

November 17, 2024

10:00 AM

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

What happens when we don't pray? Nothing. We miss an opportunity to connect heaven and earth with our requests. We let God's desires for his people and a world in need fall to the ground...each believer stands between two realms with the authority, opportunity, and relationship necessary to invite the grace of God into the hearts, minds, circumstances, situations, communities, organizations, and systems we encounter. – Chris Tiegreen



WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

November Scripture: (Psalm 119:148-149 NLT)

I stay awake through the night, thinking about your promise.

In your faithful love, O Lord, hear my cry; let me be revived by following your regulations.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

***THE PEACE**

***HYMN:** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

***NEW TESTAMENT:** Revelation 3:14-22

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:1-14

Hymnal #492

Bible p. 1217

Bible p.979

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING IN MINISTRY; OUR COMMITMENT OF FAITH

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (2 Corinthians 9:8 NEB)

"It is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus, you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause."

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

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 Things Are Yours"

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #657

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Roadblocks to Prayer: Neglect/Apathy"

1 Samuel 12:20-25

Bible p. 273

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE

Hymnal #531

*(*Congregation, please stand if able.)*

**FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP**

NEXT WEEK: We continue the series "Roadblocks to Prayer: Loss of Gratitude." We'll draw from 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, God's vision of a generous Kingdom meeting needs and reaching the world for His glory through lives of thanksgiving.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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.

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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.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Jill Finch, health
- Betty Beatty, health
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Penny LeMasurier, health
- James L., health

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Mesa Global: Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT.; Lion of Judah Academy, Hope Academy of the Bronx.

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

Gathered In 1744

Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

6 Church Road | Sherman, CT 06784

860-354-6114

info@shermanchurch.org | Shermanchurch.org

ROADBLOCKS TO PRAYER



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is back! Julie has returned for the season for Bible study every week. No Bible knowledge is necessary, and all women are welcome.



VETERANS HOSPITAL

THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL IN WEST HAVEN IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE RED BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THANK YOU!
MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND HEARTS & CRAFTS

NEEDED ITEMS

- TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT: MENS AND WOMENS
- SHAVE CREAM: MENS AND WOMENS
- RAZORS: MENS AND WOMENS
- BOXERS: ALL SIZES
- T SHIRTS: ALL SIZES

PRAYER GUIDE SCHEDULE

WEEKS 1-10



- Week 1: Sept. 23-29
- Week 2: Sept. 30 - Oct. 6
- Week 3: Oct. 7 - 13th
- Week 4: Oct. 14 - 20th
- Week 5: Oct. 21 - 27th
- Week 6: Oct. 28 - Nov. 3
- Week 7: Nov. 4 - 10th
- Week 8: Nov. 11 - 17th
- Week 9: Nov. 18th - 24th
- Week 10: Nov. 25 - Dec.1st

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:** Thanksgiving Committee
- Announcements:** Aimée Suhie
- Prayers of the People:** Jill Finch
- Reader:** Laura Baxter
- Coffee Hour Host:** Aimée Suhie
- Nursery:** Aimée Suhie
- Usher:** Ken Leach

CALENDAR

November 17th - November 23rd, 2024

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

SUNDAY:

Worship Service at 10:00 A.M. (Also Live Streamed)

WEDNESDAY:

Women's Bible Study at 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

Investments 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

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



You can still 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.

HELPING HANDS



Helping Hands will be a support team available to assist with preparations for upcoming events, programs, and various church outreach activities. When a committee or church event requires additional help—such as setting up, stuffing envelopes, and more—a request will be sent out to check your availability to lend a hand.

If you're interested in joining this team, please find the sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall or notify Jess in the office.

FIRST FRIDAY

Please join us as we rejoice in songs of our Christmas Season and decorate our spruce tree outside of the sanctuary.

**First Friday Night Together
December 6, 6:30pm**

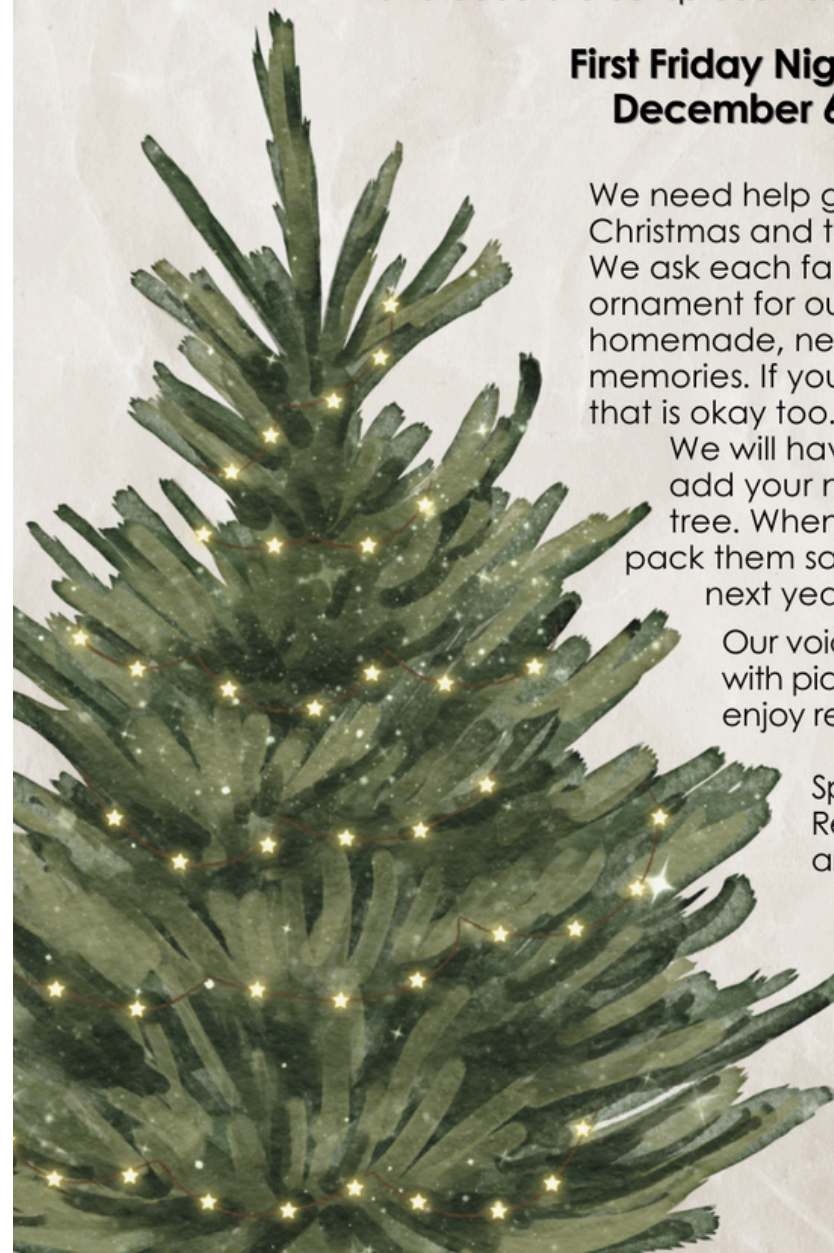
We need help getting our tree ready for Christmas and this is how you can help. We ask each family to bring an outdoor ornament for our tree. It can be homemade, new or an ornament of memories. If you do not have an ornament, that is okay too.

We will have ornaments that you can add your name to and hang on our tree. When our season is over, we will pack them safely away and add to them next year.

Our voices will join inside Fellowship Hall with piano music of Julie Astbury and enjoy refreshments of the season.

Sponsored by the Book of Remembrance Committee and the Board of Trustees.

**THE SHERMAN CHURCH
6 CHURCH ROAD,
SHERMAN, CT
860.354.6114**



ADVENT IS COMING: In a few weeks we begin the season of Advent. A special part of worship is the Advent Candle Ceremony as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. It consists of scripture reading and a brief thought about Advent. Pastor ahs prepared the readings and is seeking five individuals or families who can lead this during the beginning of worship. If you are willing speak with the pastor or place this in the offering place today.

I(We) can share the Advent Candle Ceremony on these dates:

Dec 1 Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22

Christmas Eve, Dec 24

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____



MY COMMITMENT TO GOD FOR 2025

Believing that God has provided all, and out of gratitude for His provision, seeking to support His Kingdom-work as an

expression of faith, and a desire to accomplish His mission, I/we make this commitment. After sincere prayer I/we believe God is calling me/us to support the mission and vision of this congregation.

By making this commitment you are assisting church leaders plan for ministry and be effective stewards of the resources God offers. Your support enables God's Kingdom-mission to continue in our community and the world.

NOTE: Return this card on November 17 or to the office.
THE SHERMAN CHURCH: 6 Church Road, Sherman, CT 06784

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and for the privilege to participate in His mission, I/we commit to financially support the 2025 efforts of The Sherman Church.

Through God's grace I/we intend to give in 2025 \$ _____

This amount will be paid each week month quarter year.

METHOD:

This will be made in the form of Check Direct Deposit Credit Card

Please contact me about setting up automatic payments.

I would appreciate updates on the ministry through quarterly reminders.

NAME(s): _____

EMAIL: _____

NOTE: This is a commitment between you and God.