

**PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR**

**COME WORSHIP THE LORD!**



**PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS**

*(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts.)*

*We don't obey to get his favor; we obey because his favor has fallen on us and transformed our hearts, giving us the willingness and power to obey....His love for you is never a result of your character; it is a clear demonstration of his....This means that if you obey him for a thousand years, you will have no more of his favor than when you first believed. Now, that truly is grace!"  
– Paul David Tripp*

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**April Scripture: (Eph 1:18-19)**

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

**PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 54:10)

**INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

Lord, as your covenant people, we praise You for Your willingness to send the Light of the world to dispel the darkness that once held us captive. Your indefatigable love is incredible. You never give up on us; You persistently pursue us, offering us the way of peace to replace the way of perversity. You offer Your good will to replace our grim willfulness. In spite of everything thing we do to break Your heart, You remain steadfast with us. May our love for you never end as our prayer continues as you taught, our Father...

**\*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**

**\*HYMN: "To God Be the Glory"** **Hymnal #72**

**\*NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 8:5-11** **Bible p. 1118**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER** (Deuteronomy 8:16-18)

He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you...But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

**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: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** **Hymnal #130**

**PREACHING THE WORD**

**\*NEW TESTAMENT:** Ephesians 2:1-10 **Bible p.1156**

**SERMON:** "Made To Be More: Part 1"

**PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST**

**\*HYMN: "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"** **Hymnal #502**

**\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)



**FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP**

**NEXT WEEK:** Rev Carpenter leaves after worship for a meeting of the CCCC. He will be back for the National Day of Prayer service at 6:00 PM on Thursday. Preaching next Sunday is Charlie Mastroni. We will continue our Ephesians series May 12 with Eph. 2:11-22.

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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
- Penny LeMasurier, health

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

**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.

## 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)**

## THE SHERMAN CHURCH

A MEMBER CHURCH OF  
THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE  
6 Church Road | Sherman, CT 06784  
860-354-6114  
info@shermanchurch.org | Shermanchurch.org

## UPCOMING:

### Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday. 10:00 a.m.

### National Day of Prayer

May 2nd, 6:00pm

### First Friday Fellowship

May 3rd, 6:30pm

### Teen Night

May 10, 6-8pm

### Third Thursday Prayer

May 16th at 7:00 pm

### Hearts and Crafts

May 20th, 9:00 am



# THE SHERMAN CHURCH

*April 28, 2024*

## SHIFTING FROM TRANSITION TO SEARCH

Over the past month the Transition Team has shifted from assessment to beginning the search. Thank you all for your input in the may surveys. Your responses will help in discerning the one God is preparing to lead this church. Your prayer for the next phase of the search is essential as they listen to sermons, review written materials, and prayerful dialogue with prospective pastors. Meanwhile, we as a congregation seek God's guidance as we implement activities that will help us accomplish the Vision God has put before us. Get a copy of the Vision for The Sherman Church on the table as you leave and place it in a place that will remind you of what to pray.



**FIRST FRIDAY**

**THE LAST CHANCE DETECTIVES**

Come watch a short film and help the Last Chance Detectives solve the mystery!

**COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN, POPCORN, PIZZA AND ICE CREAM!**

**Friday, May 3rd at 6:30pm**



**TEEN NIGHT**

Bring a friend! A fun night of hanging out with friends, games, pizza, snacks and more!  
Teens can be dropped off, Parents are welcome to stay.

**FRIDAY** MAY 10

**STARTS** 06:00pm - 8:00pm

**THE SHERMAN CHURCH**  
6 Church Road, Sherman, CT 06784

**AGES 11 AND UP**

Contact Us **860.354.6114** For More Information **info@shermanchurch.org**

**R.S.V.P'S ARE WELCOME, BUT NOT NECESSARY.**

## OUR CHURCH:

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. John Loring Carpenter, Interim Pastor
<b>Ministers:</b>	The Congregation
<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Carolyn Kopsick
<b>Moderator:</b>	Edna Coons
<b>Chair of Deacons:</b>	Charles Mastroni
<b>Co-Chair of Trustees:</b>	Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
<b>Flowers:</b>	Anna Galasso
<b>Announcements:</b>	Aimee Suhie
<b>Prayers of the People:</b>	Laura Baxter
<b>Reader:</b>	Barbara Hoag
<b>Greeter:</b>	Don & Edna Coons
<b>Coffee Hour Host:</b>	Ken Leach and Suzanne Browning
<b>Nursery:</b>	Aimee Suhie
<b>Usher:</b>	Don Coons

## CALENDAR

**April 28 - May 4, 2024**

(Links for online meetings may be found at [shermanchurch.org](http://shermanchurch.org))

### SUNDAY:

**WORSHIP SERVICES** at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### WEDNESDAY:

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

**DEACONS** at 7:00 P.M. Online

**AA** at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

### THURSDAY:

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** at 6:00pm - Sanctuary

**AA** at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY:

**FIRST FRIDAY** at 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall

# 2024 ANNUAL GATHERING - THE GREAT MULTITUDE

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice:  
"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."  
(Revelation 7:9-10)



Rev. Matthew P. John,  
Senior Pastor,  
Lake Avenue Church -  
Pasadena

The theme of this year's Annual Gathering is centered on our value of "A Membership Reflective of the Harvest Field's Diversity". It is our desire impact our current generation with the message of the Gospel. We are confident that this will lead to a more diverse membership, with churches and pastors who are younger and represent new ethnic groups coming to our country.

The theme scripture reminds us that our focus as a Christ-centered Congregational Conference remains the same, even as our membership becomes more diverse.



Rev. Ron Hamilton  
Conference Minister,  
CCCC

July 30-August 2, 2024  
Crowne Plaza - Warwick, Rhode Island

Register NOW online: [cccusa.com](http://cccusa.com)  
EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS JUNE 30th.

## SAVE THESE DATES

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd



**National Day of Prayer**, an annual observance throughout our country praying for God's wisdom and guidance for our nation's leaders. We will have a special service of prayer starting at 6:00 PM.

## VBS REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP ARE NOW OPEN!

**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**

**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**  
*Sign up today!*

Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.

## IN NEED OF ALL THINGS "BEACHY"

As we get ready for another amazing VBS journey, VBS - Breaker Rock Beach, is in need of anything "Beachy". Since our theme is BREAKER ROCK BEACH, can you look and see if you can help us with any items that you would see on a beach/beach theme?

Coolers, umbrellas, decor, etc.

# SERMON NOTES – April 28, 2024

Ephesians 2:1-10

Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the world? Why?

Was Paul optimistic or pessimistic?

## Paul's description of DEATH

## Paul's description of LIFE

What God has done for a believer?

Why has God done this?

What difference does it make?

A core commitment of the local church is to help disciples investigate their masterpiece (God's handiwork in them). Every disciple is a unique, handcrafted-by-God vessel for expressing the fullness of Jesus into every culture and into every sphere of society.

## A VISION FOR THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Adopted April 7, 2024

Our vision is to be known as the place to find peace and joy and experience the passion of a personal relationship with Christ. We want everyone to feel welcomed, to have a safe and comfortable place to be, ask questions, find help, have fun, and ultimately participate in a Christian journey. We feel God's call to make ourselves accessible by having a presence at local events—in Sherman and neighboring communities—and providing a listening and understanding ear to those who are in need, such as pre-teens and seniors. Our church will be a beacon for Christ-led ministry that supports underserved individuals within our community. Our congregation will identify how best to use their gifts to encourage and welcome these people. Music, prayer and hospitality are vital parts of this vision.