

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 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.

January 13 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.

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.

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 ~

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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

December 21, 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.

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader: The preparations are in place, the excitement mounts, and for those who are journeying to families, arrangements are finalized, clothes sorted, gifts wrapped and labelled. Two thousand years ago and more, a pregnant girl called Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth who was also expecting. As soon as they greeted each other, the baby in Elizabeth's womb kicked out, and she interpreted this as a sign from God that Mary was greatly blessed, because she believed that all God had promised would be fulfilled in her life.

All: Father God, when we consider your servant Mary, what we see is a humility and obedience that is so often lacking in our own lives. As we hear your Word again, and consider the one through whose body you entered this world, remind us of the meaning of humility and grant us a confidence of faith that knows your promises to us are always fulfilled.

***Opening Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have done so much for us and we so little in return.

You ask for humility and we are often a proud people.

You ask for willingness and we are often a stubborn people.

You ask for repentance and we are often a deaf people.

You ask for service and we are often a busy people.

Gracious God, you want the best for us.

Teach us obedience.

Grant us forgiveness that we, like Mary, might be your willing servants. 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: "Who You Say I Am" Praise Band

Scripture Reading: John 1:14-18 Paul Jones

Sermon: *The Preeminence of the Incarnate Word*

Pastor Dan

Offering

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

Offertory

***Closing Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238**

*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): _____