

## 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](#)

### COMING UP:

**Today, August 3, at 6:30 p.m.** the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee will meet in the fellowship hall.

**August 5 at 6:30 p.m.** the Methodist Men will meet in the fellowship hall

**August 12 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.

**August 13 at 5:30 p.m.** the 'Hands and Feet of Christ' (HFC) Men's Group will host a Wednesday night dinner. The menu will consist of a burrito/nacho bar, beverages and desserts.

**August 16 from 1:00-4:00** 'Faith on the Farm': A day of fun for families to learn about Jesus, Our Shepherd, through music, song and stories.

**August 24 at 9:00 a.m.** the 'Hands and Feet of Christ' (HFC) will meet in the fellowship hall.

**September 14 at 4:00 p.m.** the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall.

**Small Groups:** Pastor Insung will be facilitating small groups beginning in August. There is a sign up sheet on the podium at the back of the church.

### FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs: \$16,703

June Expenses: \$18,224.00

June Credits: \$13,857.07

### MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

#### **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. August items are school supplies- remember that they have to fit in a shoebox! You may also make a donation to the church, earmarked for Samaritan's Purse, which will be used to pay for shipping the boxes and buying additional items as needed. Detailed shopping lists are available on the tables at both sanctuary entrances.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR PATHWAYS ELEMENTARY** are available at both sanctuary entrances. We will take the to the school prior to the opening day for students- August 25.



New Sharon Church  
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

August 3, 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!

August 3, 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: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**Congregation: We come seeking wisdom, knowing that even in trials, we can find purpose. We respond to Your invitation, Lord, to draw near to You.**

Leader: Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

**Congregation: For we know that the testing of our faith produces perseverance. We accept this truth and invite Your Spirit to work in us.**

Leader: Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Congregation: If any of us lacks wisdom, let us ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault. We humbly come, ready to receive Your abundant grace.**

Leader: Let us ask in faith, not wavering, because anyone who wavers is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

**Congregation: We stand together, ready to receive the wisdom that allows us to profit from our problems. We commit to unwavering faith as we enter Your presence. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" #142**

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we humbly come before you, acknowledging the times we have faltered in the face of life's challenges. We confess that when trials arise, our first instinct is often to complain or to fear, rather than to seek the joy and growth you promise in your Word. We admit that our faith often wavers, and we fail to fully trust in your sovereign plan, especially when circumstances feel overwhelming. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of patience, our deep-seated**

**doubts, and our resistance to the transformative work you long to do within us through every hardship. Cleanse our hearts, we pray, and renew our spirits. Empower us, by your Holy Spirit, to embrace every challenge not as a burden, but as a sacred opportunity to draw closer to you, to deepen our reliance on your wisdom, and to mature into the complete and whole individuals you intend us to be. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

### Announcements, 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.**

**Ministry Through Music: "Jesus Does"**

Praise Band

**Scripture Reading: James 1:1-6**

Paul Jones

**Sermon: "The Unexpected Gains of Hardship (1)"**

Pastor Insung

### Offering

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

**Offertory "I Offer My Life"**

### Holy Communion

**\*Closing Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #368**

### \*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): \_\_\_\_\_