

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER REQUEST LINK:** Send celebrations and concerns to:  
[prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org](mailto:prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org)

**CARDS:** To have card sent from church, contact Faye Cleaton  
[fbcleaton@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

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

### COMING UP:

**December 10** at 11:00 a.m. the New Sharon Women will meet in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and \$5.00 for pizza and join us for devotion and fellowship.

**December 14** at 2:00 p.m. Christmas service at Brookshire

**December 15** at 11:00 a.m. the New Sharon choir will present their Christmas Cantata "A Weary World Rejoices"

**December 15** at 4:00 p.m. Iva Walker is inviting everyone to join in the holiday spirit at St. Mary's Chapel in Hillsborough for a Christmas Carol Sing Along. This is a lovely historic Episcopal church established in 1759.

**December 20 at 6:00 p.m.** New Sharon will host a movie night

**December 22** at 1:00 p.m. Christmas service at OCC prison

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

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

### MONTHLY 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.

**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.

**PATHWAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITY:** We are partnering with Pathways to help ensure all their students have a blessed Christmas by supporting our Angel tree. All gifts and food need to be delivered to the church no later than December 12.

 **New Sharon Church**  
*A Global Methodist Congregation*

~ Est. 1768 ~

December 8, 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!

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\*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** (2nd Sunday of Advent)

### Call to Worship

L: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

**P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.**

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

**P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.**

L: The Lord has looked with favor on God's people.

**P: Praise to the Lord!**

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

**P: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.**

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

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we worship You and express our gratitude for Your amazing plan of redemption made possible through the birth of the Christ child. Lord, You have called us out of darkness, and made straight the path. Your word is true, yet we don't always believe it. You are speaking, but are we listening? We need a shepherd to guide and to carry us. Show us the way and forgive our sins. Change us from the inside out. 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:** "Miracle Power" We the Kingdom Praise Band

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:1-7 Paul Jones

**Message:** *God With Us In the Wilderness* Pastor Insung

### Offering

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

\***Closing Hymn:** O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

### \*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.*