

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN  
COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

"When you read the Bible and it describes Christianity, and then you look at yourself, do you ever wonder whether you're a Christian at all? I know I do. Neither our assurance as believers nor God's love for us hinges on our ability to live out certain Christian principles; rather, both depend on what Christ has achieved for us on the cross. Even so, the Bible teaches us to look for evidences of our salvation in the present. If we truly are the Father's children, we are bound to display a love for others that resembles Jesus' love for us." – A. W. Tozer

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES  
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH  
September Scripture: Romans 12:4-5

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP  
INVOCATION AND 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: *(Let us offer each other God's peace.)*

\*HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\*OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 119:1-24

\*GOSPEL: Matthew 7:15-29

Hymnal #805

Hymnal #634  
Bible p. 607  
Bible p. 961

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)*

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

\*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: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #557

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Living Theology"  
Colossians 1:1-14

Bible p. 1165

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

Insert

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

*(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)*

Come gather for fellowship following our  
Worship Service

NOTE: Deacons are always available to meet for prayer following worship.

NEXT WEEK: We continue the series on Paul's letter to the Colossians. Scripture – Colossians 1:15-21. It will also be **Confirmation Sunday**, confirming the faith of five young people who have walked through confirmation class together. Join us to celebrate their decision to follow Christ more deeply.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

"What is a Church Member?"

Pastor Carpenter will share the joys and opportunities of being part of a local church. Is church membership important, irrelevant, a thing of the past, a covenant for the future? This is a chance to explore whether church membership is for you.

COMING EVENTS

Oct 4 – 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sherman Farm Day – We gather with the community at the Sherman Farm.

Oct 5 – 10:00 P.M. Confirmation Service

Oct 26 – 10:00 P.M. Service of Thanks for First Responders

## OUR CHURCH:

### **Interim Pastor:**

*Rev. John Loring Carpenter*

### **Ministers:**

*The Congregation*

### **Minister of Music:**

*Penny Rose*

### **Moderator:**

*Charles Mastroni*

You may make a prayer request anytime by contacting the church office at [info@shermanchurch.org](mailto:info@shermanchurch.org) or (860)-354-6114. 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 860-733-9972) or the Pastor ([pastor@shermanchurch.org](mailto:pastor@shermanchurch.org) or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

## 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. Dial-in information is in the calendar.

**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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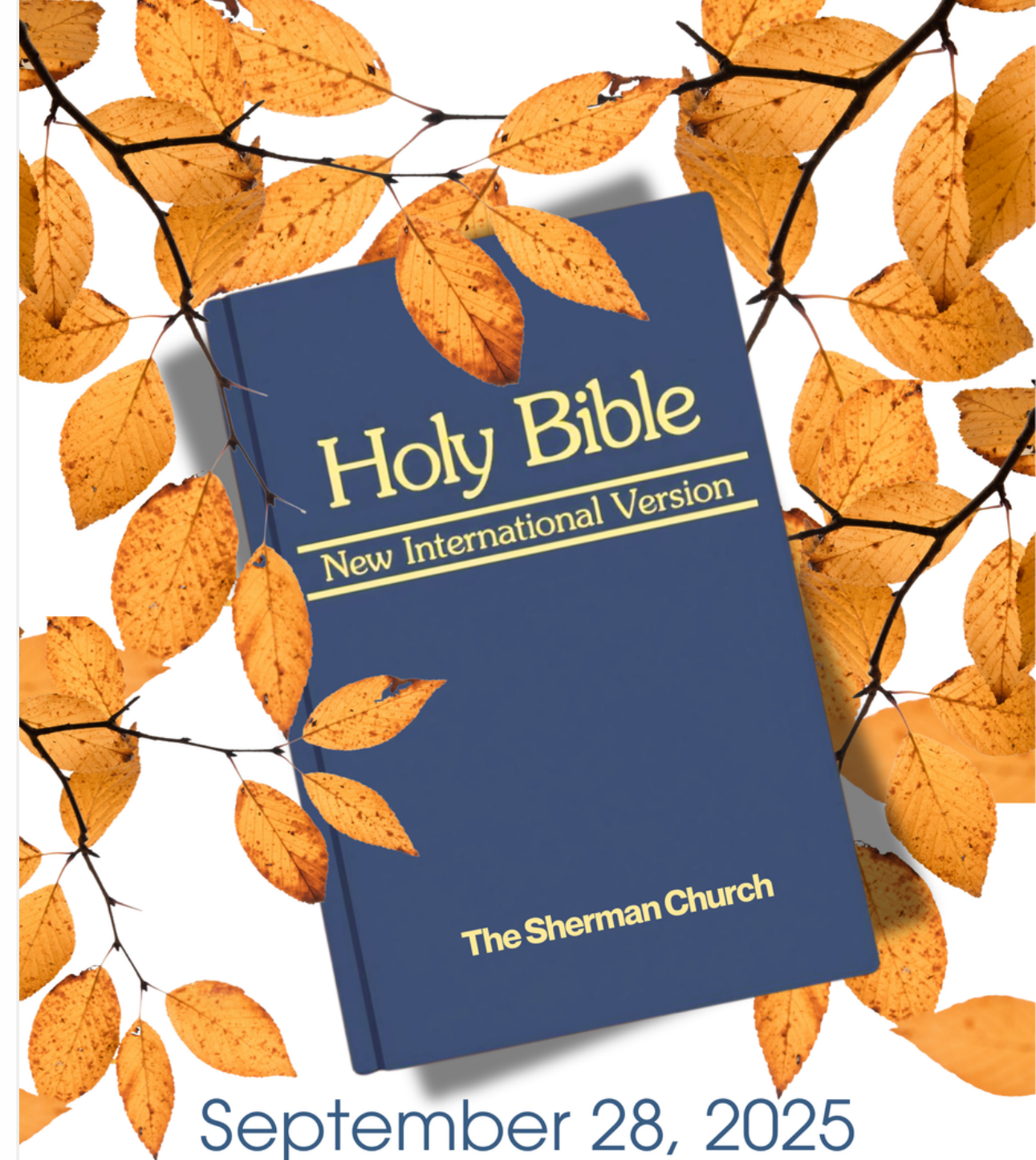
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## OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Mesa Global: Robert & Nina Bruneau;
- CCCC Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT;
- Lion of Judah Academy,
- Hope Academy of the Bronx.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother
- Debbie Whittaker, Dawn Langworthy's sister. Healing and growing faith.



# September 28, 2025

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*Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus*

## CALENDAR

SEPT. 28th - OCT. 4th

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

### Sunday:

**Worship** at 10 A.M.

(Also Live Streamed)

**Discipleship Journey** at 11:30 A.M.

(See Insert)

**Sunday School** at 4:00 P.M.

Children age 5-12

Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday:

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

Fellowship Hall

### Thursday:

**Prayer In The Parlor** at 6:45 P.M.

Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.

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

Fellowship Hall

## Next Week Responsibilities

### Flowers:

Lynne Gomez

### Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

### Prayers of the People:

Suzanne Browning

### Reader:

Debbie Thorp

### Coffee Hour Host:

Barbara Hoag

### Nursery:

Kristin Stephens

### Usher:

Aimée Suhie



## Hopeline Mom Needs Baby Items

Missions Committee has heard from Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center of Danbury that they have a patient who is having a baby boy in late December. She has made a decision for life, but she needs some help. She is 31 years old with three young boys in Ecuador ages 6, 12, and 15. Her three boys live in Ecuador with her former partner. She has no family here or other support, only her boyfriend who is the father of the baby. He originally was pushing for her to have an abortion, but he had a change of heart and asked her for forgiveness. He is now supporting her during and after the pregnancy. She works part-time and currently lives in a multifamily home; she rents out one room where she lives alone.

If you would like to purchase any of the following items, please let Aimée Suhie know at [suhieaimée@gmail.com](mailto:suhieaimée@gmail.com) so we can try to get everything she needs without duplicating. Hopeline will come to pick up the items in November.

- Newborn and size 1 diapers (Hopeline says they are extremely low and not sure what their inventory will look like in November)
- Baby bouncer
- Play mat
- Bassinet
- Newborn bottles
- Pacifiers
- baby toiletry (lotion, shampoo, body wash, etc)
- Baby carrier

Hopeline will provide her with blankets, swaddlers, infant car seat, and as many items of clothing as they have.

Thank you for helping a mother in need.

rightnow MEDIA.

This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos on a variety of topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more.

### WEB:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/TheShermanChurch>

### TEXT:

ShermanChurch  
To: 49775



**The Veterans Administration Hospital** in West Haven is in dire need of items on the list below.

They can be ordered on Amazon and sent directly to:

### Veteran Resource Center

West Haven VA Medical Center  
950 Campbell Ave  
West Haven, CT 06516-2770



Or bring them to church, and we will make sure to have them picked up by the VA van when it comes to Sherman.

Body wash  
Deodorant men and women  
Razors men and women  
T shirts all sizes

Tooth paste  
Shave cream men and women  
Boxers all sizes

Thank you!



Starts  
Join us  
**SEPTEMBER 14TH**  
**Weekly, After Worship**

## Church Newsletter Survey

We'd love your input! This short survey will help us know how you'd like to receive our monthly newsletter and what you'd most like to see in it.  
Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

**1. How would you prefer to receive the monthly church newsletter?**

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Church website/social media
- ☐ Text message link
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What would you most like to see included in the newsletter?  
(Check all that apply)**

- ☐ Upcoming events/calendar
- ☐ Pastor's message or devotional
- ☐ Member stories/testimonies
- ☐ Prayer requests & praise reports
- ☐ Volunteer opportunities
- ☐ Community outreach updates
- ☐ Photos of church life (submitted)
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How often would you like to receive the newsletter?**

- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Every other month
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What format do you prefer?**

- ☐ Short highlights (bullet-style updates)
- ☐ Longer articles & stories
- ☐ A mix of both

**5. Any other ideas, topics, or suggestions you'd like included?**

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## SERMON NOTES Colossians 1:1-14

Paul and the Colossian Community of faith.

In Colossae; In Christ

**Faith and Love; Living out of Belief; Walking the Talk**

*"because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people" (1:4)*

**Influence or Influenced – Staying true to Christ**

*We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, (1:9-11)*

**Hope – the foundation of Life**

*"the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel." (1:4)*  
*"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (1:13-14)*

# In Christ Alone

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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, Fullness of God in help less babe!  
 3 There in the ground His bod-y 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

D G A G A D

This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the tier - cest 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 fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

G G/B A D/F# G G/B A

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv'ings cease!  
 'Til 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

D G A G A D

My com - for - ter, 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 pre - cious blood of Christ  
 'Til He re - turns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## VERSE 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my light my strength my song  
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
 My Comforter my All in All  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

## VERSE 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 Till on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For every sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live

## VERSE 3

There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

## VERSE 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
 This is the power of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No power of hell no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 Till He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand