

## 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.

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Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

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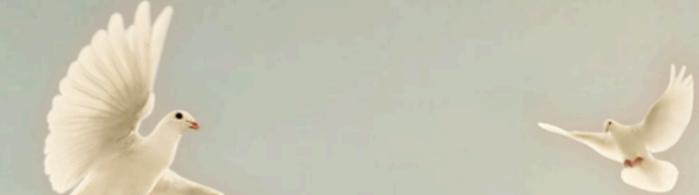
### OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **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.
- 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 22nd, 2026

### *Fifth Sunday In Lent*

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**Fifth Sunday In Lent**

**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN**



**PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS**

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

Why would you ask this broken world to be your savior when Jesus has come as your Savior to supply in his grace everything that you need? -- Paul David Tripp

You cannot know how to live until you've settled the question of how to die. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us, but eternity is guaranteed to every follower of the one who is the resurrection and the life. – Alistair Begg

**COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!**

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**INTROIT + LIGHTING OF CANDLES:** "Bless the Lord, My Soul" Taize

*♩ = 72*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Ho - ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul. who leads me in - to life.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison (debts))**

Almighty God, Loving Father, we know you have loved us enough to give the life of your Son for our sakes, and yet we have failed to follow your will for us. Forgive us, we pray and help us to realize how often we nail him to the cross with our deed and thoughts. Transform our hearts and minds, our whole nature with the new birth you offer in Christ, that we may live in full commitment and communion with him who is our Redeemer. He has given his life for us, he has shown us by word, example, death, and life. Hear us as we model his prayer in our hearts as well as in our words, our Father...

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\*HYMN: "O God of Every Nation"

\*THE PEACE (Let us offer each other God's peace.)

\*OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 53:1-11

\*NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" Ed Harris  
The Sherman Church Choir

Hymnal #422

Bible p. 731

Bible p. 1139

**\*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:** "Expectations and Hope"

John 11:1-45

\*HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**

(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)

Hymnal #808

Pastor Loring Carpenter

Bible p. 1063

Hymnal #60

**NEXT WEEK:** It is Palm Sunday next week. We celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, the beginning of Holy Week. Scripture: Luke 19:28-44. What kind of King is your Jesus?

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

**Holy Week**

March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup>

- **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**
  - **Sunrise Service** at 6:30 a.m. at the beach!
  - **Easter Sunday Service** at 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Potluck sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.**

**Church Responsibilities for March 22nd**

**Flowers:** Lynne Gomez and Anna Galasso  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Cindy and Ken Moschitta  
**Nursery:** Anna Galasso



## Calendar for March 22 - 28

(Links for online meetings may be found at [shermanchurch.org](http://shermanchurch.org))

Sun., Mar.22	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School - With Julie Astbury 5th Sunday In Lent: Lenten Luncheon after worship service
	4:00 pm	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
Wed., Mar. 25	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Mar. 26	6:45 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#.
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

# EASTER FLOWERS And DECORATIONS

The Flower Committee is excited to beautify the church sanctuary and exterior in anticipation of the upcoming Easter season.

Rather than ordering individual plants, we will be welcoming free-will donations for memorials to the Flower Fund.

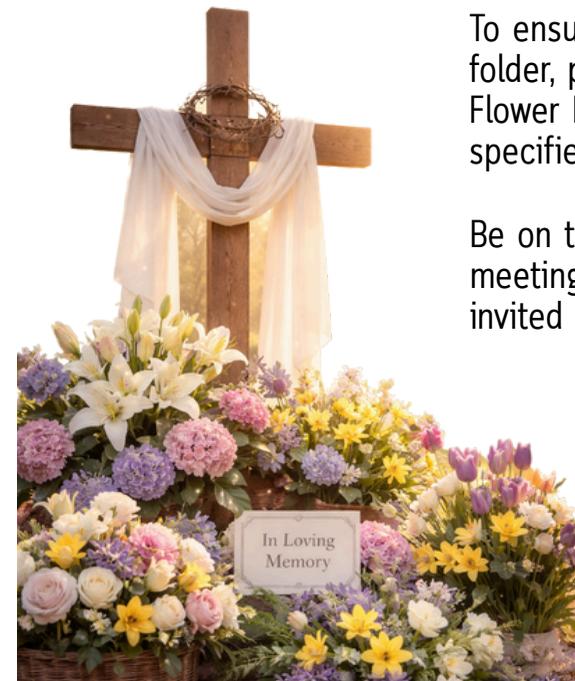
Starting **March 21st**, you will find flower donation envelopes in each pew. To contribute, simply place your donation in an envelope marked "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." and drop it into the offering plate.

Your donation amount will remain confidential and will only be known to the church's Financial Secretary. If you are not local but would like to support the Flower Fund, please mail your donation, clearly labeled, to the church office; it will be included in the memorial folder.

To ensure your donation is recorded in the memorial folder, please submit it by **April 3rd**. Donations to the Flower Fund will be utilized for all decorations unless specified otherwise.

Be on the lookout for the upcoming Flower Committee meeting. Everyone interested in this ministry is warmly invited to join us.

If you have any inquiries, feel free to reach out to the church office or speak with Penny LeMasurier, Edna Coons, or Anna Galasso on Sunday morning!



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 29<sup>th</sup> | At 12:30pm**

RSVP at  
<https://forms.gle/tJMcC7NmJrcmtA5R6>



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## SERMON NOTES – March 22, 2026

John 11:1-47

How do you handle grief, unexpected death, losses of any kind?

- Pretend nothing has happened
- Keep everything inside
- Get angry at God
- Isolate myself from everyone
- Call friends and talk, talk, talk
- Try to put on a brave front
- Keep busy
- Let it all out, cry, scream

Jesus loved yet waited: *“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.”* (vs. 5-6)

Purposeful obedience to God overrides potential suffering. *He said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”* (vs. 8)

Let faith overrule doubt. *“If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”* (vs. 21-22)

\_\_\_\_\_ can be the greatest barrier to experiencing Kingdom life.

Jesus doesn't meet our \_\_\_\_\_

but he fulfills our greatest \_\_\_\_\_.

Are we asking the right questions?

Jesus assures believers of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus calls us by name, “Come out!”

From: Our darkness of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our expectations of a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our avoidance of \_\_\_\_\_ to affirm God's call of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our seeking our \_\_\_\_\_; instead seek Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

Come out and align our expectations with

God's \_\_\_\_\_,

God's \_\_\_\_\_,

God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”* (vs. 40)