

November 30, 2025

10:00 AM

1st Sunday In Advent

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

“In a world of darkness, we ache for the light. We wait for the sunrise. All nations, all kings, all people share this in common. The horizon each of us looks to – the nature of the “new day” we await – may be different; a new job, A remodeled home, A regime change. But only the sunrise of Jesus Christ will eternally satisfy. His is “the true light, which gives light to everyone” (John 1:9). – Brett McCracken

CHORAL INTROIT & LIGHTING OF CANDLES - “Wait For The Lord” Taize
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - HOPE

Scripture – Reflection – Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

*HYMN: “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

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

*NEW TESTAMENT: John 5:31-44

Jack Stephens

Hymnal #133(v.1)

Bible p. 1055

PRAISE AND PRAYER TO A LOVING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” J. Carter
The Sherman Church Choir

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON

Deacon Emeritus Charles Mastroni

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: “ Soon and Very Soon”

Hymnal #677

*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.

CALENDAR Nov. 30-Dec. 6th

(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

Monday:

Deacons at 6:30 P.M - Online

Tuesday:

Missions at 7:15 P.M - Online

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:

Aimée Suhie

Coffee Hour Host:

Penny LeMasurier

Nursery:

Jessica Jacques

Sunday School at
4:00pm will be on
hiatus for the
month of December.

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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.

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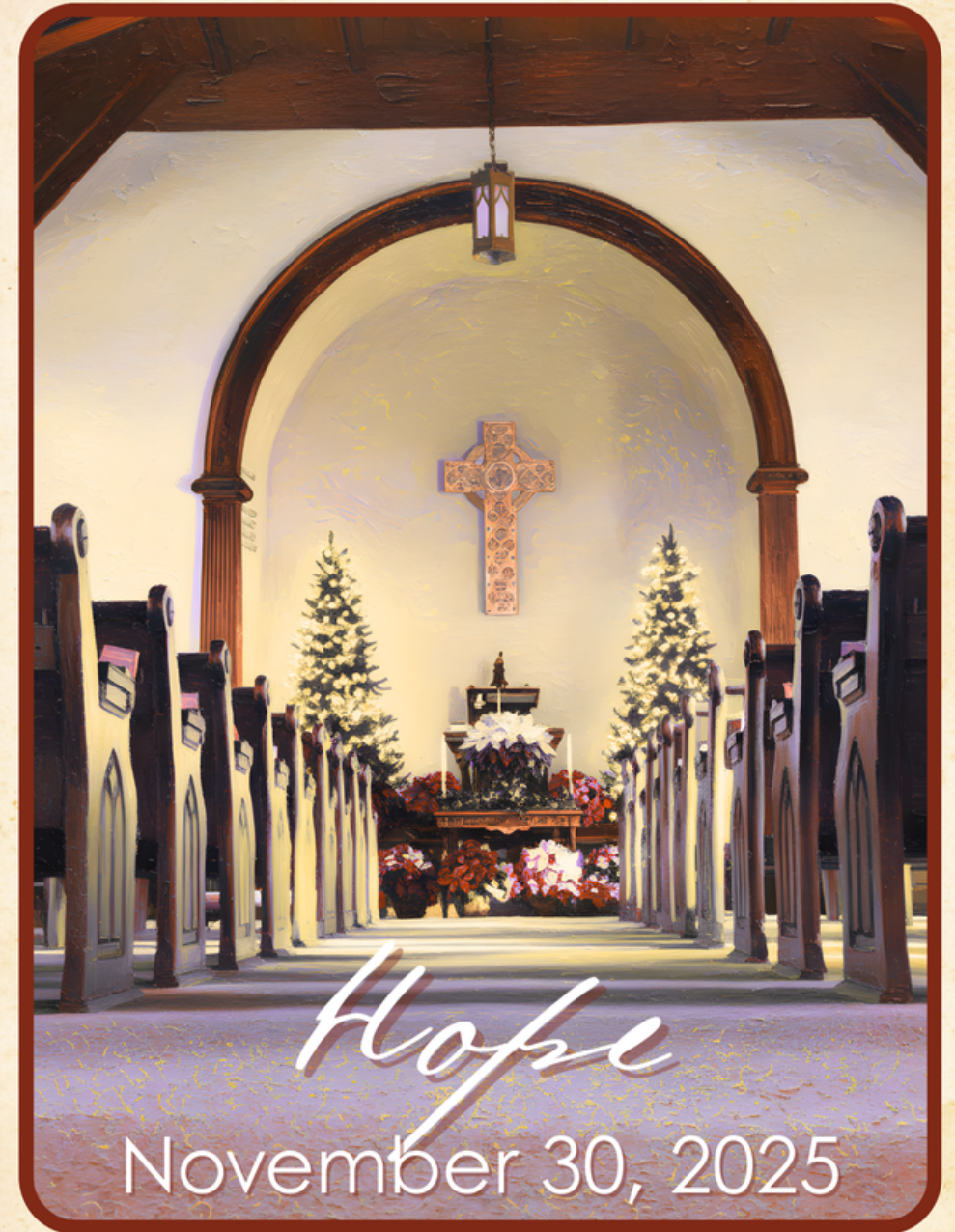
OUR MISSIONARIES:

- 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.
- Jill Finch, Strength and healing during troubled times.

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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.

Annual Cookie Exchange
December 11, 2025 at 7:00pm
Barbara Hoag's House
17 Deer Run Trail

The church cookie exchange is a great way to cut down on holiday baking and still meet your culinary demands with fun and fellowship. Bring a plate of a dozen cookies to pass at our tasting and as many more as you would like to exchange. For example, if you want to take 3 dozen cookies home, bring a dozen to taste and 3 dozen to share. You will take 3 dozen home unless some people do not bring that many and then you may take some of your own back. Remember you cannot take more home than you came with!! **PLEASE bring a container** to take your cookies home in—different from the one you put out for sharing.

If your family doesn't have a sweet tooth, or you are not a baker, just come and enjoy this holiday get together. Don't forget to bring copies of your recipe! Barbara Hoag has graciously offered her home for the cookie exchange party. Questions? Call Edna or Barbara. Please, as much as we all love children, this party is for church **women Confirmation age and up, AND men (if they do the baking).**



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.



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!