

March 16, 2025

10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

Jesus is referencing this common idea to say the way we see the world is an indication of what is inside of us. We either see the world from a righteous perspective (light) or a wicked perspective (darkness)... Jesus is saying the way we handle our wealth is a reflection of what is in our hearts...To change the way we see the world, Jesus is saying that our inner light—our heart—is what needs transformation. – Skye Jethani

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

March Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us ministry of reconciliation.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 16:13)

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

\*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.

THE WAVE OF PEACE

\*HYMN: “God of Creation, All-Powerful”.

\*OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 3:6-15

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

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

\*HYMN: “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Hymnal #805

Hymnal #48  
Bible p.329

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #302

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Setting Our Sights”  
Matthew 6:19-24

Bible p.960

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

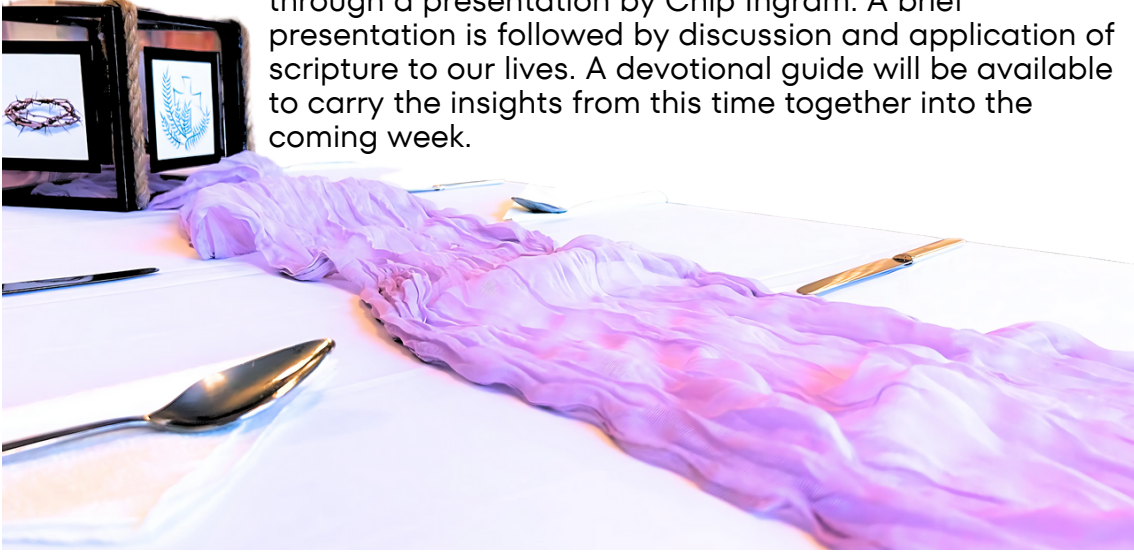
Hymnal #651

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN  
POSTLUDE

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE  
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

COME GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP  
FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE  
THEN JOIN US FOR  
LENTEN LUNCHEON AND SHARING

Long an important part of our Lenten observance, these lunches provide a time of fellowship around soup and bread, as we focus on the Lord’s call to every disciple. This year we share in looking at God’s design for our lives



through a presentation by Chip Ingram. A brief presentation is followed by discussion and application of scripture to our lives. A devotional guide will be available to carry the insights from this time together into the coming week.

NEXT WEEK: We will continue to look at Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount; the scripture is Matthew 6:25-34.

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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](mailto:deacon@shermanchurch.org) or 860-921-1952) or the Pastor ([pastor@shermanchurch.org](mailto: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

MARCH 16, 2025



2nd Sunday in Lent

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## OUR CHURCH:

### Interim Pastor:

Rev. John Loring Carpenter

### 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:

Lynne Gomez

### Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

### Prayers of the People:

Laura Baxter

### Reader:

Penny LeMasurier

### Coffee Hour Host:

Cindy and Ken Moschitta

### Nursery:

Jill Finch

### Usher:

Ken Moschitta

## CALENDAR

### March 16th - March 22nd 2025

(Links for online meetings may be found at [shermanchurch.org](http://shermanchurch.org))

### Sunday:

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

[Lenten Lunch: following Worship Service](#)

### Tuesday:

**INVESTMENTS** at 7:00 P.M - Online

### Wednesday

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM - FH

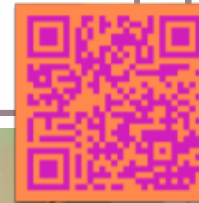
**Confirmation Class** at 6:00PM - FH

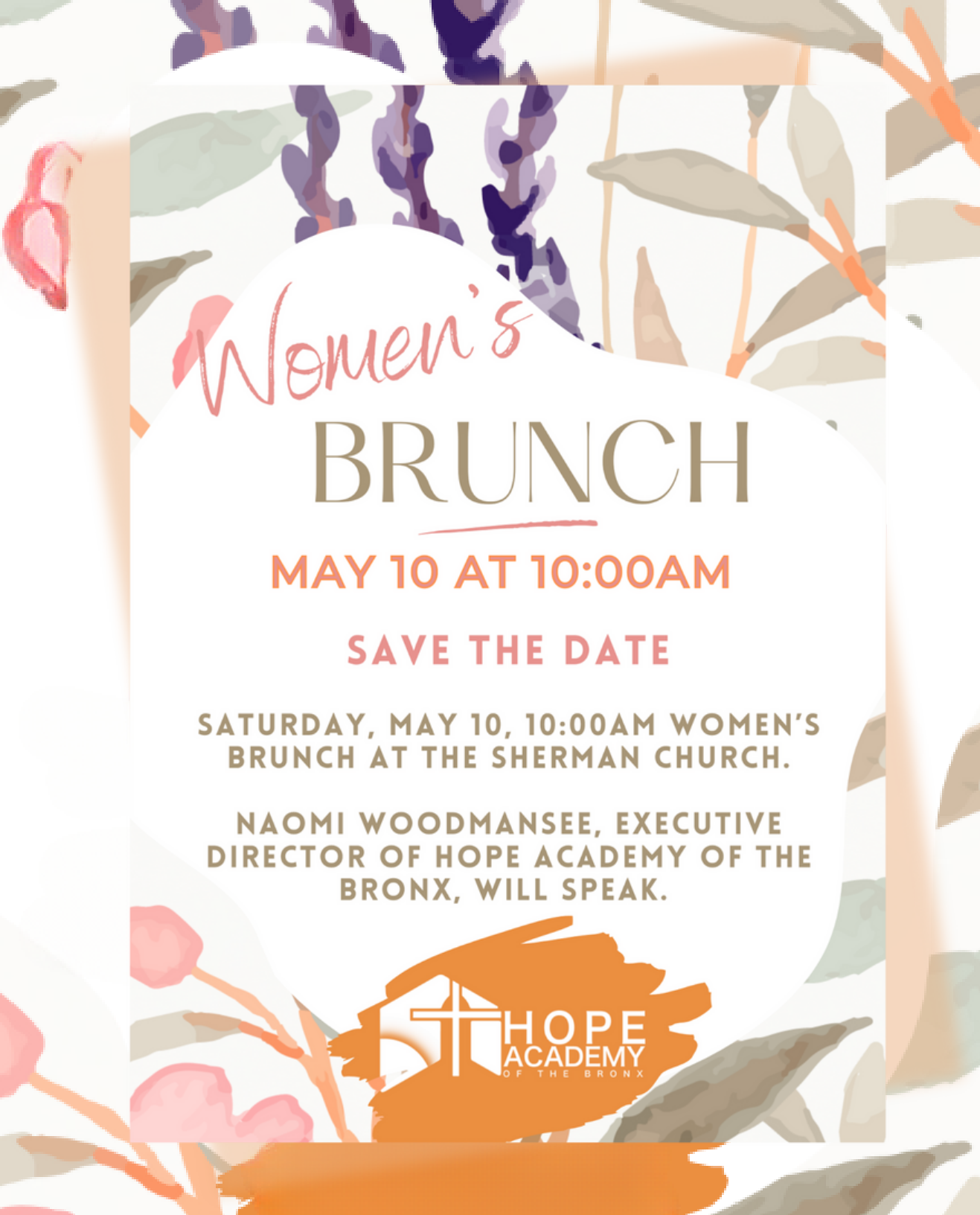
**AA** at 7:00 P.M Fellowship Hall

### Thursday:

**PRAYER IN THE PARLOR** at 6:45 P.M.  
(See dial-in Info. on the back of the bulletin)

**AA** at 7:00 P.M Fellowship Hall





# Women's BRUNCH

MAY 10 AT 10:00AM

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 10:00AM WOMEN'S  
BRUNCH AT THE SHERMAN CHURCH.

NAOMI WOODMANSEE, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF HOPE ACADEMY OF THE  
BRONX, WILL SPEAK.



## EASTER FLOWERS *And* DECORATIONS

The Flower Committee is gearing up to adorn the church sanctuary and exterior for the upcoming Easter season.

Instead of ordering individual plants, we will be accepting free-will donations for Memorials to the Flower Fund.

Starting March 9th, flower donation envelopes will be available in each pew. To contribute, simply place your donation in an envelope labeled "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." and drop it into the offering plate.

Rest assured, the amount of your donation will remain confidential and known only to the church's Financial Secretary. If you're not local but wish to support the Flower Fund, please mail your clearly marked donation to the church office, and it will be included in the memorial folder. To ensure your donation is recorded in the memorial folder, please submit it by **April 13th**. Donations to the Flower Fund will be used for all decorations unless specified otherwise.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or speak with Penny LeMasurier, Edna Coons or Anna Galasso on Sunday morning!

Keep an eye out for the next Flower Committee meeting. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to join us.

## SERMON NOTES

March 16, 2025

Matthew 6:19-24

## PRAYER & DIALOGUE GUIDE

Week of March 16, 2025

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

**SCRIPTURES:** Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Kings 3:6-15

### DIALOGUE IDEAS:

We all have something we treasure above all else. Some will argue that they treasure many things—their children, their spouse, their country, their profession, and maybe God as well. This may be true, but by definition a person can have only one thing of ultimate concern. Whatever this treasure is will define our life and determine our destiny.... What is your ultimate concern? What occupies your imagination, your daydreaming, and motivates your actions? Jesus warns us to not give the precious, life-defining role of our treasure to anything or anyone unworthy of it—it belongs to God alone. - Jethani, Skye

### PRAYER: Prayer Psalm – Read Psalm 34

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 boast in you Lord, because you are...
- Move to **CONFESSION**, acknowledging failures and our selfish willfulness.
  - I confess my temptation to act deceitfully especially when...
  - I confess my need to seek and pursue peace in my relationship with (name).  
Help me to obey you in seeking reconciliation with them today
- Offer **THANKS** for what God has done in your life and in the life of the church.
  - Lord, I thank you that I taste of your goodness when...
- Conclude with **SUPPLICATIONS** asking God for the things you need.
  - Give me the conviction and power to speak truthfully this week as I ...
  - Lord -, today, I will trust you to condemn unrighteousness in the culture, specifically ... as I take refuge in you.

**Insights from this Gathering:**