

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](#)

COMING UP:

March 19 at 6:00 p.m.- Join the choir to practice for a special Easter Cantata to be held on Sunday, April 20th, 2025.

March 20 at 6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible study continues in the fellowship hall.

March 22 at 4:00 St. Mary's Chapel is celebrating spring with a concert featuring Mary & Megan: The Traveling Mercies

April 8 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.

April 13 at 4:30 p.m. the SPRC committee will meet in the upstairs classroom (now meeting quarterly).

May 11 at 4:00 p.m., the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall (now meeting every other month).

FINANCE REPORT

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!

Monthly Budget Needs \$16,703

February Expenses- \$13,548.97

February Credits- \$16,854.10

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 vegetables, fruit, snacks and juice boxes

SAMARITAN'S PURSE/OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

New Sharon will be collecting items year-round to fulfill our goal of 50 shoeboxes this year. Different items will be collected each month. March Items are "WOW" items- something the children will thoroughly enjoy!

MINISTRY SAFE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: In order to work with our children and youth in any area- nursery care, VBS, Sunday School, etc., leaders must be trained in Ministry Safe practices. There are sign up forms on the back tables for those interested in this training. Please complete the form and return it to Audrey Johnson or Pam Hamilton.

 **New Sharon Church**
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

March 16, 2025

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

by appointment

Pianist/Organist: Hannah Kim

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

March 16, 2025

*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.

Call to Worship

Leader: In the bustling crowds of our lives, where do we seek God? Do we look for Him only in the obvious, in the moments of dazzling miracles and clear answers?

People: We confess that sometimes we only see God in the rainbows, and we lose sight of Him in the shadows.

Leader: We may find ourselves wondering where God has gone. We may feel God is hidden, and we are left alone.

People: Yet, we remember that even in the mystery days, God is present. Though unseen, He is never absent.

Leader: Today, we gather to rediscover the God who is closer than we think. The God who strengthens us for the journey ahead.

People: We come, seeking the God who shares our pain, who whispers comfort in the darkness, and who reminds us: "My love endures forever."

Leader: Let us open our hearts and minds, that we may recognize God's presence, not just in the mountaintop moments, but in the quiet whispers of grace.

People: We worship the God who is always near, the God who is closer than we think. Let us worship Him! AMEN

***Opening Hymn: "Hymn of Promise" #707**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often fail to recognize Your presence in our lives. We become overwhelmed by fear and doubt, forgetting that You are always near. We seek You in moments of triumph but lose sight of You in times of trouble. We confess that we doubt Your presence when we face hardships. Forgive us for our impatience, our lack of trust, and our tendency to look for You only in the obvious. Help us to see Your hand at work in every moment, even when You seem hidden. Teach us to trust in

Your enduring love, which never fails, and to find strength in Your presence, which is always with 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: "Blessed be the Name" Jordan Francis

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8 Paul Jones

Sermon: *God Is Closer Than You Think (2)* Pastor Insung

Offering

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

***Closing Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #140

*Benediction

Welcome to New Sharon Church which 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. We joined the Global Methodist denomination in 2023. The Global Methodist Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, witness boldly and grow intentionally.

We're delighted to have you join us today. If you are visiting, please fill out this information and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Insung as you leave. We hope you feel welcomed and inspired by our worship service. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask the pastor or an usher.

Name: _____

Contact information: (Phone number or email address):
