

March 17, 2024

10:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS
(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts.)

Christ came to stir up people's cold hearts so that they might be aroused from their complacency, indifference, hedonism, and follow Him. The Christian who has experienced this love of God on the cross, has to be the vision of Christ in this world. Christ lives in us, offering the good news of redemption. The Christian is one who brings the message of love uncompromisingly, not forcefully nor dogmatically but as a steady stream that finds its way around the obstacles and into the cold hearts of people so that they may know the love of the Father.

"If you mourn the fallenness of this world rather than curse its difficulties, you know that grace has visited you." - Paul David Tripp

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH March Scripture: (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #805

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

***THE PEACE:** "May the peace of Christ be with you."

***HYMN:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal #558

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (unison)

Father in heaven, who grieves over the sins of humanity, yet whose love provides forgiveness in the atoning death of your Son: convict us of our sins against your love, convince us of your desire to forgive as we offer hearts of repentance as we silently reflect on our lives before you (moment of silence)..... May our Lord's death fulfill your purpose in our lives through the freedom only available through Christ.

We know you have loved us enough to give the life of your Son, and yet we have failed to follow your will as we intended when first accepting your gift of grace through faith. Forgive us and help us to realize that we nail him to the cross anew, through deeds done and deeds ignored, that keep us from knowing the fullness of life with you. Lord, transform our hearts, minds, our whole nature to live in full commitment to Christ our redeemer living lives that reflect the very love received from Him in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

MISSION MOMENT - Hope Academy of the Bronx

***OLD TESTAMENT:** Joel 2:12-17

Bible p. 901

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (John 15:13-15)

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

*DOXOLOGY:

Hymnal #808

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***HYMN:** "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Hymnal #199

PREACHING THE WORD

***GOSPEL:** Luke 17:1-10

Bible p.1037

SERMON: "A Lighthouse of Redemption"

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** "Bind Us Together"

Hymnal #690

***BENEDICTION** and **THREEFOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)



NEXT WEEK: We continue the series "Journey to Jerusalem" – our theme for Lent. May this be a season of prayer and repentance as we seek God's loving care through this Lenten series. Prepare each week by reflecting on the Word of God through the devotional material inserted in this bulletin. Next week is Palm Sunday. Come to worship having read the scripture for the day, which Mar 24 will be **Luke 18:15-30**.

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN LUNCHEON

A time of learning and discussion around the series
"The Journey: The Story of the Bible
from Creation to New Creation."

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Nicole Thorp, health.
- Amos Munch, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Willis Stephens, (Jon Stephens' father), health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Nic & Christy Brenner; Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Planting; Lion of Judah Academy.

DONATIONS FOR THE VETERANS HOSPITAL

The church continues collecting items for the Veterans Hospital in West Haven. There is a list of needed items in the Fellowship Hall.

HOPELINE is in need of several items. Please bring them to church and place them in the basket in the narthex.

(List of needed items is in the Narthex)

UPCOMING:

Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Luncheon (Sunday)

Mar. 17, 24

Third Thursday Prayer

Mar. 21st at 7:00 pm

DEACONS of the church are always available to meet with you, pray with you, and hear your concerns.

PRAYER TEAM

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at the Sherman Church.

A Prayer Team meets every Thursday to pray for our Church Family.

If you have an immediate prayer concern, please call or email the church office or the Pastor. We will share the need with the Prayer Team.

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 23, 10:00 AM
A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Humbling Ourselves Before a God of Grace and Love.

March 24 – 10:00 AM
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

Celebrating a Misunderstood Messiah

March 28 – 6:30 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER & THE LORD'S SUPPER

A Suffering Servant Shares New Life with Disciples

March 29 – 7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENANBRAE

The Seven Last Word of Christ

March 31
6:30 AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Rejoicing in the Risen Son!

10:00 AM CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

Jesus is the Living Hope

RELATING IN LOVE

Jesus said: "You are to love every other person as you love yourself."

Luke 10:27



THE SHERMAN CHURCH
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FREE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES!!

How many times do you hear that-especially from the treasurer?
We have numbered, dated envelopes to use for your checks or cash to put in the offering plate.

The numbers make it easy for our financial secretary to keep track of your pledges. Please contact Barbara at 860-210-0598 or email blhoag@charter.net to get your **FREE envelopes!!**

OUR CHURCH:

Pastor:	Rev. John Loring Carpenter, Interim Pastor
Ministers:	The Congregation
Minister of Music:	Carolyn Kopsick
Moderator:	Edna Coons
Chair of Deacons:	Charles Mastroni
Co-Chair of Trustees:	Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
Flowers:	Lynne Gomez
Announcements:	Aimee Suhie
Prayers of the People:	Jill Finch
Reader:	Laura Baxter
Greeter:	Aimee Suhie
Coffee Hour Host:	Paul & Carol Voorhees
Nursery:	Anna Galasso
Usher:	Laura Baxter

AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME OF PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE DON'T MISS A DAY OF "CONSECRATE THE PEOPLE"

The devotions to prepare our hearts for the upcoming Solemn Assembly this coming Saturday at 10:00 AM. Taking time each day to reflect on our lives and see where God is calling us to repent and seek His transforming presence through this devotional can bring us closer to God's love. The Solemn Assembly is a specific, significant, solemn gathering of God's people to pray, repent, affirm His call, and embrace His covenant relationship.

COME JOIN IN PRAYER MARCH 23, 10:00 AM!

TRANSITION TEAM WANTS YOUR INPUT

What qualities do you want in a pastor? Personable, caring, magnetic? What skills and abilities do you think are most important for the next pastor of this church? Your opinion is important as the TT puts together a profile of "pastor next" for The Sherman Church. Surveys were emailed Monday, March 11; check your inbox. Hard copies are in the Narthex. **Please respond by March 31, 2024.**

CALENDAR

March 17th - March 23rd

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

SUNDAY:

WORSHIP SERVICES at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Lenten Luncheon - Fifth Sunday in Lent (After Worship)

WEDNESDAY:

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall
AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY:

PRAYER IN THE PARLOR at 6:45 P.M
Dial-in Number: 667-770-1484; when prompted access code 357664#.
AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY at 10:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Pot-Luck
The Last Supper*



If you will be joining us each family is asked to bring either a main dish, casserole, large salad, or a dessert.

To R.S.V.P. you can either drop this form in the collection plate, call or email Jess in the Church Office or you can call Jill Finch .

The Church Office:
(860)354-6114
Info@shermanchurch.org

Jill Finch:
(860)355-8707

Name: _____

of adults _____ # of children _____

I will bring:

Main dish: _____

Casserole: _____

Salad: _____

Dessert: _____

***Our pot-luck supper will be followed by a
Communion Service at 7:30 PM***



EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

The flower committee is making plans to decorate the church sanctuary and the outside of the church for the Easter season.

Memorials will again be done by free-will donations to the Flower Fund in place of individual plant ordering.

Flower donation envelopes are available in each pew as of **March 3, 2024**. Simply place your donation in an envelope, with "In Memorial or In Honor of..." and place it in the offering plate.

The amount of your donation will only be known to the Financial Secretary of the church. If you do not live in the local area and wish to donate to the Flower Fund, please mail it, clearly marked, to the church office and your gift will be entered into the memorial folder. To be included in the memorial folder your donation should be received by **March 24th**. Donations to the Flower Fund will go to all decorations unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or speak with Penny LeMasurier, Edna Coons or Anna Galasso on Sunday morning! Keep an eye out for the next Flower Committee meeting. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to join us.





MARCH

MISSION MOMENT

WHO WE SERVE

Hope Academy of the Bronx serves at-risk children those who, because of academic or behavioral challenges, are not succeeding in public or private schools and have little hope of earning a high school diploma.

We teach the Bible because it reveals the Triune God, His nature, man's depravity, and need for Redemption. The Bible is the foundation through which all other disciplines are understood and truth is evaluated.

We teach Science because it reveals the Creator and magnifies the creativity, design, and order of God's universe. Studying Science promotes the inquiry of the material world so that "men are without excuse" (Romans 1:22) as to the existence and power of God.

Through strategic, personalized, Christ-centered teaching and mentoring, we guide students from the fifth-grade level to the successful completion of high school.

A MINISTRY OF...

Hope Academy is a ministry of The Bronx

Household of Faith (BHOF), an urban church in the Reformed tradition and a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC). Since 1972, the members of BHOF have been witnessing to the gospel of Christ through word and deed in the neighborhood of University Heights.

OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

Committed to a quality Christ-centered education, Hope Academy exists to challenge and equip undereducated students in The Bronx to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength and to live for God's glory.

We teach Language Arts because God has given people the desire and ability to communicate both through oral and written expression. The study of Literature, Phonics, Grammar, Spelling, and Writing are essential components of effective communication.

We teach mathematics because it reveals the order of the created world. The intricacies and predictability of math teach critical thinking and problem solving that sharpen the mind and enhance daily living.

Our ultimate aim is to clearly and consistently declare the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, as they are displayed in His creation and His Word; our desire is to proclaim the gospel of Christ and to see our students respond in faith to this life-changing message of hope.