

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](#)

SHARE CHRISTMAS CARDS with one another by using the white boxes next to the pastor's office. Please check each Sunday!

CALENDAR EVENTS:

December 16 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 24 at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

January 9, at 4:00 p.m. the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall.

January 19 at 4:30 the SPRC committee will meet in the upstairs classroom.

FINANCE REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs: \$16,703

November Expenses: \$11,584.74

November Credits: \$10,213.02

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: Thank you for the generous donations to the Angel Tree for the students at Pathways Elementary!

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.



Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 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

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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

Call to Worship

Leader: This is Advent, the season of expectation. In homes throughout the land Christmas cards have arrived and stand displayed on mantelpiece and windowsill. Festive trees are adorned with tinsel and baubles, and children wonder what gifts will lie beneath them this year. Two thousand years ago a people waited expectantly as they listened to a prophet called John talk of one who was to come, the Promised One of God, and they began to prepare themselves for that moment.

All: Father God, your servant John the Baptist came with a challenging message; calling for repentance and lives to be transformed. Those who heard were filled with expectation, waiting for Messiah, and yet ultimately failing to notice his arrival in that humble stable.

This Advent season, may we be filled with expectation, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all; your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218**

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, we are a wandering people who kneel before you now. A people who bring prayers and requests to your feet when we have need of you and nowhere else to turn, then go our own way when times are good and life is easy. Forgive us and draw us close. Teach us your way that we might follow. Help us to walk in your company and know your presence from the moment we awake until we lay our heads to rest. 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: "Good, Good Father" Praise Band

Scripture Reading: John 1:9-13 Paul Jones

Sermon: To All Who Receive Him Pastor Dan

Offering

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

Offertory

***Closing Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234**

*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):
