



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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MAY 21, 2023

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*Real **JESUS**. Real **PEOPLE**. Real **WORLD**.*

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**10:45 AM**

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## **SEASON of PRAISE**

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*Ascension Sunday*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | *Chris Garrett*

**OPENING SONG** | *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SONG** | *"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"*



**TODAY'S SINGERS** is *Jen Whipple*.

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## **SEASON of RENEWAL**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** | *Psalms 2*

**PRAYER OF GOSPEL RENEWAL & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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## **SEASON of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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## **SEASON of COMMISSION**

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING** | *Matthew 12:22-37*

**SERMON SERIES** | *Matthew 10-16*

**SERMON** | *"Demonized Church?!!!"* | *Chuck Jacob*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION SONG** | *"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"*

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

**CLOSING SONG** | *"Heal Us Emmanuel"*

**BENEDICTION**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME THE JOHNSONS!

We're so excited to welcome our new youth pastor and his family! As part of our welcome effort, we hope to stock up their pantry and set them up with some gift cards. Gift cards and pantry items will be collected in the Narthex **today and next Sunday, May 28**. If you'd like to bring a pantry item, please sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/StockTheJohnsonsPantry](http://www.tinyurl.com/StockTheJohnsonsPantry). (No need to sign up for gift cards--those can just show up!) Please **contact Bethany Porter** ([porterbeth7@gmail.com](mailto:porterbeth7@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PARTY

We're kicking off the summer on **May 28** with catered burritos from Bull City Solera, yard games, and inflatables on the church grounds! Stick around after worship to eat and play with your church family—and invite other friends and neighbors to join us. You won't want to miss the special guest appearance and challenge from CGS's very own American Gladiator. To help offset the cost of food, we're asking for a suggested donation of \$7/person, max \$25/family... or, just whatever you can afford! Please RSVP by Thursday, May 25 at [www.tinyurl.com/CGSMemorialDay2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/CGSMemorialDay2023) so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. BYO blankets and lawn chairs!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Nextn **Sunday, May 28** we will be having a congregational meeting at **9:30a** in the Sanctuary. We will vote on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and elect officers for the next three years. The Session has approved the following current members to move forward for election:

- **Candidates for Deacon**— Richard Alford, Stephen Balevic, Nathaniel Kolb, Aaron Mitchell, Brandon Thio
  - **Candidates for Elder**— Norman Acker, Stephen Eckel, Steve Jones, Kyle Osborne, Alex Robeson, Todd Rust
- Please refer to your Friday email for a copy of the proposed budget and the officer candidate bio sheet.

## ASSISTANCE TO FAMILY RESETTLING IN DURHAM

Together with World Relief, CGS is collecting items for a refugee family as they settle in Durham after having moved here from the Congo. We will continue receiving items on the list **through May 30** since housing has not been found yet. Some of the items we still hope to collect include bowls and plates for four people, six-gallon and 13-gallon trash cans, a floor lamp, twin blankets, and kitchen knives. The full list can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/MFamily523](http://www.tinyurl.com/MFamily523). You may leave your items in the collection bins at the entrances of CGS except for large furniture items, mattresses and bed frames which will be collected from people's homes (not from CGS). We are also trying to line up volunteers to transport the items that have been donated once housing has been found for the family. This will be done in the cars belonging to volunteers and in larger vehicles that folks are letting us borrow. If you could be on standby to possibly help on moving day / evening (depending on what day that ends up being), please **contact Karen Tucker** (**301-503-0350; [karensue543@gmail.com](mailto:karensue543@gmail.com)**) or sign up on the sign up genius. We are also looking for volunteers willing to provide rides to worship at CGS occasionally or regularly for some or all of the family members.