

December 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.)

A messianic prophecy told us of Immanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)—not a distant God, not merely a conceptual or theoretical God, but the real God, here and now with us wherever we are. We don't gaze into the distant sky to encounter this God; we invite him in and let his presence cover us, fill us, and move us. We welcome him into the midst of our winds and waves, and he brings peace with him. -- Chris Tiegreen

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

December Scripture: (Luke 1:47-48)

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. (NIV)

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CHORAL INTROIT (The Sherman Church Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP - ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Scripture: Matthew 9:20-22

Leader: As we light the first candle of Advent, we remember the hope that Christ brings into the world. The first candle reminds us that we live in hope because of God's promises.

People: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Leader: May the light of hope shine brightly in our lives and guide us to the coming of Christ.

People: We light this candle of hope, trusting in God's promises.

The first candle is lit.

***HYMN:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".

Hymnal #133 v1

Advent Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts)

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

***OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 7:10-17

Bible p. 681

***NEW TESTAMENT:** John 3:16-21.

Bible p.1052

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

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

Hymnal #808

***HYMN:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymnal #95

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Did You Miss It?"

Isaiah 9:6

Bible p. 863

***HYMN:** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hymnal #171

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymnal #92

***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**

WELCOME BLAKE BROWN: We are blessed to have Pastor Blake Brown share the message with us this morning. Blake has been a pastor in Maine and is a part of our CCCC family.

NEXT WEEK is the Second Sunday in Advent. Charlie Mastroni is preaching while Pastor Carpenter and MaryAnne are away

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall table. May this be a season in which a special daily meditation can prepare your heart to receive Christ anew in your life.

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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
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother

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.

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HOPE



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be Sunday, Dec 15, during our 10:00 AM worship. Join us as we share the Christmas story.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

- Dec 6, 6:30 PM – Christmas Carol Sing (Note Mailing is different)
- Dec 7, 7:00 PM – Live Music and Open Mic Night
- Dec 8, 10:00 AM – Worship on the Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 15, 10:00 AM – Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec 22, 10:00 AM – Worship on Christmas Sunday
- Dec 24, 7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

PRAYER GUIDE SCHEDULE

- 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
- Week 11: Dec.2nd - Dec. 8th
- Week 12: Dec.9th - Dec. 15th

WEEKS 1-12



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:** Christmas Committee
- Announcements:** Barbara Hoag
- Prayers of the People:** Laura Baxter
- Reader:** Penny LeMasurier
- Coffee Hour Host:** Carol and Paul Voorhees
- Nursery:** Barbara H. & Edna C.
- Usher:** Paul Voorhees

CALENDAR

December 1st - December 7th, 2024

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

SUNDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

MISSIONS at 7:15 P.M. Online

WEDNESDAY:

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

DEACONS at 7:00 P.M. Online

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.

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6 CHURCH ROAD,
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Come

Spend

The
Christmas
Season
at

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Characters of Christmas

Dec. 1st, 10:00 AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Zachariah

Dec. 6th, 6:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAY

Christmas Carol Sing A-Long

Dec. 7th, 7:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC AND OPEN MIC NIGHT

Featured Indie Rock Artists Astronauts

Dec. 8th, 10:00 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Elizabeth

Dec. 15th, 10:00 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Mary

Children's Christmas Pageant

Dec. 22nd, 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Candlelight Ceremony ~ Joseph

Dec. 24th, 7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

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