

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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Continuing to invite all to know the love of Jesus

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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 8th, 2026

Third Sunday In Lent

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10:00 AM

Third Sunday In Lent

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

God’s grace will expose what you want to hide, not to shame you, but to forgive and deliver you. If you’re God’s child, stop hiding behind the trees of your shame. Step out into the light. There’s a celebration in your future!

If God is your Father, the Son is your Savior, and the Spirit is your indwelling Helper, you have hope no matter what you’re facing. – 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: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

SEARCH TEAM PRESENTATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

*OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 61:1-3, 7, 10-11

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Out of the Depths I Cry Unto You" R. Lau 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: “Setting Hearts Free from Shame”

John 4:5-42

*HYMN: "Christ Beside Me"

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

Hymnal #477

Bible p. 739

Hymnal #808

Pastor Carpenter

Bible p. 1052

Hymnal #543

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR EMAIL THIS WEEK?

Next week is “Candidate Weekend” at The Sherman Church.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 13

7:00pm: All-Church Gathering for a time of Q&A to offer a chance for all to meet Michael and Kristyn Smith further. Google Meet will be available.

Saturday, March 14

12:00pm: Meeting with Deacons to discuss further details of the call.

2:00pm: Meeting with the Council to discuss their ministries and for Michael Smith to meet the leadership team.

4:30pm: All-Church Gathering for a time of Q&A to offer a chance for all to meet Michael and Kristyn Smith further. Google Meet will be available.

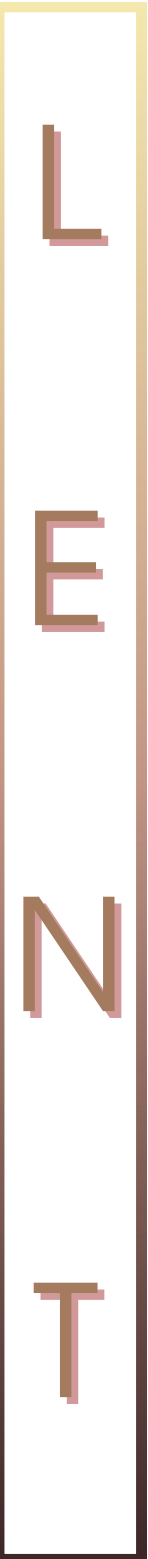
Sunday, March 15

Pastor Michael Smith preaches at 10:00am service Congregational Prayer and Vote to follow.

Table with 3 columns: Day/Time, Time, and Event. Includes entries for Sun., Mar. 8 (10:00 am, Sunday Worship Service, Mission Collection, Sunday School with Julie Astbury, 3rd Sunday In Lent: Lenten Luncheon after worship service, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study), Sun., Mar. 9 (9:00 am, Hearts & Crafts - Fellowship Hall), Wed., Mar. 11 (10:00 am, Women’s Bible Study - Fellowship Hall; 6:30 pm, Church Council - Online; 7:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall), and Thurs., Mar. 12 (6:45 pm, Prayer In The Parlor, Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#; 7:00 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall).

Church Responsibilities for March 8th

- Flowers: Lynne Gomez and Anna Galasso
Coffee Hour Host: David and Victoria McClintock
Nursery: Jill Finch



Lenten Lunch

Lent started on February 18th, and our Lenten Luncheon Series will follow worship and will continue each Sunday throughout Lent. For those interested in contributing soup and bread, a sign-up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. You can also sign up to be a host or a helper!

Lenten Series **The Prayer Course by Pete Greig**

Conversation, testimony, and teaching to help you and your community grow and deepen your prayer life, one week at a time.

Pete Greig is one of the founding leaders of 24-7 Prayer and is listed by Relevant Magazine as one of the top 50 "Revolutionary Leaders" of his generation. Greig is a popular speaker and the author of "Red Moon Rising" and "God on Mute".



Mission Moment

Easter Meals for Sherman

The Mission Moment for March will be a collection in support of Easter Meals for Sherman’s households in need. Run by the Sherman Social Services office, the Easter Meal program simply provides a gift card to local grocery stores for Sherman’s eligible households. There are about 55 households, which include struggling families with children, seniors, and other households in need, which are supported by this program.

WARNING

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

SERMON NOTES March 8, 2026

John 4:5-42

Do you find yourself living more in the past or the future?

PAST ----- FUTURE

SUCSESSES ----- FAILURES

It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.[a])

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (vs. 6b-10)

CONTEXT / BACKGROUND

JESUS HUMBLER HIMSELF

LIVING IN SHAME; CLARIFYING IDENTITY

HEALING BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER

SETTING A CHURCH FREE

(Are we as mean as he says we are?)

CALLING A PASTOR – LISTENING TO GOD

THE LEADER/PASTOR GOD SEEKS

THE CONGREGATION GOD SEEKS

PASTORAL BENCHMARKS

SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER:

1 Timothy 3; Titus 1:5-10; 1 Peter 5:1-11;

_____ I will remember to pray daily for God's wisdom and a heart that listens to God's Spirit during Candidate Weekend.