

April 5, 2026

10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

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

“For the separation of humanity from God is depicted way back in the garden... We have a broken relationship with God, both in the depths of our souls and the actions of our hearts. This is precisely the reason Christ came. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. He bore our cost.” -- Brad Bailey

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

WELCOME

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "Christ lay in Death's Strong Bonds" J.S. Bach
Christ lay in death's fetters, given up for our sin. He rose again and brought us life.
Therefore, let us be glad, praise and thank God, and sing Alleluia! Alleluia! M. Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION/ PRAYER of CONFESSION (debts)

***HYMN:** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Hymnal #234

***OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 40:21-31

Bible p. 715

***NEW TESTAMENT:** Hebrews 2:14-18

Bible p. 1185

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Alleluia! Christ is Risen” Gordon Young
The Sherman Church Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #808

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: “The Re-Creation Story – Made New”
John 20:1-23

Pastor Loring Carpenter
Bible p. 1074

***HYMN:** "Because He Lives"

Hymnal #238

***BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE:** “Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel

Sing-along!

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

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

NEXT WEEK: Next, we will observe the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Carpenter will begin a series on “*Made New*”

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Last week, our incoming pastor went to be with the Lord. All are invited to share in a Celebration of Life here at the church on April 18 at 2:00 PM.

NOTE: The Council’s next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM in the church office.

Deacons and Search Team will meet Tue, April 14 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.



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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.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

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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
- Bereaved Family of Rev. Michael Smith.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH



EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN OUR

Women's BRUNCH

SATURDAY | MAY 16 | 10:00 AM
2026

"Be still and know I am God"

PSALM 46:10

RSVP to:

<https://forms.gle/UPV3uMhiunmihWws5>

Email: Info@shermanchurch.org

Or Call 860-354-6114



ANN VAN HINE

The Missions Committee will host a Women's Brunch Saturday, May 16, from 10am to noon in Fellowship Hall. Christian speaker **Ann Van Hine** of Lititz, PA, the widow of New York firefighter Bruce Van Hine killed in 9/11, will speak on "Stillness in a Chaotic World."

The brunch is free and open to all, but RSVPs are needed through

<https://forms.gle/UPV3uMhiunmihWws5>, Church Email (info@shermanchurch.org), or by calling the church office at 860-354-6114.

Van Hine is the author of *Pieces Falling: Navigating 9/11 with Faith, Family & the FDNY*. She has spoken throughout the country as well as internationally in Japan, Belgium, England and Northern Ireland about experiencing personal loss amid a national tragedy. She has led walking tours of the National 9/11 Memorial, and participated in a hearing at the European Parliament. Her story is included in the Netflix documentary *Turning Point 9/11* which was released in 2021.

Her talk will be based on *Psalm 46:10* -- "Be still and know I am God." Van Hine will discuss the Biblical concept of stillness and how we need stillness to be able to connect to God. "I share parts of my September 11th story and how God was who He says He is," she explained. "I believe the stories of September 11, 2001, are like a mosaic. The stories don't fit together like a puzzle. Instead, they lay next to each other to form the larger narrative of what happened that day and since."

The brunch menu will include casseroles and quiche, homemade muffins and fruit, pastries and beverages. A freewill donation will be taken.



RSVP

Calendar for April 5th - 11th

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

Sun., Apr.5	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service ◦ Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the beach! ◦ Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Mon., Apr. 6	6:30 pm	Deacons - Online
Tues., Apr. 7	7:15 pm	Missions - Online
Wed., Apr. 8	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study - Fellowship Hall Church Council - Online Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Apr. 9	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

Mission Moment

The April 12 Mission Moment will be for Vacation Bible School to take place July 20-24 this year. The Christian Education Committee is working hard planning the five-day event. It will lead directly into an evening “Christmas in July” movie night which was such a success last year. Kristin Stephens will present the Mission Moment with a video compiled by Laura Baxter of last year’s fun and inspiration. A second collection will be taken. Checks can be made out to The Sherman Church with VBS in the memo line or donated online at www.shermanchurch.org under Tithes and Offerings with VBS in the Comment line. Thank you for supporting VBS!



July 20 – 24

Many claim to know Jesus, but remain in the dark—at Illumination Station VBS, kids explore how light reveals who He truly is.

Church Responsibilities for April 5th

Flowers: Easter Committee
Coffee Hour Host: Lynne Gomez
Nursery: Anna Galasso

SHERMAN CHURCH
SPRING
CLEAN UP DAY!



Help keep our church beautiful and join us on Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 am for our annual spring clean-up day.

Coming to AMC Theater in Danbury
March 29 – April 9, 2026



In honor of America’s 250th anniversary, A GREAT AWAKENING tells the true story of an unlikely friendship in American history. With the colonies on the brink of collapse, the Reverend George Whitefield sparks the first Great Awakening, uniting an entire generation with his thundering proclamation of liberty in Christ. In a miraculous turn of events, one of Whitefield’s closest friends and greatest promoters becomes none other than Benjamin Franklin. With the nation’s freedom hanging in the balance, Franklin discovers true liberty cannot only be written into law - it must be awakened in the hearts of the people.