

THIRD 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.)

"Fear engenders fear. It never gives birth to love." -- Henri Nouwen

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. ¹⁸ 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 (Isaiah 43:1-3)

But now, this is what the Lord says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

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: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 16:6-30

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: “Jesus Is All the World to Me”

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Do You Really Trust God?”
Matthew 6:25-34

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision“

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #491

Bible p.960

Hymnal #532

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

COME GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP

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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 7:1-6.

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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THE SHERMAN CHURCH

MARCH 23, 2025



3rd 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:

Tara Alemany

Reader:

Megan Tlasky

Coffee Hour Host:

Debbie Thorp

Nursery:

Anna Galasso

Usher:

Kristin Stephens

CALENDAR

March 23rd - March 29th 2025

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

Sunday:

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.

(Also Live Streamed)

[Lenten Lunch: following Worship Service](#)

Wednesday

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

Confirmation Class at 6:00PM - FH

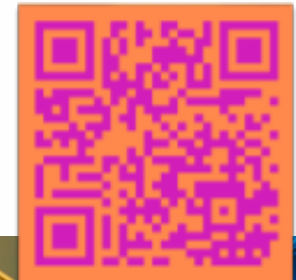
AA at 7:00 P.M Fellowship Hall

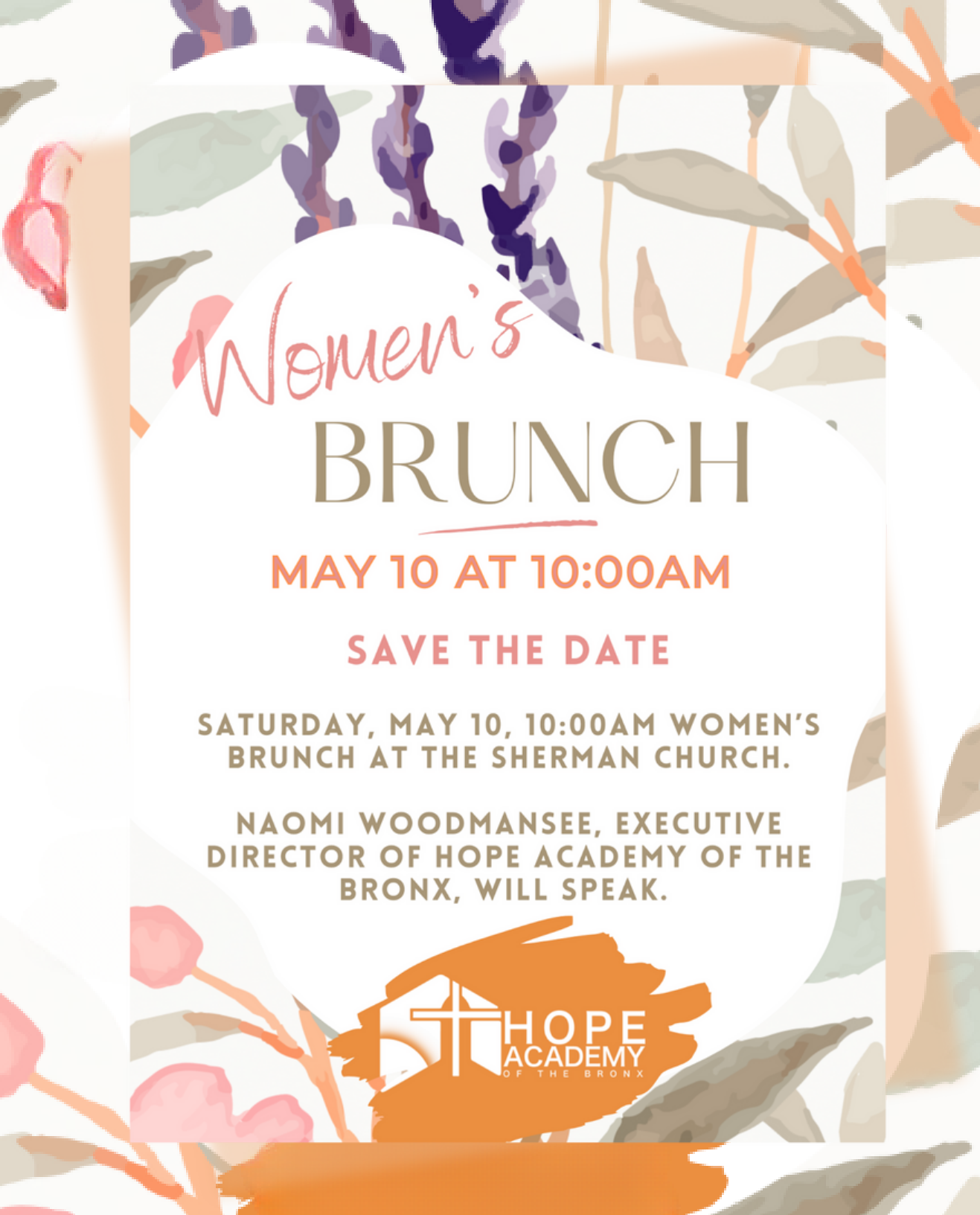
Thursday:

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 23, 2025
Matthew 6:25-34

WORRY IS...

_____ – Notice the birds.

_____ – Live for God’s purpose

_____ - God’s grace and call _____ –

_____ - Indicates lack of _____

_____ where our _____ are.

_____ --

HINTS TO DEFEAT WORRY:

_____ in the Father’s Care

He _____

He _____

Focus on _____

Learn from God’s _____

Learn the Creator’s _____

_____ More; _____ Less

_____ More Increase _____ and _____

See God’s _____,

Live God’s _____

PRAYER & DIALOGUE GUIDE
Week of March 23, 2025

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

SCRIPTURES: Matthew 6:25-34; Exodus 16

DIALOGUE IDEAS:
Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian of the Middle Ages, said fear causes a contraction of the soul. He compared its effect on a person to a city under siege. When an army attacked a city, the inhabitants in the countryside would gather their resources and barricade themselves behind the city’s walls...From this contracted, inward-focused position they would hunker down and hope their food and water would outlast the attacking army’s will to fight. Similarly, when we are afraid, we also contract; we pull our resources inward in a posture of protection and self-preservation. ...we cannot love. – Skye Jethani

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 praise you, Sovereign One, that you are able to give me rest even in the midst of...
- Move to **CONFESSION**, acknowledging failures and our selfish willfulness.
 - I confess that my soul at times is not well for I fear...more than I fear you.
- Offer **THANKS** for what God has done in your life and in the life of the church.
 - Thank you that even now you are working to save me from...
- Conclude with **SUPPLICATIONS** asking God for the things you need.
 - Because you are wise, Father, give me guidance for...
 - I pray that (name) will receive the blessing and righteousness of your salvation.

Insights from this Gathering: