

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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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.
- 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
- Tank and Jaella family on death of 9-year-old son (friend of Michael and Kristyn Smith)

The Sherman Church



HOPE

Letting Go

Letting God



March 15th, 2026

Fourth Sunday In Lent

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BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

“This physical, created world, with all of its sights, sounds, locations, experiences, and relationships, has no capacity to make your heart content. This physical world was designed by God to be one big finger that points you to the only place where your heart will find satisfaction and rest. Your heart will rest only when it finds its rest in God, and God alone.” – Paul David Tripp

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: “Bless the Lord, My Soul” Taize

Musical notation for the Introit with lyrics: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN: "God is Here"

*OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 36:24-28

*NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 28:18-20

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone) Tomlin and Giglio 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

SERMON: “Purpose + Power” Acts 1:1-4

*HYMN: "We Are Called to Be God's People"

*BENEDICTION

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

Hymnal #701

Bible p. 857

Bible p. 989

Hymnal #808

Pastor Michael Smith

Bible p. 1077

Hymnal #710

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

There is no Lenten Lunch today.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter continues the Lenten series “Letting Go – Letting God.” Scripture: John 11:1-45.

Holy Week

March 30th - April 5th

- Palm Sunday: March 29th at 10:00 a.m.
• Maundy Thursday Potluck and Service: April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
• Good Friday Service: April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
• Easter Sunday - April 5th
o Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the beach!
o Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Calendar for March 15-21

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Rows include Sun., Mar. 15 (10:00 am), Wed., Mar. 18 (4:00 pm, 10:00 am, 7:00 pm), Thurs., Mar. 19 (7:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm), and Fri., Mar. 20 (7:00 pm, 6:30 pm).

Church Responsibilities for March 15th

Flowers: Lynne Gomez and Anna Galasso
Coffee Hour Host: Edna and Don Coons
Nursery: Aimée Suhie



**WARNING
Today**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting
of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary
March 15, 2026
Immediately Following the Worship Service
In-person and via Google Meet

1. To accept the minutes of the March 1, 2026, special meeting of the Sherman Church.
2. To vote on the Search Team's recommended candidate for the position of Pastor.
3. To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 6th day of March 2026.
Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk



You are invited to
The Sherman Church
Easter Egg Hunt

**Let's celebrate the spirit of Easter
with a fun-filled adventure.
Join our Easter Egg Hunt.**

Sunday, March 29th | At 12:30pm

RSVP at
[https://forms.gle/tJM
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cC7NmJrcmtA5R6)



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Update from Jon Bryant

CCCC Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT

Hey Mrs. Ann!

Things have been going really well here. The Lord continues to bless the ministry in Chester, and there have been a lot of encouraging things happening lately.

1. We're moving toward our first Easter as a church, which has been really special. Several people in our church have never experienced Easter as Christians before, so it's been meaningful to walk through this season with them. We're also planning to share communion together for the first time on Maundy Thursday. Because many in our church are new to the faith, we've wanted to approach the Lord's Supper carefully and thoughtfully, so I think it will be a really meaningful moment for our church family.

2. We've started doing more "church community" things outside of Sunday mornings—like a board game night, a church potluck, and an Easter egg hunt for Easter weekend. It's been encouraging to see people move from simply attending church to genuinely wanting to spend time together.

3. People are actively growing in their faith. The questions have shifted from "What do we do on Sundays?" to "I've been reading my Bible and have a question about..." Being able to walk with people as they begin to understand and follow Jesus has been such a blessing.

4. We're starting a church-wide Thursday night Bible study the week after Easter. Several people have been asking for something midweek, so it felt like the right time to begin.

5. We've also begun putting some leadership roles in place. We now have someone serving as our "Community Care" leader to help us continue serving needs in the community well. We've also made roles like Worship Leader and Sunday Morning Hospitality official, which has been a huge help.

6. One of the greatest blessings has been our kids' ministry. Each week 10–25 kids head to "kids' church," where they're currently walking through the life of Jesus. When they come back into the room afterward, they're often holding crafts and excitedly telling their parents what they learned. In a town where many families aren't raising their kids in church, those moments are really special.

7. We're also beginning to see a few families who are longtime Christians joining us regularly. It's been a real blessing to have mature believers serving and modeling faithful Christian life alongside so many new believers.

The Lord has been incredibly good to us. I say this often, but we truly are so grateful for you all. Knowing Sherman Church is praying for us and supporting this ministry means more than we can say. The story of Green Mountain Church isn't just happening in Chester—it's something the Lord is doing through the prayers, generosity, and faithfulness of people like you.

We're incredibly grateful for you all. If you'd ever like to hear more about what's happening here, please let me know.

Jon Bryant

P.S. Here's a picture of our newest addition - Elias David Bryant

