

January 19, 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.)

“God wants peaceful, flourishing relationships with his people, and between his people...As Christians, we are called to the “higher ground” of glorifying God in all we do. Bu the problem we have is that we don’t tend to take seriously what we believe in church on Sundays and live it out during the rest of the week”
From “Resolving Everyday Conflict” – Peacemaker Ministries

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 (Psalm 34:4-5)

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)(debts)

Gracious Lord, You have loved, forgiven, and cared for me. In Your holy presence, all my self-righteousness fades like candlelight before the rising sun. Awaken me again to the wonder of Your love for me. Bring me again to realize the unqualified grace of Your justification on the cross. May the radiance of Your Spirit invade my heart, vanishing all the gloom and darkness of worry and fear and sin. Father, see me free to worship You in joy and gladness. People in my life desperately need Your love. Liberate me with the sure knowledge of Your unfailing love so that I will be able to be free to love unselfishly. Fill me with your Spirit as I pray your prayer, our Father...

*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.

Hymnal #805

*THE PEACE

*HYMN: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Hymnal #3

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 61

Bible p. 739

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER (Psalm 50:14-15)

“Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

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: “Be Still, My Soul”

Hymnal #530

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Happiness is...(Part 2): It’s Not Always Easy”
Matthew 5: 9-12

Bible p.958

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Hymnal #733

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

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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.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Gathered In 1744

Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

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THE SHERMAN CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2025

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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:	Charles Mastroni
Chair of Deacons:	Laura Baxter
Co-Chair of Trustees:	Don Coons and Lynn Paulovicks
Flowers:	Anna Galasso
Announcements:	Aimée Suhie
Prayers of the People:	Debbie Thorp
Reader:	Dawn Langworthy
Coffee Hour Host:	Anna Galasso
Nursery:	Aimée Suhie
Usher:	Sue Barbarotto

CALENDAR

January 19th - January 25, 2025

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

SUNDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

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

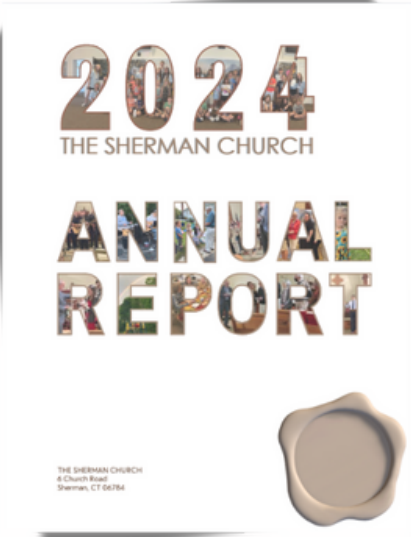
FRIDAY:

ANNUAL MEETING 7:30PM - OFFICE

NEXT WEEK: We will continue to look at Jesus’ formula for living in our world, relating to our culture in a godly way.
The scripture is Matthew 5:13-16.

WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?
WHAT IS BELIEVER’S BAPTISM?

These and many other questions about what it means to follow Jesus Christ are addressed in an Introduction to Discipleship and Church Membership that will begin in January. Look for dates and times in the January Emphasis. Speak with the pastor if membership or baptism is something you would like to consider.



**ANNUAL REPORTS
ARE IN THE
NARTHEX &
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

COUNCIL MEMBERS – At our last meeting we agreed to meet at 6:00 PM to share in discussions about leadership and the church. The book to guide this is on the Fellowship Hall table. Please take one and be prepared to discuss Chapter 1+2. Key question, how do we improve “connections” in our fellowship of faith?

SERMON NOTES – January 19, 2025
Matthew 5:9-12

- On a scale of 1-5:
- 1. Where is your heart with regards to God’s call?
 - 2. Where would you like your heart to be towards God?



PEACEKEEPER	PEACEMAKER

MARKS OF A PEACEMAKER

PERSECUTION

What is it?

Motivation:

How shall we endure?

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.
May your time together bring you closer to Christ and to each other in His love.

PRAYER & DIALOGUE GUIDE
Week of January 19, 2025

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

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 61; Matthew 5:9-12; Ephesians 2:14-22

DIALOGUE IDEAS:

“The value system presented by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount is radically incongruent with the one presented by the world. Therefore, anyone who follows Jesus’ way should expect to be misunderstood, maligned, or mistreated.” – Skye Jethani

With what Beatitude do you struggle with the most?

In what area of the Beatitudes have you progressed in this past year?

Can you name one peacemaker in the world right now?

Where do you typically go when you need helpful advice?

Describe areas of persecution or insult because of Christ you have seen or experienced.

PRAYER: Prayer Psalm – Read Psalm 27

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.
 - Lord, you are beautiful to be because...
 - I praise you that your light is greater than the darkness of...
- Move to **CONFESSION**, acknowledging failures and our selfish willfulness.
 - Lord, I confess that I am often fearful about...Renew me in the truth of who you are.
- Offer **THANKS** for what God has done in your life and in the life of the church.
 - Lord, I thank you that I saw your goodness when...
- Conclude with **SUPPLICATIONS** asking God for the things you need.
 - Help me to trust in your sheltering care when I am troubled about...
 - Lord, today, be my teacher and help me to learn that...

Insights from this Gathering: