

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](#)

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Today, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall

March 8 at 4:30 p.m. the SPRC will meet in the upstairs classroom

March 10 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.

March 18 at 5:30 p.m. the New Sharon Women will host a Wednesday night dinner. The menu will include baked spaghetti, salad, deserts and beverages.

April 18 from 7:30-noon there will be a yard sale, bake sale and biscuit breakfast in the fellowship hall sponsored by the New Sharon Women and New Sharon Men. We are accepting 'gently used' items that you can leave in the middle classroom downstairs. No clothes please...

FINANCE REPORT:

January Expenses: \$12,276.49

January Credits: \$7,522.14

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: 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, pastor and congregation, our community and our country. 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 is looking to hire a pianist to play for our 11:00 worship service. If you, or someone you know, is interested in the position please contact Audrey or Judi.



New Sharon Church
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

February 22, 2026

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent



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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ken Helms

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PastorKen@newsharonchurchnc.org

Pastor's Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.- noon, Wednesday - Friday & by appointment

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

FEBRUARY 22, 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

Chris Sykes

Leader: There are seasons when the road feels long and the air feels thin.

People: Still, God is faithful.

Leader: There are voices that promise quick comfort and easy answers.

People: Still, God's Word is our sure foundation.

Leader: When we are weary, uncertain, or quietly tested,

People: The Lord remains our strength.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who meets us in every season.

People: Let us worship the God whose truth steadies our steps.

Leader: Come with honest hearts and open spirits.

All: We come to worship the Lord our God.

***OPENING HYMN:** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You are faithful, yet we confess we are often restless.

We look for quick relief instead of lasting trust.

We lean on our own understanding rather than Your steady truth.

When life feels uncertain, we grasp for control.

When the way seems hard, we search for easier paths.

Forgive us, Lord.

Quiet the noise within us.

Root us again in Your promises.

Strengthen our trust and shape our hearts to follow You faithfully.

In Christ's name, 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:12-19 Paul Jones

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC: "Walk With Jesus"

Praise Band

***SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Ken

SERMON: *If You Are*

Pastor Ken

OFFERING

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

***DOXOLOGY**

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Take Time To Be Holy"

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***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 Pastor Ken or an usher.

Name: _____

Contact information: (Phone number or email address): _____