

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUEST LINK: Send celebrations and concerns to:
<mailto:Prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org>

CARDS: To have card sent from church, contact Faye Cleaton
fbcleaton@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 a.m. with Rob on Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85034211958?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85034211958?pwd=WkFvY1E2OUtvaXlnRWs4Tm5nRHowQT09)
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WORSHIP Every Sunday at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary or live stream

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88222775548?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88222775548?pwd=aGpCSUNVQ3FwMFC4ZIBPajZzcjZpQT09)
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MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT- Thank you for your tithes and offerings!

Monthly Budget Needs \$16,000.00
November Expenses- \$9,190.03
November Credits- \$9,817.65

SHARE CHRISTMAS CARDS with one another by using the white boxes next to the pastor's office.

THANK YOU for supporting Pathways Elementary School through your donations to the Angel Tree gifts, Food Drive and Stocking Stuffers!

MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

BACKPACK BUDDIES: This outreach needs single serving, ready-to-eat/easy-to-prepare for breakfast and lunch, especially needed are: single servings of fruit, snacks and vegetables, juice boxes and cocoa packets.

OCIM (Orange Congregations in Mission) There is a list of staples needed at the sanctuary entrances.



New Sharon Church

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2023

11:00 a.m.



1601 New Sharon Church Rd. Hillsborough NC 27278

<https://www.newsharonchurchnc.org/>

919-732-5144

Interim Pastor: Daniel Knapp

859-640-8795/<mailto:danielandjeanie@gmail.com>

Music Director: Mila Karamushka

Lay Leader: Chris Sykes

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols / December 24, 2023

** Please stand, as able*

Prelude: "O Holy Night" Mila
Adolphe Adam, arr. by J. Michael Case

***Worship in Song:**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (all seven verses) #211

***Welcome and Call to Worship** Chris

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

People: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light shines in the darkness, -- and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

People: We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

People: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: Christ is born; salvation has appeared.

People: Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candles Mark and Cindy Walker

***Worship in Song:**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

***Pastoral Prayer in Unison**

Gracious Lord, be the God of our Christmas celebration.

We rejoice with the shepherds over the good news of

Jesus' birth. We join in the praises of the angelic choir,

saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace

among those with whom he is pleased! Almighty God, you

have favored us with the greatest gift ever given – that your

only begotten son, light of true light, God of true God. May

we never take this your gift for granted; may our songs of praise never fade, and may we treasure it in our hearts always and forever. Bless all of us here gathered in worship as well as our loved ones at home. May peace and joy ring in our hearts and reverberate through our community today in the name of Jesus the new-born King, who taught us to pray-

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

The Word of the Lord

Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible NT p.58

Paul Jones

***Worship in Song**

"Away in a Manger" #217

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229

"What Child Is This" #219

A Christmas Eve Reading

Colossians 1:15-20 Pew Bible NT p.200

Paul Jones

If God Were a Man (From Rev. John MacArthur)

Judi Franklin

Tithes and Offering

Pastor Dan

Offerings may be mailed/brought to church or given online at
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNW6/home> *Thank you!*

Offertory: "Silent Night" Franz Gruber, arr. Melody Bober Mila

***Doxology:** *(Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)* #95

***Worship in Song** "Joy to the World" #246

Special Music: "Welcome to Our World" Chris Rice

Vocal and piano - Mila

Homily

Pastor Dan

Isaiah 9:2-7; *God of the Dark and the Light*

***Worship Song of Benediction**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

Postlude: "Joy to the World"

Mila

George Frederic Handel, arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

God loves you and you are not alone!