

January 12, 2025

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.)

*“Today, many Christians simply dismiss the Sermon on the Mount as irrelevant, even as they stridently proclaim their allegiance to Jesus in the culture...This tension between praising Jesus and actually obeying Him explains why so much of contemporary Christianity has lost its moral authority and spiritual credibility.”
--Skye Jethani*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

January Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (ESV)

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 29:11-13

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

***HYMN:** “Standing on the Promises”

***OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 26:1-13

Hymnal #805

Hymnal #306

Bible p. 698

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF JAMES TANNER RAND

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (James 1:17)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

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:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymnal #20

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Happiness is...(Part 1): What’s Inside You?”

Matthew 5:1-8

Bible p.958

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** “Jesus Shall Reign“

Hymnal #745

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

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

NEXT WEEK: We will continue to look at Jesus’ prescription for a happy life in Matthew 5:9-12, our series on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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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We are in search of daily devotional books for our library. A dedicated shelf will be set up for daily devotionals, providing a space for anyone seeking to renew and center their faith.

If you have any devotional books you would be willing to donate for others to appreciate, kindly bring them in for the new year.

We encourage you not only to leave one for someone else but to borrow one for yourself.

WARNING

Notice is hereby given that the 281st Annual Meeting of The Sherman Church will be held in Fellowship Hall on January 24, 2025, at 7:30pm (Snow date Jan. 31, 2025; second snow date Feb. 2, 2025)

In-person and via Google Meet
for the following purposes:

1. To Accept the Minutes of the Nov. 10, 2024, Election meeting.
2. To Receive reports of the Committees of the church
3. To Approve the 2025 Sherman Church budget
4. To transact any and all other business proper to come before this meeting.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut this 10th day of January, 2025.
Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

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:	The Hoag Family in Memory of Bruce Hoag
Announcements:	Aimée Suhie
Prayers of the People:	Cindy Moschitta
Reader:	David McClintock
Coffee Hour Host:	Aimée Suhie
Nursery:	Barbara H. & Edna C.
Usher:	Ken Moschitta

CALENDAR

January 12th - January 18, 2025

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

SUNDAY:

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

MONDAY:

HEARTS & CRAFTS at 9:00 A.M - Fellowship Hall
CHRISTIAN ED at 4:00 P.M - Office

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

FRIDAY:

Trustees at 6:30pm - Office

SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 12, 2025
MATTHEW 5:1-8

Define Happiness:

Blessed:

The Kingdom of God is/is not:

WHO IS REALL BLESSED ACCORDING TO:

WORLD	KINGDOM
Proud	
Powerful	
Rich	
Popular	
Strong	
Righteous	
Self-Sufficient	

PRAYER TRIPLET PARTNERS BEGIN ANEW

Last fall many participated in 100 Days of Prayer. People expressed that it was a positive experience to be able to gather with two others and share what God is doing in our lives and spend time in prayer. Some are still gathering; most want to continue. Deacons believe that between now and Lenten Luncheons it would be best to continue the Prayer Triplets and encourage others to become involved. Our suggestion is that those who are already involved covenant to continue. For those yet to participate, now is a great time to invite two others to join you in this prayer journey. The three can gather in person or online. Continued prayer is vital for the life of God's people individually and as a community of faith.

Each week a brief guide will be in the bulletin, focused on the scripture for the Sermon on the Mount series. There will be some dialogue prompts as well as supporting scripture. The process is same:

- Open with sharing what God has been doing in your lives since the last meeting.
- Reading the scripture passages together and sharing insights as well as responses to prompts provided. Sermon notes can be helpful.
- Close in Prayer together. Again, it is helpful to follow the ACTS model.

Today begins the first of our weekly guides for dialogue and prayer. May your time together bring you closer to Christ and to each other in His love.

PRAYER & DIALOGUE GUIDE Week of January 12, 2025

SHARING: What has happened since we last met; how is God at work in it?

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 26:1-13; Matthew 5:1-8

DIALOGUE IDEAS:

Look through Matthew 4:23-25. DO you see how the Sermon on the Mount is a natural outgrowth of Jesus healing these people?

What "take-aways: did you have from our worship/sermon?

Try to express Matt. 5:1-8 in one or two sentences.

Share together your understanding of the Kingdom of God.

PRAYER: Prayer Psalm – Read Psalm 86

If praying aloud is new to you, try the A-C-T-S format.

Brief prayer sentences: these questions can help as guides.

- Begin with **ADORATION** praising God for who God is.
I give you praise for your steadfast love when...
- Move to **CONFESSION**, acknowledging failures and our selfish willfulness.

Lord, I need you to gladden my heart right now because...

- Offer **THANKS** for what God has done in your life and in the life of the church.

Thank you, God, that you preserved me in the midst of...

- Conclude with **SUPPLICATIONS** asking God for the things you need.
Help me this day to reflect your kind of love and faithfulness to ...

Insights from this Gathering: