

September 1, 2024

10:00 AM

THE LORD'S SUPPER
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

The truth is, when Kingdom work is done God's way, the benefits far outweigh the cost. Instead of making guilt-producing appeals for help, we need to help God's people understand that the blessings of God far exceed anything they could give.
- Don Cousins

The Holy Spirit can help us turn from the temptation to become masters of camouflage that blend into the world. When we submit to Him daily, we can look more like Jesus. As we live in unity and love, He'll draw others to Christ in all His glory.
- Xochitl Dixon

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

September Scripture: Ephesians 6:6-7

"Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if y were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free."

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN: " All Creatures of Our God and King"

Hymnal #356

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

*OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 4:4-23

Bible p. 475

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (Matthew 10:7-8)

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

*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: "All For Jesus! All for Jesus!"

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #570

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Vision Dust-Off: Operating as the Body of Christ"
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Bible p. 1137

*HYMN: " In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Hymnal #209 vs. 1,2,4)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: "Pass It On"

Hymnal #648

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)
(** We use grape juice and unleavened bread)



FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

NEXT WEEK: Members and families of the Sherman Fire Department – First Responders in time of need -- have been invited so that we may offer thanks for their dedication and prayer for their continued safety. This will be a celebration of their faithful service to the community, a gift to all of us from the One who has called them into service for our benefit.

COMING UP:

Sept. 15th, Robert and Nina Bruneau, missionaries to Central America we have supported for many years, will be joining us in worship. A luncheon will follow during Fellowship Hour, so plan to stay and get to know them and their ministry better.

Sept. 16th, starts 100 Days Of Prayer!

Sept. 23rd and 24th new Growth Groups will begin. Be on the look out in the September Emphasis for more information!

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:

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 IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church. You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church on a telephone conference call by **Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.**

You may also make a prayer request anytime by calling the church office. Our Church Administrator will ensure the prayer request is communicated to our Pastor and Deacons. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-921-1952) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

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.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH
Gathering Since 1744

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

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

September 1, 2024

“VISION DUST-OFF: OPERATING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST”

A VISION FOR
THE SHERMAN CHURCH

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.

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Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study will resume Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 10am with prayer in Fellowship Hall and at 11 with a review of 1Peter: 1-3 with Julie Astbury. Wednesdays thereafter will be prayer only at 10, and Julie will return for the season Oct. 16 for Bible study every week. No Bible knowledge is necessary, and all women are welcome.

Hearts & Crafts

We will be back on September 9th at 9:00am to meet in Fellowship Hall.

Sherman Church Choir

Has returned starting August 25th.



Committee this fall will once again join in the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection, both with physical boxes this year and online donations. Because the committee was so small last year, we did not encourage the donation of physical boxes. But we are a robust committee this year and welcome donations which will be blessed November 3 during the worship service.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

If you opt to donate online, you may choose what items you want Samaritan’s Purse to put in your shoebox or you may just ask them to choose items. You may also follow your shoebox online to its destination. If you donate online, please do so through the Sherman Church website so we can track how many boxes were filled online.

<https://sampur.se/4fMDHZH>

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.



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:	Edna Coons
Announcements:	Aimée Suhie
Prayers of the People:	Laura Baxter
Reader:	Tara Alemany
Coffee Hour Host:	Aimée Suhie
Nursery:	Aimée Suhie
Usher:	Charles Mastroni

CALENDAR
September 1, - September 7, 2024
(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

- SUNDAY:**
WORSHIP SERVICES at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)
- TUESDAY:**
MISSIONS at 7:15 P.M. Online
- WEDNESDAY:**
DEACONS at 7:00 P.M. Online
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

Will serve	More Info	MINISTRY
		WORSHIP
		Read Scripture
		Sounds System Help
		Flower Ministry
		Usher
		Host Coffee Hour
		Sing in the Choir
		Play Musical Instrument (List):
		Periodic Special Contemporary Worship Services -- Plan and lead
		Periodic Special Contemporary Worship Services -- Praise & Worship Music
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		Sunday School Teacher (ages):
		Sunday School Helper
		Nursery Care
		VBS (in the summer)
		Host a Growth Group
		Lead a Growth Group
		Attend Women's Bible Study Gorup
		Attend Men's Bible Study Group
		OUTREACH & EVANGELISM
		Participate in Group Prayer
		Host a Seeker/Home Bible Study
		Youth Outreach Ministry
		Outreach Event Team

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

MY STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY IN CHRIST

The Sherman Church
6 Church Road
Sherman, CT 06784

STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY IN CHRIST

Where is God calling me to serve?

As we enter a fall season of ministry, we are reminded that we are all MINSTERS of the Gospel, called to be disciples who are living for Christ as He leads. We are adopted into the BODY OF CHRIST, co-heirs with Jesus, ambassadors of the Kingdom. Considering our Spiritual Gifts, Skills, Talents, there are many ways to serve. Let us consider where God is calling us for the coming church year.

QUESTION:

If I had three wishes for this church what would they be?

What can I do in the coming months to help them come true?

CONSIDER:

- What excites me about the Vision of this church?
- What passions, skills, gifts have I received from God and experience that can help accomplish the Vision?
- What areas of ministry in this church do I want to learn more about? (Note this in the response column.)

PRAY:

Lord, are there things that hold me back? Please guide me through these hesitant thoughts. Are there reasons I don't feel equipped? Please encourage me to learn and grow more in wisdom and assurance. Help me understand how serving in these ways I can grow closer to you and how walking with you in these areas can build my faith in ways I cannot imagine.

CHOOSE/RESPOND:

Review the areas of ministry and respond to God's leading by indicating a) areas you are willing to serve, b) areas you need more information about.

A	B	MINISTRY
Will Serve	More Info.	
		FELLOWSHIP
		Help with pot-luck meals
		Help Book of Remembrance
		Friday Fun Night Help
		Other:
		MINISTY CARE
		Thursday Prayer
		Special Prayer Events
		Visit Families for Encouragement
		"Friendship" Phone Calls
		Other:
		PROPERTY
		Help on Workdays
		Help with Maintenance Issues (list skills/areas):
		LEADERSHIP
		Moderator
		Clerk
		Treasurer
		Deacons
		Trustees
		Investment
		Christian Education
		Missions
OTHER:		