

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUEST LINK: Send celebrations and concerns to:
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 via our church webpage at [About Us/Ministries/Sunday School](#)

WORSHIP on Sundays at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary or live stream via our church webpage at [All Sermons/Live Sermon](#)

PLEASE CHECK THE WHITE BOXES NEXT TO THE PASTOR'S OFFICE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!

COMING UP:

December 23 at 5:00 p.m. everyone is invited to go caroling

December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

January 19 at 4:00 p.m., the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall.

January 12 at 4:30 p.m. the SPRC committee will meet in the upstairs classroom.

January 14 at 11:00 a.m. the New Sharon Women will meet in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and join us for devotion and fellowship.

FINANCE REPORT

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!

Monthly Budget Needs \$14,167.00

November Expenses- \$16,369.99

November Credits- \$12,738.04

MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

SOUPER BOWL- A special donation of full meal/family size cans of soups will be collected between January 5 and February 9 for OCIM. As football fans anticipate this year's Super Bowl, let's remember those in need.

BACKPACK BUDDIES: This outreach needs single serving, ready-to-eat/easy to prepare items for breakfast and lunch as well as snack size pouches of fruit, chips, crackers, juice boxes and vegetables.

 **New Sharon Church**
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

December 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.



Our logo is a faithful reproduction of "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane" by Heinrich Hofmann

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Insung Kim

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Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday

as well as by appointment

Pianist/Organist: Hannah Kim

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

December 22, 2024

*Please stand, as able

Welcome and Greeting

*Sharing of Christ's Peace

Christ welcomes us all to the house of the Lord. Welcome each other in the name of Christ's grace, peace, and welcoming mercy.

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

L: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

P: Thanks be to the God of light.

L: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

P: That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.

L: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

P: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.

L: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

P: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196**

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have a tendency to put conditions on everything. We want to know what we have to do, how long this will take, what's in it for us, what are the projected outcomes. Forgive us for our faithlessness, Lord. Slow us down, and cause us to take time to really consider the wonderful ways you have always worked in our lives. As we have come before you with concerns on our hearts for our families, friends, and world, remind us that your presence is with us and your healing love comforts and restores us. In Jesus' Name, we pray Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer *Concluding with The Lord's Prayer*

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.

Special Music: "Trust in God" Brandon Lake Praise Band

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:18-23 Chris Sykes

Message: *God With Us Always!* Pastor Insung

Offering

Offerings may be mailed/brought to church or given online through our church webpage at [Giving](#) Thank you!

***Closing Hymn:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

*Benediction

The Global Methodist Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, witness boldly and grow intentionally.

New Sharon Church has been a house of worship in Hillsborough, NC since 1768. We strive to grow spiritually in Christian faith and to shine the light of Jesus Christ in our world.