

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.)
“My dear friends, most churches make the mistake of selecting as leaders the confident, the competent, and the successful. But what you most need in a leader is someone who has been broken by the knowledge of his or her sin, and even greater knowledge of Jesus’ costly grace.” – Timothy Keller

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2
(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "Eight Short Preludes and Fugues" J.S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

- * HYMN: "How Majestic is Your Name"

Hymnal #61
- * THE PEACE
- * OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 3:13-15

Bible p.57
- * NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 21:16
(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N” time)

Bible p.978

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
L. Daigle/ H.Lemmel
Cheryl Mandracchia, piano*
Hymnal #808

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: Psalm 8

Rev. Greg Flower
- * HYMN: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Hymnal #721
- * BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN
(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

* Cheryl is a Sherman resident who has spent over 20 years sharing her music in worship leadership and early childhood music education. She currently leads Li'l Music Makers family classes in New Fairfield and Family Jams through Sherman Parks and Rec. She and her family are regular attendees at our worship services!

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 through 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 of 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

FALL EXPLORING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Has Christ become more real in your life during the past year? Have you attended The Sherman Church for a time, and are you excited about the future of God’s mission for the church? What would it mean to become a member of this church? Discover who we are as a church and how you can connect, grow, and share in a journey of faith more deeply. We invite you to join in a membership class that will help you become familiar with where we believe God is leading us as a community of faith.

Join us in the parlor after worship on August 30 and learn more about this opportunity. If you are away that week, let Laura, our Deacon Chair (deaconchair@shermanchurch.org), know, as we are trying to put together a time to have the class that will fit the schedule of all interested. The session on August 30 is meant to outline the process and set dates, so we expect it to take about 30 minutes.

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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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 SHERMAN CHURCH



AUGUST 23, 2026

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Calendar for Aug. 23rd - 29th

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

Sun., August 23	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service - Candidate. Pastor Greg Flower Vote Sunday School
Tues., August 25	12:00pm 6:30 pm	Women’s Potluck - Sherman Beach Pavilion Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Wed., August 26	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., August 27	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Fri., August 28	6:00 pm	Blessing of The Backpacks - Family Night
Sat., August 29	12:00 pm	Security Walkthrough with Trooper Tate

Church Responsibilities for August 23rd

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

Choir Rehearsals Begin Saturday, August 29th!

Choir rehearsals begin on August 29 at 10:00am. If you are interested in becoming part of The Sherman Church Choir, please get in touch with Penny Rose.

Today
WARNING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting
of The Sherman Church will be held in the sanctuary
August 23, 2026
Immediately Following the Worship Service
In-person and via Google Meet

- To accept the minutes of the Aug. 2, 2026, special meeting of the Sherman Church.
- To vote on the Search Team's recommended candidate for the position of Pastor.
- To hear and act upon any business proper to come before the congregation.

Dated at Sherman, Connecticut, this 9th day of August, 2026.

Aimée M. Suhie, Clerk

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We are in need of more Coffee Hour Hosts. Hosting coffee hour is on a rotation, so you would be assigned once every 2-3 months, depending on how many are in the rotation.

- Basically the responsibilities are to:
- Check the refrigerator the week before to see if we have milk or half and half and juice (nothing red so it doesn’t stain the carpet). If not, purchase these items.
 - Purchase or bring something sweet such as cookies or coffee cake, muffins, etc.
 - It is NOT necessary to do any more!! We have gotten carried away recently with lots of extras and are eager to return to the basics.
 - Make coffee; heat water for tea; put out cups, sugar, sweeteners, milk and juice.
 - Set up table with snack, napkins, plates or plastic ware if needed.
 - Clean up

Barbara Hoag or any other member will be happy to assist you, especially on your first time.

Please see Barbara or Edna after church or call the church office 860-354-6114 and speak with Jess to sign up. Thank you!!



RSVP by August 26th!

<https://forms.gle/6S76UC6stJVs3MTs5>

Psalm 8

Have you ever looked up at the night sky, or across an ocean, and felt small? It is usually when we recognize the vastness of our world that we take a moment and consider our size and place in it. Sadly, I tend to let those moments pass too quickly, and I move on with everyday life. When life gets busy or complicated, it is easy to forget that feeling of awe we get when confronted with the vastness of who God is.

Psalm 8 reminds us to start and end our days by purposefully remembering who God is. “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.” When we start our day calling to mind who God is and what He has done for us, we set the tone for the rest of our day. When we start our day remembering who He is, anything that comes along during the day, good or bad, will fall under the category of “God is good.” When we end our day remembering who He is, we can look back and remember that He is faithful. Instead of reaching for your phone first thing in the morning, reach out to God. Declare His majesty and let that thought permeate your day. When you lie down at night, thank Him for His faithfulness throughout the day. This week, try to start and end your day with, “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.”

Questions:

- How does the praise of God’s majesty in Psalm 8 shape your daily sense of wonder and worship?
- In what ways does the truth that humans are “a little lower than the angels” and crowned with glory affect how you see your identity in Christ?
- Psalm 8 speaks of God giving humanity dominion over creation. How does that calling affect your choices about caring for your friends and family, your neighborhood, and those in need?
- Psalm 8 marvels that God is mindful of us. Does that comfort you in seasons of loneliness, doubt, or insignificance? Why or why not?
- How does Psalm 8 point you to the gospel and to Christ’s rule over all things, and what does that mean for your hope and mission as a follower of Jesus?



Psalm 8

Sermon Notes

August 23, 2026

Psalm 8 is generally considered a song of _____.
Psalm 8 is a daily reminder of _____ God is.
Psalm 8 starts and ends by reminding us of the majestic _____ of God.

1. God’s Majestic Name Over All the Earth

Psalm 8:1, 9 — “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

David begins and ends with _____.
A doxology is a short _____ or statement of _____.
_____ is the proper response to revelation.

What does this mean for us today?

It means that when God reveals Himself to us, we _____.
Begin and end your days with _____.

Let _____ shape your worldview, not circumstances.

2. God Displays Strength Through the Weak

Psalm 8:2 — Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

God uses the _____ to silence the _____.
Jesus refers to this verse in Matthew 21:16

God’s kingdom advances through _____, not human strength or _____.

What does this mean for us today?

Encourage the faith of _____ and new _____.
Don’t dismiss _____ beginnings—God delights in them.

3. The Wonder of Creation and the Smallness of Man

Psalm 8:3–4— When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

David looks at the heavens and feels his _____.
But don’t confuse your smallness in _____ and time with smallness of _____.
You are not an _____—you are created, known, and valued by God.

What does this mean for us today?

When you feel overwhelmed by life, remember: the God who made galaxies knows _____.
Let awe lead to _____, not _____.

4. God Crowns Humanity With Dignity and Dominion

Psalm 8:5–8— You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

The phrase **you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings** shows our place in the _____.

We are just _____ the heavenly beings.
Dominion is _____, not _____.
Every human life has inherent _____.

What does this mean for us today?

Treat every person as an _____.
Steward your family, work, and resources under God’s _____.

5. Christ, the True Son of Man, Fulfills Psalm 8

Humanity failed in its _____—but Jesus did not.
_____ restores us to our intended purpose.

What does this mean for us today?

Find your identity in _____, not in _____.
Live as _____ image-bearers under the reign of the risen King.

From Majesty to Mission

Psalm 8 calls us to:
_____ God’s majesty
_____ at His care
_____ in our God-given dignity
_____ to Christ, the true Son of Man