

October 5, 2025

10:00 AM

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



**PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS**

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

“Every local church has a clear assignment given directly by God. Your address is your assignment. The location of your church is God’s strategy to reach and serve the community. No church is called to sit. All churches are sent...The church is a vehicle designed by God to take the good news of Jesus into our neighborhoods.”

-- Sam Rainer

**PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**October Scripture: Colossians 3:16**

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

{NOTE: Memory Cards for the October Bonus Scripture are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall}

**PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER** (debts)

\*HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”.

**Hymnal #20**

**PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR**

\*OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 119:25-40 ~ *Debbie Thorp*

**Bible p. 607**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ~ *Suzanne Browning*

**OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** The Sherman Church Choir

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" S. Temple

Prayer of St. Francis

**\*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*

**CONFIRMATION OF BELIEVERS**

**Pastor’s Introduction**

**Profession of Faith**

**Prayer & Laying on of Hands**

**Prayer of the Congregation (unison)**

Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. As your Church, your Kingdom citizens, may we walk with them in their life’s journey, sharing with them our faith, our witness, and our love, as they, with us, grow to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN: “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

**Hymnal #568**

**PREACHING THE WORD**

**SERMON:** “That’s What Jesus Did!”

Colossians 1:15-23

**Bible p. 1165**

\*HYMN: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

**Hymnal #502**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER\*\***

**PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST**

\*HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision”

**Hymnal #532**

\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)

(\*\* We use grape juice and unleavened bread)

Come gather for fellowship following  
our Worship Service

**NEXT WEEK:** Our series on Colossians continues. Sermon  
Scripture is Colossians 1:24-2:5.

**COMING EVENTS**

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

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

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## 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

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

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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.

# THE SHERMAN CHURCH



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## CALENDAR

OCT. 5<sup>th</sup> - 11th

(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:

**Church Council** at 6:30 P.M.

Online

**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:

Megan Tlasky

### Announcements:

Lynne Gomez

### Prayers of the People:

Tara Alemany

### Reader:

Don Coons

### Coffee Hour Host:

David & Victoria McClintock

### Nursery:

Barbara Hoag

### Usher:

Ken Moschitta



## 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 [suhieaimie@gmail.com](mailto:suhieaimie@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 **SEPTEMBER 14TH**  
Join us **Weekly, After Worship**

# SERMON NOTES

## October 5, 2025

Jesus Christ and all creation

<sup>15</sup> *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* <sup>16</sup> *For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.*

Jesus Christ and the Church

<sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Jesus Christ and Reconciliation

<sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

## 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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## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

**PASTOR:** We gather to affirm and rejoice in the decision of these young people to commit their lives to be disciples of Jesus Christ. They have been through instruction and we believe that they are prepared to make this important commitment in their life, to declare their faith publicly, and to choose thus to walk in a journey of growing in wisdom and faith, living as ambassadors of God, who we know through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and share with others in a common ministry of the gospel. You have chosen to walk in community with the people of God who are our new Family of God, part of His Kingdom people. You have reflected on God's purpose for your life and for all creation. You have been nurtured through the Word of God, and ascent to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ as God so leads.

### **SCRIPTURE: Eph 2:8-10, Matt 5:14-16**

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**PASTOR:** Now, as you publicly declare your faith, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, to confess the historic faith of the Church, and commit to live together as the Body of Christ, the Church, disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Do you renounce the hold of evil and the powers of this world on your life, those that deny God's truth, righteousness, and love?

**I DO**

Do you renounce the ways of sin, acknowledging that they can only separate you further from the love of God?

**I DO**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His Word to guide you in the way of life?

**I DO**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, through the power of the Holy Spirit, seeking to grow in wisdom, gained through His Word and supported by the fellowship of His Church, to obey his Word, thus showing his love in your whole life until he comes again?

**I WILL WITH GOD'S HELP**

Who is your Savior and Lord?

**JESUS CHRIST IS MY SAVIOR AND LORD.**

Do you, in humility and faith, place all your trust in the hands of our merciful God through Jesus Christ?

**I DO**

Do you give yourself to being a steward of the grace given to you, sharing faithfully in the worship and service of Jesus Christ and his Church, of which this congregation is a part? Will you give gratefully as the Lord provides and give your whole self to the worship and service of his Kingdom through the earth?

**I WILL AS GOD LEADS**

With the whole church, let us stand and together confess our faith.

**PASTOR:** You have publicly confessed your faith. Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers, as did those first disciples?

**I WILL WITH GOD'S HELP.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS - PRAYER BY PASTOR:**

O Lord, uphold your servant(s) Michael, Jack, Ellie, Sohpie, Marisa, by your Holy Spirit.

Daily increase in each of them your gifts of grace:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the ear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION (UNISON)**

Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. As your Church, your Kingdom citizens, may we walk with them in their life's journey, sharing with them our faith, our witness, and our love, as they, with us, grow to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**PASTOR:** By publicly professing your faith, you have expressed your intention to continue in the covenant of discipleship through God's community of faith, to grow in wisdom and understanding, and to walk in prayer, seeking the Lord's guidance in your life. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the family of God, sharing in the ministry of Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being.

# A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

## October 5, 2025



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