

November 23, 2025

10:00 AM

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

Thanksgiving in suffering is an act of faith that boldly echoes one of Scripture’s most resounding themes: “There’s more to the story.” God does not tell us to be dishonest, and we do nothing wrong by naming our suffering for what it is. But by the grace of God, we can behold our suffering—even with tears—through a lens that sees more than the grief right in front of us. By the grace of God and with trembling lips, we whisper, “What else is true?” Perhaps thanksgiving in suffering, then, is less about mustering up a certain feeling about our suffering than it is about reminding ourselves of the truths that define it. – Tessa Thompson

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES - "Now Thank We All Our God" by Kauffman
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

November Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

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

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***THE PEACE:** (Let us offer each other God’s peace.)

***HYMN:** “We Gather Together”

***SCRIPTURE:** 1 Thessalonians 5:4-18

Hymnal #376
Bible p. 1171

PRAISE AND PRAYER TO A LOVING SAVIOR

TESTIFYING TO GOD’S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir ~ “Let All Things Now Living”

***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*

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "The Power of Saying Thanks"
Colossians 4:2-18

Pastor Carpenter
Bible p. 1167

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

***HYMN:** “Come Ye Thankful People Come”

Hymnal #381

***BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

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

**Come gather for fellowship following our
Worship Service**

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter is away from Nov 23 – Dec 10. Charlie Mastroni will be preaching for the next two weeks (Thanks Charlie!). Next Sunday also begins the Advent Season. We will be sharing our traditional Advent Wreath Lighting as well as many Christmas activities throughout the month. Check the Emphasis that will be emailed this coming week.

HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING, and may your heart, overflowing with the grace of God make a difference for Christ in someone’s life.

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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 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 or 860-733-9972) or the Pastor (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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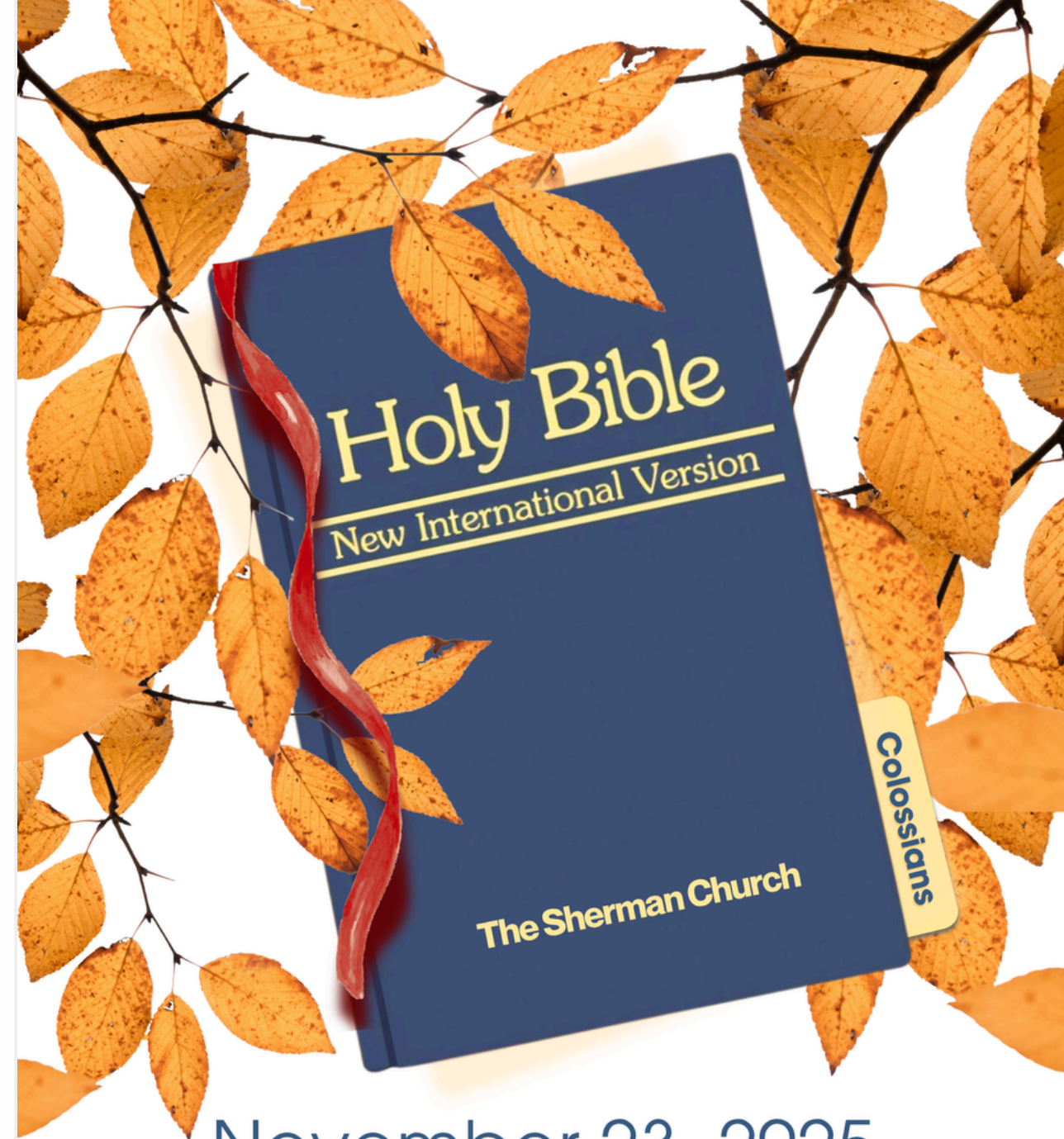
A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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.



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CALENDAR Nov.23-29th
(Links for online meetings may be found at
shermanchurch.org)

Sunday:

Worship at 10 A.M.
(Also Live Streamed)
Discipleship Series after Worship
Sunday School at 4:00 P.M.
Children age 5-12
Adult Bible Study

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study
at 10:00 AM - FH
AA at 7:00 P.M at 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:
Christmas Committee

Announcements:
Barbara Hoag

Coffee Hour Host:
Penny LeMasurier

Nursery:
Jessica Jacques

CALLING
ALL
BAKERS

Christmas is coming, and that means **Cookie Plates** that we will deliver to those who are shut in, anyone who has suffered a loss this past year and those who may be struggling with illness. If you know of someone who would enjoy one, please let Missions Committee know. We will assemble the plates at **9 a.m. Dec. 21** before worship. We also **need bakers** to drop off cookies that morning for the plates. They can be brought in any time the week before, if clearly labeled and left in the kitchen refrigerator. Thank you to everyone for helping Missions Committee in this annual ministry.



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PREGNANCY CENTER

Hopeline Mom Needs Baby Items

Thank You for Helping a Hopeline Mom

The Missions Committee has collected most of the needed items identified by Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center of Danbury for a patient who is having a baby boy in late December. The 31-year-old mom works part-time and currently lives in a multifamily home where she rents out one room.

Our congregation will provide a baby bouncer, play mat, bassinet, newborn bottles, pacifiers and a baby carrier. We can still use baby toiletry (lotion, shampoo, body wash), newborn and size 1 diapers. If you would like to purchase any of these, please let Aimée Suhie know at suhieaimee@gmail.com, and feel free to leave them in the parlor. Hopeline will come to pick up the items in November. Hopeline will provide her with blankets, swaddlers, infant car seat, and as many items of clothing as they have.

Thank you for helping this mother in need.

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!

SERMON NOTES – November 23, 2025
Colossians 4:2-18

When was the last time you complained about someone or something?

When was the last time you wrote someone a note of thanks?

PRAYER – It begins with our faith and trust in God.

Ingredients to Prayer.

Prayer moves Thanksgiving, grace, and compassion.

Who needs my words of encouragement and thanks?

Who will I send notes of thanksgiving to this week?



You can still opt to donate online, you may choose what items you want Samaritan's Purse to put in your shoebox or you may just ask them to choose items. You may also follow your shoebox online to its destination. If you donate online, please do so through the Sherman Church Goal Page so we can track how many boxes were filled online.

Thank you for supporting this popular mission once again.
The Missions Committee

<https://build-a-shoebbox.samaritanspurse.org/view/394725bb-6ad0-47be-9f0c-9c63930b54dc>

Come join us for these Christmas Events: Song Books provided.

First Friday Fellowship on Dec. 5th at 6:30pm: Carol-sing, tree-decorating & dessert at The Sherman Church.

Everyone is invited to join in choral singing at two townwide events:

Tree-lighting at Historical Society Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6pm is another opportunity for our church to reach out to the community in song. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by Thanksgiving.

Saturday, Dec. 13, at a 5-6pm townwide gathering at **The Daily Market** parking lot. Participants will be served hot chocolate, and they will get a town map at The Daily Market. Our church will sing Christmas hymns, perhaps in the gazebo, during the event. After the gathering and singing, participants can use the map to go and look at decorations around town.



MY COVENANT OF FAITH
The Sherman Church 2026

In grateful recognition of God’s sovereignty, blessings, provision, and grace, and affirming the call of Christ to offer our hearts and minds and souls to Him, I make this covenant. Assured of God’s faithfulness in all things, even when I forget Him. I acknowledge His ownership of all things, understand His call for believers to generously steward all possessions and time as a response to what God has given, His Son (Philippians 2:5-8). I live in thankful dependence on Him to provide for my life, His love motivating the giving of my time, talents, and treasure. I affirm that my life and witness to God’s glory and love includes support and participation in the life of the Body of Christ – the Church as well as following His way.

TIME + TALENTS

- ☐ I will devote my thoughts and energy to listen to the Spirit’s guidance through personal daily reading of Scripture and prayer, seeking always to allow God to mold my heart and actions to reflect His life in all every way I can.
- ☐ Believing God’s call is to Christ-centered community, worship and fellowship in the Church (the Body of Christ), I will strive to make gathering for worship a weekly priority. I will worship at least (circle a number) 1 2 3 4 Sundays each month to maintain the bond of Christ’s love and to glorify God.

Believing it is God’s will that all believers participate in His mission and ministry, I will be involved regularly in His Church by sharing in the following in our Sunday service:

- ☐ **Scripture Reader** – Reading God’s Word before the congregation.
- ☐ **Leading Prayers of the People** – Lifting up the joys and needs of church and community, incorporate prayer.
- ☐ **Usher and Welcoming Guests** – Welcome all, guide new guests, share bulletins, collect offering.

- ☐ **Coffee Hour** – Host fellowship after worship by preparing and serving refreshments.
- ☐ **Nursery** – caring for little ones in a safe loving environment during the service.
- ☐ Sharing learning sessions with younger children (Age 5-8) during the Sunday morning service

TREASURE

- ☐ As servant of God, I trust in His promised provision, acknowledging that He owns all and privileges me with stewarding all He gives.
 - ☐ Affirming God’s call to His Church to be the primary witness and way of fulfilling His mission, I covenant to make regular support
- of His Church in the amount of \$ _____ given
- ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Other _____

I make this commitment to the Lord after prayer and careful reflection of my heart and His provision, knowing He has given me, in Christ, far more than I deserve or can imagine.

This is my expression of gratitude for God’s unending mercy and grace exhibited in my life and my trust in His ability and willingness to enable me to support His mission in this way. I recognize that as He provides more or less materially, and as I allow Him to grow in my heart, this commitment may change proportionately.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____