

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](#)

THANK YOU- The trees and door wreaths are donations from Smith Family Farm in memory of Dupree and Mae Smith. A thank you card is at the back of the sanctuary for the Densons. Please sign it to express your appreciation.

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.

December 13 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the holiday spirit at St. Mary's Chapel in Hillsborough for a Christmas Carol Sing Along. This is a lovely historic Episcopal church established in 1759.

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

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: 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 ~

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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 preparation. The shops are full of gifts that we might give or receive. Streets are decorated and choirs begin the rounds of community centers and retirement homes with their seasonal offerings of carols. As we prepare, we remember another, John the Baptist, who came to prepare the Jewish people for the arrival of Jesus. John would prepare the way through a call to repentance, so that hearts and souls would be ready to receive the One who was to come.

All: Father God, prepare our hearts not only for the celebration to come, but also for sharing that Good News as we, like the Baptist, bear witness to the light of Jesus with friends, family and work colleagues should opportunity arise. Grant us courage and a real willingness to talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196**

Prayer of Confession

You, Lord God, challenge us this Advent time, this season of preparation to put aside our pride and understand our need for repentance, forgiveness and mercy, less of self, more of you, preparation for our journey to the stable and beyond. Purify our hearts, sanctify our lives that we might serve you faithfully this day and all days. 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 1:6-8 Paul Jones

Sermon: *The Witness to the Light* Pastor Dan

Offering

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

Offertory

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220**

***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):
