



Stewardship Message: Third week of October

The First Free Episcopal Church In Raleigh

The Church of the Good Shepherd was formed as the first free Episcopal Church in Raleigh in 1874. Until then, the only general house of worship in Raleigh for Episcopalians was Christ Church, where pews were owned by the various families composing its congregation. At Good Shepherd, all pews were open to whomever wished to sit in them. For its time, this was an act of radical hospitality in the Episcopal Church, and firmly established Good Shepherd as an inclusive community of faith: a reputation we strive to uphold still to this day in all its expansive truth.

Church of the Good Shepherd in 2021

We are a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming parish that seeks to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and actions.

How is our church funded?

Our CGS income comes from:

Parishioner annual giving commitments (weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually),
Offeratory (which was hugely impacted by decreased attendance due to the pandemic),
and Parish Life Center rentals.

What are CGS expenses?

Regular CGS expenses include:

Worship (in person and online offerings),
Christian Formation for all ages (Nursery, Children & Families, EYC, Adult),
Mission Fulfillment (Soup Kitchen, One Wake, Angel Tree, CASA),
Ministry Support (optimal for clergy/staff positions restored to full time),
and Building and Grounds

What is the best way to provide financial support to CGS?

Recurring monthly commitments stabilize the budget and allow for greater accuracy in planning.

For every parishioner to make a financial commitment as God directs you.

Honor the faith, vision, and perseverance upon which the believers relied upon in 1874 by ensuring their early sacrifices live today in our mission and work.