



# The Church of the Good Shepherd

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina  
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Dear Friends:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We hope this finds you well and getting prepared for whatever the weather has in store for us here in the Raleigh area and beyond.

This is to let you know the plans we have made in preparation for the incoming storm and to request your prayers and assistance as needed.

We will be closing the offices on Thursday and Friday in anticipation of the high winds and rainfall/flooding that may occur preceding the landfall of Hurricane Florence. This does include a cancellation of our usual Thursday noon Eucharist and healing service as well as the cancellation/postponement of all parish activities scheduled between Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. It is our intention to hold services on Sunday, pending that we have power at the church and that there are no dangerous situations that would prevent folks from coming downtown that morning.

If we have power, that service will be held at 10:15 AM. We will make a joyful noise unto the Lord, no matter who is able to attend! If not, we will keep you all posted on the next steps.

We are most concerned about parishioners who are alone, who are vulnerable, and/or may not have family in town or close by. I am asking for volunteers who would be willing to make phone calls, and in some cases, visits, to make sure we are aware of the needs of those among us who encounter trouble during this time. Please respond to my email, [pat.grace@cgs-raleigh.com](mailto:pat.grace@cgs-raleigh.com) or to my personal cell phone via text or voice mail: 919-628-5147. We're working out a plan right now to make sure that our folks are covered.

We may also be asked to assist in the downtown area. Tamara at the Shepherd's Table has let us know that the kitchen will be closed on Friday. The folks who regularly eat at that Table will be able to stay in shelters starting Thursday and will be fed there. A local restaurant will be staying open to feed emergency workers. But we may be asked to provide space for Red Cross rescue or relief efforts, etc. We will let you know if there are ways for you to help through Good Shepherd. In the meantime, take a moment to check on your neighbors when you can – and don't hesitate to call me, Cheryl McFadden (252-571-1139) or Bill Bennett who will be on call this weekend. You can reach Bill by calling the main number for the Church of the Good Shepherd and your call will be forwarded to him.

"Be not afraid, I go before you always." Deuteronomy 31:8.

With love and prayers,



The Rev. Canon Patricia Grace  
Interim Rector



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