

## 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](#)

### CALENDAR EVENTS:

**December 6 at 5:00** the New Sharon Women will host a Chicken and Dumplings dinner with sides, desserts and beverages. The cost will be \$10 per plate.

**December 9 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.

**December 13 at 2:30** the New Sharon Women will host a "Birthday Party for Jesus". Children of all ages are invited for an afternoon of Christmas Bingo, music and cake.

### FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs: \$16,703

October Expenses: \$12,329.50

October Credits: \$19,465.27

### MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**OCIM** (Orange Congregations in Mission): There is a list of staples needed on the tables at both sanctuary entrances. Their shelves are very low so all donations will be greatly appreciated!

**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 and snacks.

**ANGEL TREE:** Gifts for the 12 Angel Tree recipients need to be back at the church by December 11. Thank you for supporting this special mission!

**TIME OF PRAYER:** The fellowship hall is open on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:15 for those who wish to join Jayne S. The time will begin with prayers for our church and congregation, then our community and closing with prayer for our country. The prayers may be silent or aloud. You may also join from wherever you are by setting yourself a reminder and lifting up prayers at that time.



New Sharon Church  
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

**First Sunday of Advent**  
November 30, 2025



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

1601 New Sharon Church Rd. Hillsborough NC 27278

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

Church Office: 919-732-5144

Lay Leader: Chris Sykes

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

Interim Pastor: Daniel Knapp

**November 30, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

\* 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**

Leader - In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity

**All - that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.**

Leader - In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission,

**All - that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.**

Leader - In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,

**All - that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Of the Fathers Love Begotten" #184**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: In this holy season of waiting, we confess not only our sin, but our weariness, our distractions, and our hesitations to hope. Let us come before God, trusting in mercy. Let us pray together:

**All: Merciful God, In a world of quick fixes and fast answers, we confess that we forget how to wait.**

**We have rushed past your voice and ignored your promises.**

**We have filled the silence with noise instead of listening for your coming. Forgive us, Lord.**

**Renew our hope and teach us to watch again for You, through Jesus Christ, our Coming Lord. 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: "Evidence" Praise Band**

**Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5 Paul Jones**

**Sermon: And the Word Was God Pastor Dan**

### **Offering**

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

**Offertory "Thou Art Worthy" SoP #13**

**\*Closing Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240**

### **\*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 mission of 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.*

*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):  
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