

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](#)

BIRTHDAY CARD- Otis Johnson will celebrate his birthday on January 10. Please sign his birthday card that is on the back podium.

CALENDAR EVENTS:

January 9 at 4:00 p.m. the Administrative Council 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.

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

Annual Souper Bowl- The New Sharon Women will be collecting family size cans of soup for OCIM from January 4-February 8. Cathy and Warren will see that the soup is delivered to OCIM on a weekly basis. There are bins at both entrances to the church. Thank you for supporting this mission!

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: During the winter months we are encouraging everyone to set a timer for Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and lift up prayers for our church and congregation, our community and our country. In the spring we plan to meet again in the fellowship hall for group prayer. What a blessing to be able to spend this time with our Lord and know others are doing so at the same time!



New Sharon Church
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

January 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.



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

Interim Pastor: Patrick Davis

Pianist: Pam Davis

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

January 4, 2026

* 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: Come, people of God,

People: We come seeking the joy of the Lord.

Leader: Come with your whole hearts—

with gratitude, with hope, and even with weariness.

People: We come as we are, trusting God to meet us here.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!

People: We lift our voices and our lives in joyful praise.

Leader: Let us worship God,

All: whose joy is our strength. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We confess that we often seek joy in the wrong places and forget the joy You freely give. We allow worry, fear, and distraction to crowd out gratitude and praise.

Forgive us, Lord.

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, renew our hearts by Your Spirit, and lead us to live with faith and thanksgiving. We trust in Your mercy and grace.

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: "Build My Life" Praise Band

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:1-11 Paul Jones

Sermon: *How to Increase Your Joy: The Single Mind*
Pastor Patrick Davis

Offering

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

Offertory

***Closing Hymn: "This is the Day of New Beginnings" #383**

*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 an usher.

Name: _____

Contact information: (Phone number or email address):
