

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.)

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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: "Pastoral Symphony" from "Messiah"
G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

* HYMN: “Sing Praise to the Father”Hymnal #9

THE PEACE

* OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 103:15-19Bible p.595
(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N” time)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: “I asked the Lord" (from "Sing!"), v. 1-4
Please join in on v.2

DOXOLOGYHymnal #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: “How big is the Love of God?”Pastor Brian Prue
Psalm 103Bible p.595

* HYMN: “Take My Life and Let it Be”Hymnal #568

* BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN
*(*Congregation, please stand if able.)*

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

NEXT WEEK: Join us as we share in a service of testimony and thanksgiving for God’s grace and love shown in our lives. This will be a service of thanks in which many will share how they have learned or encountered God in their lives. Giving personal testimony is a way of solidifying one’s faith while also encouraging others. Testimonies will be shared along with songs, prayers, and reading from Scripture.

NOTE: Our monthly observance of the Lord’s Supper will be August 9. Pastor Carpenter will return August 23. Should you seek care or counsel during this time, please contact the church office, as Jess will be in contact with him.

A SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE HOURS OF EFFORT PUT IN BY MANY VOLUNTEERS, ESPECIALLY THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Kristin Stephens, Jessica Jacques, Melinda Ranger, Heather Rand, and Caitlin Hicks.

In all, 40 children attended, many for the first time as they joyfully sang and learned of Jesus as the Light of the World. Check out the August Emphasis for pictures.

The first week in August, the Annual Gathering of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (4C’s) will be meeting in Florida. Charlie Mastroni is a delegate from The Sherman Church, as is our pastor. This is an important time for our conference as we embrace new leadership and adjust the sails for the coming years of ministry together. You will hear more about the conference in the coming months.

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...



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!

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.

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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JULY 26, 2026

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Church Responsibilities for July 26th

Flowers: Edna Coons
Coffee Hour Host: David and Victoria McClintock
Nursery: TBD

Calendar for July 26th - Aug. 1st

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

Sun., July 26	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School
Tues., July 27	6:30 pm	Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Wed., July 29	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., July 30	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

WARNING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting
of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary
August 2, 2026
Immediately Following the Worship Service
In-person and via Google Meet

- To accept the minutes of the March 15, 2026, special meeting of the Sherman Church.
- To vote on the Trustees’ recommendation for tree removal for up to \$15,000.
- To approve a \$2,500 donation to Lion of Judah Academy using investment funds.
- To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 26th day of July, 2026.
Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

I Asked the Lord

Words by: John Newton

Verse 1

I asked the Lord that I might grow
in faith, and love, and ev'ry grace;
might more of his salvation know,
and seek more earnestly his face.

Verse 2

'Twas he who taught me thus to pray;
and he, I trust, has answered prayer:
but it has been in such a way
as almost drove me to despair.

Verse 3

I hoped that in some favored hour,
at once he'd grant me my request;
and, by his love's constraining pow'r,
subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Verse 4

Instead of this, he made me feel
the hidden evils of my heart
and let the angry pow'rs of hell
assault my soul in ev'ry part.