song | *Love Still Bids You Welcome*

Deacon of the Day: Justin Davis

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess we have not loved you as ought; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We make much of the sins of our neighbors, while minimizing our own. We use the gifts you give to us to serve ourselves instead of others. For the sake of Christ, forgive us. Renew us. By your grace, produce your righteous fruit in our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 | *Behold the Lamb*

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

Prayer of Response

Song | *Oh, How Good It Is*

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.

Youth Friendsgiving Dinner | Tonight!

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us tonight, Sunday, November 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for tacos and sweet fellowship!

Women on Wednesdays (WOW) | November 11

Drop by Joanne Liddle's home (3800 Darwin Rd, Durham) this Wednesday from 5:30–7:30 p.m. for fellowship. Bring a snack or drink to share if you can!

Community Youth Choir Concert | November 14

Join us this Saturday, November 14 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!

Operation Christmas Child | Due November 15

If you picked up a shoebox, please return it filled by next Sunday, November 15. Help us reach our goal of sending 100 boxes! Contact Angie (angieheinrich@cgsonline.org) for more information.

Durham Rescue Mission Meal | November 15

CGS will provide lunch for the DRM men's campus next Sunday, November 15. Sign up below and bring your dishes to the main kitchen on Sunday morning. Contact Will (wburkhart877@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thanksgiving Legacy Lunch | November 19

Join us Thursday, November 19, for turkey and gravy! 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.

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Chloe and Stephen West on the arrival of their twins, Henry and Rosie, on October 19, and to Laura and Daniel Robinson on the arrival of their son, Theodore, on October 20! We are grateful for the Lord's provision and welcome these newest little lambs to our CGS family. To bring either family a meal or donate a gift card, please email RiLee (rileerobeson@cgsonline.org) for the link.

CGS FINANCES

For the New Fiscal Year Beginning 7/01/2026

Weekly Budget:	$42,428
Given on 11/1/26:	$24,626
Year-to-Date Budget:	$763,702
Year-to-Date Giving:	$572,552

Please recycle. Thank you!

Scan the QR code to register for an event: