

THE LORD’S SUPPER
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN
COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)
Nearly 90 percent of all goods and commodities – from food to medicine to energy – come to us by sea. It is ships and seafarers that keep the world afloat. But when nations clash, seafarers are often caught in the crossfire. Recent events in the Strait of Hormuz have seen tens of thousands of seafarers stranded as they work far from home to keep the world fueled and fed. Seafarers, cut off for months from family and spiritual nurture, rely on over 500 missions across the globe to be sustained with the presence of God’s love. Will you pray for God’s protection, pray for their well-being, and pray with thanksgiving for their service to all of us?

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. -- Hebrews 12:1-2
(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "What Wondrous Love is This" C. Callahan
CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)
* HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymnal #558
THE PEACE

* OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 8:1-14 Bible p.214
* NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 13:1-6 Bible p.1194
(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N” time)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)
MISSION MOMENT: *New England Seafarers Mission*

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "I Love the Lord" R. Smallwood
Annie Muoio, Song leader, please join as led.

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: “Enough is Enough” Rev. Steven Cushing
* HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Hymnal #358
* BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN
(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We gather to praise God and listen to God’s Word. We are a fellowship knit together by Jesus Christ, who has called us and seeks our worship each and every day. We are a people devoted to “Becoming Like Christ.” We would love for you to join us in worship, growth groups, prayer, and study, as well as fun and fellowship throughout the year.

LET US KNOW...

... if you have a prayer request or wish to share a comment with church leaders.
... if you are new to The Sherman Church and wish to know more by receiving emails or planning a visit to answer questions about this ministry.

... BY COMPLETING THE CONNECTION CARD
Available in each pew rack or speaking with someone before you leave today. Above all, please...



Come gather for fellowship following our
Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter returns. Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-28

Church Responsibilities for July 12th

Flowers: Penny LeMasurier
Coffee Hour Host: Anna Galasso
Nursery: Cheryl Mandracchia

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
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing
- The Bereaved family of Helen Bethel.

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JULY 12, 2026

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Calendar for July 12th - 18th

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

Sun., July 12	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School
Tues., July 14	6:30 pm	Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Wed., July 15	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Investments - Online Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., July 16	6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Christian Ed Meeting - Office Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Fri., July 17	6:30 pm	Trustees - Office

The West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Haven is in desperate need again of toiletries, boxers and T-shirts. If you would like to order from Amazon and send a box, here is the address:

Mr. Dan Hadlock, Director of Volunteers
450 Pool Road
North Haven, CT 06473

Please note: When items were sent directly to the VA, they have been lost, misdirected or just misplaced. So Mr. Hadlock is asking for things to be sent to his home so he is sure they get there!

Needed Items

- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant, men and women
- Shave cream, men and women
- Razors, men and women
- Boxers all sizes
- T shirts all sizes



JOHN 8:12
SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

2026 VBS
at The Sherman Church
JULY 20-24
9:00AM - 12:00PM

<https://www.myvbs.org/2026-shermanchurchvbs>

VBS Volunteer Snack Request!

Help us keep our amazing VBS volunteers fueled throughout the week!

We're looking for donations of:

- 🍳 Breakfast items
- 🍪 Baked goods
- 🥪 Grab-and-go snacks

If you'd like to help, please comment below or contact the church office. Thank you for supporting our volunteers as they help our kids shine God's light during VBS! ❤️

YOUTH youth group GROUP

TUESDAYS
6:30 PM

Bring a friend.

SHERMAN CHURCH
6 CHURCH ROAD, SHERMAN, CT 06784

GRADES 8-12

New England Seafarers Mission

1 Black Falcon Ave, Boston, MA, United States, 02210

A legacy of compassion at sea since 1880, the New England Seafarers Mission has been providing hope, advocacy, and practical care to merchant seafarers from around the world.

New England Seafarers Mission (NESM) is an outreach ministry of the local church that serves the international seafarers of the maritime business community.

Our goal is to bring the comforting presence of God onboard the ships we visit, offering spiritual and physical assistance where we can.

Ordained chaplains and trained lay ship visitors reach out in the ways of advocacy, companionship, support and prayer. During our busy cruise ship ministry (March-November), we are assisted by caring volunteers who offer their time and talent to create an oasis of help and a house of prayer for crew members.

NESM provides seafarers with support from chaplains and services in Boston, Providence, and Narragansett Bay, and reaches around 35,000 people a year from 167 countries. Our core belief is that as a Christian organization, we are called to open our doors of hospitality to ALL women and men who reach our ports.



Join us in Serving Seafarers

Here's your chance to make a difference. Join us for a day at the Seafarers' Center and help run the operations that serve seafarers from all over the world.

Why Volunteer

A day of welcome can travel farther than you know. Seafarers often arrive in port after long stretches away from family, church, and familiar community. Volunteers help NESM create a place of welcome where crew members can rest, ask for practical help, receive prayer, and be reminded that they are seen.



Some volunteers serve for a single cruise ship day. Others become regular ship visitors, assemble Christmas Ditty Bags, pray faithfully, or help their church group serve together. However you come alongside the mission, you help turn a port call into an encounter with hospitality and hope.

NOTE: Boston a long way to go for one day? We can arrangement for volunteers to stay at Mariner's House at special rates.

Ways to get involved

Cruise Ship Ministry

Spend a short day with us and meet seafarers from dozens of countries — having a direct impact on their lives. Whether helping in the ship's store or merely welcoming them to the center, you can make a difference in their lives.

Christmas Ditty Bags

Knit, sew, or help assemble our Christmas Ditty Bag items. Each year our chaplains deliver 1,500 ditty bags aboard ships along with the Christmas message.



570 I Love the Lord

Psalm 116

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and pit-ied

ev-'ry groan. Long as I live, when trou-bles

rise, I'll hast-en to his throne!

I'll has-ten to his throne! I'll has-ten to his throne!

I'll has-ten to his throne! I'll has-ten to his throne!

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Music: Richard Smallwood

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An Update from John Bryant: Green Mountain Church

The note below, sent July 8 to Missions Chair Ann Muoio, is from Rev. Jon Bryant of the Green Mountain Church of Chester, VT, which Sherman Church supports through the 4Cs church planting program. What blessings God has bestowed on them!

Dear Ann,

I'm sorry it's taken me a few days to get back to you. We were up in Kennebunkport with family this past week and just got back last night. The last few months have been really encouraging. The Lord continues to work in and through the lives of people here at Green Mountain Church, and I wanted to share three things from this season that have really stood out.

First, we started our first churchwide Bible study at the end of the spring. We went through *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer, which spends twenty-something chapters walking through different attributes of God. It has been beautiful to walk alongside new believers as they come to know God more deeply. Each week I prepared an in-depth Bible study, and there was not a single week where we made it past the first question: "Does anyone have any questions from the reading?" Most weeks, we spent the whole two hours just talking about God. Some of the questions were fun, like, "So, did God know me when

He created the world?" Others were really challenging and heavy, like, "How do I talk to a family friend about Jesus as they're dying?" It has been such a gift to watch people think deeply, ask honest questions, and grow in their understanding of who God is.

Second, we've been walking through the Gospel of John together on Sunday mornings, and that has led to some really meaningful conversations about Jesus and His work on earth. I realize how easy it is for me to take the beauty of Scripture for granted, simply because I've been around it my whole life. But it has been refreshing and such a privilege to introduce dozens of people to the Gospel of John for the first time. Watching people encounter Jesus in the text with fresh eyes has been one of the great joys of this season.

Third, and maybe the greatest blessing of the last few months, both personally and for the long-term health of the church, is that we have officially started a leadership team and begun the process of elder training. For years, so much of the leadership and decision-making has fallen on Marissa and me, but the Lord has blessed us with three families who are lifelong Christians, have backgrounds in biblical studies, and are deeply committed to the mission of the church. We've been meeting monthly, and the hope is to have them established as elders by this time next year.

The Lord has been so good to us, and we are incredibly grateful for your love, prayers, and support. You may never know the full impact of your generosity on this side of Heaven, but one day we'll get to celebrate together all that the Lord has done through the ministry of Green Mountain Church and Sherman Church.

Grateful for you all,
Jon Bryant



(Here's a picture from us in Kennebunkport this week. Julian is 4 years old and Elias is almost 6 months old!)