

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to New Sharon! We're delighted to have you join us today. If you are visiting, or are a member wishing to have a visit from Pastor Ken, please fill out a Connection Card (located in the pew pockets) and place it in the offering plate.

**PRAYER REQUEST LINK:** Send celebrations and concerns to:  
[prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org](mailto:prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org)

**CARDS:** To have card sent from church, contact Faye Cleaton:  
[fbcleaton@gmail.com](mailto: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:

**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 15 at 4:30 p.m.** the SPRC will meet in the upstairs classroom.

**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.

**March 22 at 4:00 p.m.** the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall

**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:

February Expenses: \$10,608.82

February Credits: \$12,306.75

### 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**  
*A Global Methodist Congregation*

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March 8, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent



*Our logo is a faithful reproduction of "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane" by Heinrich Hofmann*

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Pastor's Office Hours:

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

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

**MARCH 8, 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:**

Come, all who are weary and searching.  
Come, all who carry burdens seen and unseen.

#### **People:**

**We come seeking hope.**

#### **Leader:**

God meets us not only in strength, but also in our need.  
Christ calls to us even in the ordinary places of life.

#### **People:**

**Lord, fill our thirsty hearts.**

#### **Leader:**

Come just as you are—longing for grace and peace.

#### **People:**

**We come to worship the Lord.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89

### **BAPTISM OF CAINON AARON MILLER**

**\*SONG:** "God Claims You"

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious Lord,**

**Too often we try to fill our lives with things that cannot truly satisfy. We chase comfort and control, yet still find ourselves weary. Forgive us for the times we turn from You and miss the grace You freely offer. Renew our hearts, draw us closer to You, and lead us into the life only You can give. In Christ's name we pray, 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:** Exodus 17:1-7 Paul Jones

**MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC:** "Goodness of God"

Praise Band

**\*SCRIPTURE READING:** John 4:4-13 Pastor Ken

**SERMON:** *Give Me This Water* Pastor Ken

### **OFFERING**

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

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Freely, Freely" #389

### **\*BENEDICTION**

## **WEEKLY UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m.** the New Sharon Women will meet in the fellowship hall. This group supports local and national missions- OCIM, Pathways Elementary School, Angel Tree and Operation Christmas Child. The meeting includes devotion and prayer requests, a business portion and fellowship time during which we share lunch (each person brings their own). All ladies are welcome so bring a friend and join us every second Tuesday!

**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.**