



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

April Scripture: (2 Corinthians 4:11-12)
For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

PRELUDE (Usually 2-3 minutes)
CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 40:1-3)
***Pastor:** I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
Ministers: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Ministers: Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.*

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 PEACE**
***HYMN:** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

***OLD TESTAMENT:** Numbers 20:1-13
MISSION MOMENT: The Sherman Church 2025 VBS
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 #805

Hymnal #204

Bible p. 150

Hymnal #808

***HYMN:** “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Hymnal #591

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Planting & Building in the Kingdom”
Matthew 7:15-29

Bible p.961

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** “In Christ Alone”
***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**
POSTLUDE

Insert

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

THEN JOIN US FOR LENTEN LUNCHEON AND SHARING

This is the last Lenten Luncheon. Thank you for all who shared soup and bread over the past weeks. We pray this was a blessing to those able to attend.

NEXT WEEK IS HOLY WEEK: This is also the last of our Sermon on the Mount. As we enter Holy Week, please take a 7-day devotional booklet on the table as you leave and let God speak to your heart this week. Join us for the special times of worship and meditation as we walk through the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Cross of Golgotha, and celebrate the Empty Tomb.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SUPPER, 6:00 PM – An Observant of the Lord’s Table.A potluck meal (bring a dish to share, sign up in Fellowship Hall) ending with communion together.
FRIDAY, 7:00 PM – A traditional **TENEBRAE SERVICE** as we remember the last words of Jesus before his death, his sacrifice for our sin. This is always a time of reflection and prayer.
SUNDAY, 6:30 AM – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at the Sherman Town Beach. Come and celebrate the joy of those who found the empty tomb and experienced the resurrection of Christ that began a transformation of their hearts.
SUNDAY, 10:00 AM – EASTER CELEBRATION as we rejoice in the resurrected Lord of Life, Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL GOOD FRIDAY REQUEST

Would you be a reader for the Tenebrae Service – there are eight readings.
Email or see Pastor today.



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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PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

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MISSION MOMENT – VBS



April's Mission Moment is focused on the **2025 Vacation Bible School Week**.

Vacation Bible School kicks off on Monday, June 16th. We are fortunate to welcome back our special guests, Abby Henderson, Chloe Burns, and Harper Knapp, who will lead VBS and guide our children as they explore God's Word.

Abby, Chloe, and Harper are students and active members at Walnut Hill Church in Bethel. They have taken on leadership roles, volunteered for mission trips, and participated in Walnut Hill's VBS over the years.

This year's theme is **"Magnified."**

Designed to Magnify God! Magnified! VBS will inspire children to closely examine the wonders of God's creation and proclaim His greatness. God made us, cares for us, loves us, forgives us, and remains faithful to His promises. Together, we can praise God! We were created to magnify Him!

VBS infuses our church with energy like nothing else. It's enjoyable for kids and beneficial for families. You'll witness conversations about Jesus unfold in a natural environment, leading to transformed hearts for eternity.

In addition to daily worship and scripture, children will engage in singing, dancing, arts and crafts, games, recreational activities, and snacks.

VBS will take place from **Monday, June 16th, through Friday, June 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We will conclude on Friday with a potluck lunch and fellowship with the children and their families.

The Mission Moment Collection will support this year's VBS program.

VBS is **FREE** for children aged 5-12.

Early Registration is open:

<https://www.myvbs.org/ShermanChurchVBS/>



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:

Anna Galasso

Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

Prayers of the People:

Cindy Moschitta

Reader:

Laura Baxter

Coffee Hour Host:

Penny LeMasurier

Nursery:

Aimée Suhie

Usher:

TBD

EASTER FLOWERS

And DECORATIONS

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.

CALENDAR

April 13th - 19th, 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

Monday:

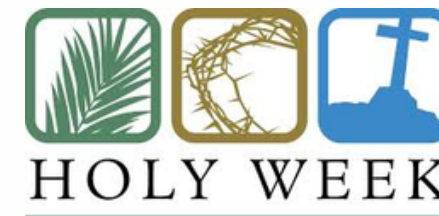
HEARTS & CRAFTS at 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study at 10:00 AM - FH

Confirmation Class at 6:00PM - FH

AA at 7:00 P.M Fellowship Hall



Palm Sunday

April 13 • 10 am

Maundy Thursday

April 17 • 6:30 pm

Good Friday

April 18 • 7 pm

Easter Sunday Celebration

6:30 am • Sunrise Service outdoors

10 am • Church Worship Service

Women's Spring BRUNCH

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Spring Brunch at the Sherman Church, with
special guest speaker, Naomi Woodmansee, Head of School
at Hope Academy of the Bronx.



SATURDAY
10 MAY
10:00 AM



Please RSVP by calling the church at (860)354-6114

or by completing the online form at

<https://forms.gle/FSRTQGfveDork8WDA>,

or scanning the QR code.

While the event is free, free-will donations are welcome.

We strongly encourage you to make a reservation.



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In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE | 8 8. 8 8. 8 8. 8 8.

Keith Getty, 1995

Stuart Townend, 1995

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me.

This cor - ner stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain.
From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied.
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

My Com - fort er, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON NOTES

April 13, 2025

Matthew 7:15-29

_____ by God is not the same as _____ to God.

A false teacher is teaching for _____ – _____

According to Jesus religion is false if...

It focuses mainly on _____ more than _____

_____.

It only speaks of _____ rather than _____.

Offers an _____ rather than the _____.

Separates _____ from _____ more than seeking _____.

It urges _____ and _____.

What kind of foundation are we building?

PRAYER & DIALOGUE GUIDE

Week of April 13, 2025

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

SCRIPTURES: Matthew 7:15-29, Numbers 20:1-13

DIALOGUE IDEAS:

“This is perplexing to Christians in our self-improvement culture. When we read that the fruit of the Spirit “is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control,” we immediately look for the program that will produce more of these qualities in our lives...patience. The call of Christ, however, is not to improve our fruit but to instead seek the transformation of our identity. Our old selves must be uprooted and a new self-planted in God.”

-- Skye Jethani

PRAYER: Prayer Psalm – Read Psalm 101

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.
 - Like a tree planted by water, you have given me...
- Move to **CONFESSION**, acknowledging failures and our selfish willfulness.
 - I confess that I have sat, walked, and stood in the paths of the ungodly when...
- Offer **THANKS** for what God has done in your life and in the life of the church.
 - Thank you, Father, you have been my source of blessing in many instances such as...
- Conclude with **SUPPLICATIONS** asking God for the things you need.
 - Lord, help me delight in your law when I am tempted to...
 - I am trusting you to sustain me and allow me to bear fruit as I ...
 - I surrender my heart afresh that I may meditate more faithfully on your truth by...

Insights from this Gathering: