

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



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

The Christian life is a life of waiting. And all of God’s “hold ons” and “not yet’s” are part and parcel of His purpose. Every season of waiting is an opportunity for you to take God at His word. And while you wait, you can surely trust Him to meet your every need. Rest in this: the God in whom you believe is able to do all that He has promised. -- Alistair Begg

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
M. Burkhardt

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

**CALL TO WORSHIP
INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER**

- *HYMN: “Come , Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
- *THE PEACE (Let us offer each other God’s peace.)
- *OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 15:1-11, 17-18
- *NEW TESTAMENT: John 14:1-14

**Hymnal #45
Bible p.13
Bible p.1067**

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING FATHER

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

MISSION MOMENT: The Widows Friend
OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER
OFFERTORY: "I Cannot Tell" Irish Melody
Men of 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

Hymnal #808

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: “Waiting Isn’t Always Easy”
James 5:7-11

Pastor Carpenter
Bible p.1199

Hymnal #229

- *HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"
- *BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN
(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

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

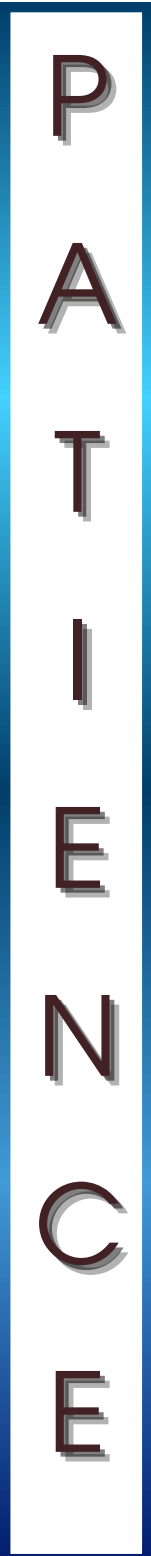
NEXT WEEK: “Do You Have Tickets for the Show?” Let’s agree on what we are doing in worship. Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:12-22; 1 Peter 2:4-10.

CALENDAR Jan.11th -17th <small>(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)</small>
Sunday: Worship at 10 A.M. <small>(Also Live Streamed)</small> Adult Bible Study and Children’s Sunday School on Hiatus until Feb.
Monday: Hearts & Crafts at 9:00 A.M
Wednesday: Women’s Bible Study <small>at 10:00 AM - FH</small> Church Council: 6:00PM - Online AA at 7:00 P.M at Fellowship Hall
Thursday: Prayer In The Parlor at 6:45 P.M <small>Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.</small> AA at 7:00 P.M - Fellowship Hall

**ANNUAL REPORTS WERE
DUE ON FRIDAY.
They will be available January 18th.**

The Annual Meeting is
Friday, Jan 23,
dessert at 7:00 PM
and the meeting at 7:30 PM.

<u>Next Week</u> Responsibilities
Flowers: Barbara Hoag Announcements: Aimée Suhie Coffee Hour Host: Ken & Suzanne Leach Nursery: Aimée Suhie



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

Gathered In 1744

Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

6 Church Road | Sherman, CT 06784
860-354-6114

info@shermanchurch.org | Shermanchurch.org

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
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, health, 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.
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

“WAITING ISN'T ALWAYS EASY”

James 5:7-11

JANUARY 11, 2026

Gathered In 1744

Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

WARNING

Notice is hereby given that the
282nd Annual Meeting of The Sherman Church
will be held in Fellowship Hall
on January 23, 2026, at 7:30pm
(Snow date Jan. 30, 2026)
In-person and via Google Meet
for the following purposes:

1. To Accept the Minutes of the Nov. 16, 2025, Election meeting.
2. To Receive reports of the Committees of the church
3. To Approve the 2026 Sherman Church budget
4. To Approve the Expenditure of not more than \$15,000 to replace the Parsonage boiler
5. To transact any and all other business proper to come before this meeting

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut this 10th day of January, 2026.
Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

Mission Moment - The Widow's Friend

The January Mission Moment will be for The Widow's Friend in Bangladesh which our church learned about many years ago at a Women's Brunch. Co-founded by Faith Willard in 1975, The Widow's Friend sponsors several projects to help widows, orphans, and other destitute people. It now runs medical clinics, an orphanage, a high school, a mission/job skills training center for widows, a school for the deaf, and a hostel for unmarried working women.

In the latest newsletter, Faith Willard's niece, Jane Brooks, reports that "Tongi Clinic's patient numbers remain low, but their doctors provide vital, first-line treatment to the women at the sewing center and handicapped children now living on the compound." The beautiful creations made by the women at the sewing center can be purchased at TheWidowsFriend Etsy website https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheWidowsFriend?section_id=25097668.

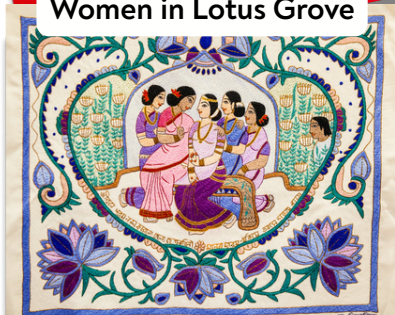
"People in Bangladesh are growing impatient with the country's stagnation," Jane continued, "and hope that upcoming elections will restore law and order. A recent earthquake and its aftershocks forced people to leave their homes, highlighting just how little control we have over our environment. Fortunately, we understand who offers answers to our biggest challenges and worries. Thank you for your support and prayers for this work."

The Mission Moment will be January 11, and the second collection will go towards this wonderful charity. Please prayerfully consider your gift, as always. Please write checks to The Sherman Church with The Widow's Friend in the memo line or donate online at www.shermanchurch.org at the Tithes and Offerings tab, and write The Widow's Friend in the Comments line.

Wedding festival tablecloth



Women in Lotus Grove



Christmas Mission Wrap-Up

The Missions Committee thanks our congregants for their generosity during the blessed Christmas season. Through physical and online donations, we sent off 26 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children around the world. We collected \$1288 for meals for Sherman families, donated five \$50 gift cards to families and seniors for Christmas, delivered 22 cookie plates to church members and those who experienced loss or illness during this past year, and outfitted a pregnant mother with many things she needed for the December birth of her son. God is good, and the Sherman Church has been generous, all to His glory.

A Message from Jon Bryant

Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT

Hello!

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a very blessed Christmas season. The past few months here have been really encouraging. We've started branching out with more Bible studies and events, and one of the highlights was our "Friendsgiving." A few nights before Thanksgiving, we invited our church family and people from the community to a potluck dinner, with the only rule being that no one could bring food we'd normally eat on Thanksgiving. We ended up having nearly 100 people come out, and it was a great night of fellowship together.

That evening also kicked off our Christmas donation drive. Through it, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for about a dozen local high schoolers and deliver a sizable amount of canned goods and non-perishable food items to our local food shelf.

We've continued to see visitors every week, and we've really been able to establish a core group. On a typical Sunday, we have between 60–90 people in attendance. About a dozen families make up a committed core who are helping get the church established—reading through the Bible together in a year, leading Sunday morning and midweek activities, and serving as advocates for the church in our community. While we still have a lot of development ahead of us—many of our leaders are brand-new Christians—it has been an incredible blessing to serve Jesus alongside people who are genuinely on fire for God.

Marissa's due date is around January 20th, so we're preparing to step into a brand-new season of life, both personally and as a church. We're getting ready for a month or so where others will need to step up in new ways while we welcome our baby, and it has been so encouraging to see people rise to the occasion.

If you guys want me to make another video in the near future I'm more than happy to do it!

We are incredibly grateful for y'all's prayers and support. The Lord has kept His hand on the ministry in town, and I pray you guys feel those blessings as well. We are well aware that the fruit of this ministry comes from generations of groundwork laid by faithful Christians through the centuries who worshiped at the Congregational Church of Chester before it closed (we have 3 or 4 families who come now that are the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of former members) and Christians like you guys who keep us lifted in prayer and support.

We don't take a day of this ministry for granted.

We love you guys and are eternally grateful for all you guys are to us.

Jon Bryant



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Sherman Church

IN MEMORY OF:

Fred & Trudy Coons

Donald & Edna Coons

Elizabeth Frey

Lynn Paulovicks

George L. & Patricia Toms Merrill

Lynn Paulovicks

J. Leslie & Grace Robinson Merrill

Lynn Paulovicks

Jack & Edna Ormiston

Donald & Edna Coons

J. Paul Ormiston

Donald & Edna Coons

Betty Cox Paulovicks

Lynn Paulovicks

Christine Coons Thorne

Donald & Edna Coons

IN HONOR OF:

Margot Forster

Lynne Gomez



SERMON NOTES

Jan 11, 2026

“Waiting Isn’t Always Easy”

James 5:7-11

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) how would you rate your ability to be patient.

What is your rating when you are in times of trial, suffering?

How often this past year have you said, “How long God until...?”
(Circle)

Never 2-3 Times Monthly Weekly

James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. ⁹ Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Genesis 15: Abram & Sarai

Abram and Sarai waited _____ before God’s promises came materialized.

Simeon waited _____ until he saw the promised Messiah.

REASONS FOR IMPATIENCE

Lack of _____ about God’s _____

Lack of _____ in God’s _____ or _____

Lack of _____ on _____ and the _____

Inflated _____ -- _____

Misguided _____ for _____

STEPS TO GROW IN PATIENCE

Know God and believe in his _____ and _____

God’s timing is _____.

God’s timing is _____.

God’s timing is _____.

God’s timing is _____.

Pray _____, keep the _____

Thank God for his _____;

Resist _____ and _____