



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS
(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

We forget so easily that in the spiritual life there must be the darkness of the night before there can be the radiance of the dawn. Before the life of resurrection can be known, there must be the death that ends the dominion of self. It is a serious but a blessed decision, this willingness to say, "I will follow Him no matter what the cost. I will take the cross no matter how it comes!" – A.W. Tozer

It's not just the most important miracle ever. It's not just the most astounding event in the life of the Messiah. It's not just an essential item in your theological outline. It's not just the reason for the most important celebratory season of the church. It's not just your hope for the future. No, the resurrection is all that and more. It is also meant to be the window through which you view all of life. – P.D. Tripp

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: John 14:18-21 (Responsive)

Pastor: Jesus promised not to leave his disciples.

Ministers: *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."*

Pastor: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

Ministers: *"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."*

Pastor: We can be sure of this promise because when arriving at the tomb followers found it was empty.

Ministers: *They left with assurance of this promise of their Savior. They left rejoicing. Christ is risen!*

Pastor: He is risen indeed. He is alive in us as we praise his name and seek to follow him in resurrection living.

***THE PEACE**

***INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER - unison (debts)**

Almighty God, this day reminds us that the tomb where they laid our Lord was empty, because death could not hold the Lord of Life. We are grateful that through Christ's resurrection he showed us the victory that can be ours as he offers eternal life through him. Yet even though we profess a resurrection faith, too often we allow sin to dominate us, filling our minds with living for this world and not the hope placed in us for life in the Kingdom of God. Forgive us Lord for looking away from you to see only the desires of this life. Strengthen our faith as we seek to follow you and your guidance each day. Bring us to the empty tomb anew as we pray the prayer you taught us, our Father...

***HYMN:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Hymnal #234

***NEW TESTAMENT:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Bible p.1139

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

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:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymnal #250

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "From Fear to Hope"

Matthew 28:1-10

Bible p. 989

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** "He Lives"

Hymnal #248

***BENEDICTION**

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP

NEXT WEEK: Our guest preacher will be Rev Jon Bryant from Chester, VT. Jon is a church revitalization pastor that we are supporting as a mission. He serves in a community with few professing Christians. He will surely share stories of renewal and hope from his ministry to the Chester community as people find new life in Jesus Christ.

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

A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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Easter Sunday Service

10:00 A.M.



He is Risen

APRIL 20, 2025

Easter Flowers

The Sherman Church

In Memory:

Aaron Caddback
Daniel Raymond Caddback
From Family

Chelsie & Delight Carpenter
Rev. Loring and MaryAnne Carpenter

Frederick & Gertrude Coons
Donald & Edna Coons

Elizabeth Frey
Lynn Paulovicks

Mike & Mary Galasso
Frank, Anna & Dean Galasso

D. Wilford & Ruth Gorman
Rev. Loring and MaryAnne Carpenter

Clarence & Frances Hilbrandt
Ed & Claire Siebert

Philip LeMasurier
Penny LeMasurier

Gordon & Ellanita Kimlin
Frank, Anna & Dean Galasso

George L. & Patricia Toms Merrill
Lynn Paulovicks

George McLaughlin
Jill Finch

J. Leslie & Grace Robinson Merrill
Lynn Paulovicks

Philip & Joan Moschitta
Cynthia and Ken Moschitta

Barbara & John Norcross
Ken & Cindy Moschitta

Jack & Edna Ormiston
Donald & Edna Coons

J. Paul Ormiston
Donald & Edna Coons

Betty Cox Paulovicks
Lynn Paulovicks

Adam & Myrtle Siebert
Ed & Claire Siebert

Bob Sharp
Jill Finch

Christine Coons Thorne
Donald & Edna Coons

In Honor:

Margot Forster
Tony & Lynne Gomez

Sam Carter
Ken & Cindy Moschitta

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:
Easter Committee

Announcements:
Aimée Suhie

Prayers of the People:
Debbie Thorp

Reader:
Aimée Suhie

Coffee Hour Host:
Aimée Suhie

Nursery:
Kristin Stephens

Usher:
Suzanne Browning

CALENDAR

April 20th - 26th, 2025
(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

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

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



JOIN US FOR VBS 2025
MAGNIFIED!
PSALM 34:3
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

WHEN:
June 16-20
9am to 12:30pm

WHERE:
The Sherman Church
6 Church Road
Sherman, CT 06784

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Early Registration and Volunteer sign up are open!
www.myvbs.org/ShermanChurchVBS/

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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SERMON NOTES April 20, 2025 Matthew 28:1-10 Easter Sunday – He Is Risen!

The resurrection of Jesus is _____
-- ____ and _____ do not have the final word.

The tomb of Jesus is not famous because of
what it _____ but because it ____ _____!

1. THE RESURRECTION CAUSED A _____ IN THE ORDER OF THINGS
2. HE IS RISEN! WE CAN _____ ON THIS _____.

The resurrection challenges us to move from _____
_____ to _____.

3. SHARE THE _____!
The resurrection is not just a _____,
but a _____ and _____
that continues to bring _____ --
_____ in place of _____,
_____ where there was _____,
_____ where there was _____.

How do you experience God's power in your life today?
Are there areas of your life where you need God's transforming power to
break through?

KNOW HIM MORE EACH DAY;
READ THE BIBLE.