

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS
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.)

Spiritually, we are dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:5). But when Jesus came into our dangerous world, he came down our road. And though we had been his enemies, he was moved with compassion by our plight (Rom. 5:10). He came to us and saved us, not merely at the risk of his life, as in the case of the Samaritan, but at the cost of his life. On the cross he paid a debt we could never have paid ourselves. Jesus is the Great Samaritan to whom the Good Samaritan points. – Timothy Keller

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "Air" from the "Water Music Suite"
G.F. Handel

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

* **HYMN:** “When the Church of Jesus” **Hymnal #722**

* **THE PEACE**

* **OLD TESTAMENT:** Numbers 13:1-3, 26-31, 14:5-9 **Bible p.142**
(*Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N” time*)

PRAYERS TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "10000 Reasons to Worship the King"
arr. D. Allen
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: “A Way Forward: When God Calls” **Pastor Loring Carpenter**
Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-19 **Bible p.1085**

* **HYMN:** "Revive Us Again” **Hymnal #723**

* **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 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

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter continues the series on “A Way Forward.” Pastor Flower will also be with us as he begins his ministry here. Note his official Installation Service will be October 18.

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for those who give their time and talents to help those in our community during emergencies – our firefighters, EMTs, and Police. The Sherman Volunteer Fire Department has served residents for over eighty years. They have spent hours learning, preparing, and training for emergencies, and when they occur, respond promptly for as long as it takes to assist those in need. We thank God for instilling in them a unique sense of compassion and duty to their community that blesses us all.

THANK YOU, FIRST RESPONDER

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@shermchurch.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@shermchurch.org or 860-733-9972) or the Pastor (pastor@shermchurch.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

Gathered In 1744

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
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing
- Claire Seibert, health and healing
- Aimée Suhie, health
- The Bereaved family of John W, Lord, Kristin Stephens' Father

The SHERMAN CHURCH

FIRST RESPONDERS *Service*

*"Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down
one's life for one's friends."*

JOHN 15:13



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Calendar for Sept. 13th - 19th

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

Sun., September 13	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School	First Responders Service
Mon., September 14	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Hearts and Crafts Deacons	Fellowship Hall Online
Tues., September 15	6:30 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Wed., September 16	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Woman's Bible Study Investments Alcoholics Anonymous	Prayer Only: Fellowship Hall Online Fellowship Hall
Thurs., September 17	6:45 pm	Prayer In The Parlor	Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#.
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Fri., September 18	6:30 pm	Trustees	Office

Church Responsibilities for September 13th

Flowers: Anna Galasso

Coffee Hour Host: Aimée Suhie

Nursery: Barbara Hoag

Women's Bible Study The women will meet on September 16th and 23rd. Julie Astbury will be back to lead Bible Study sessions on September 30th. All women are invited.

Hearts and Crafts will be back starting Monday, September 14th at 9:00 am, meeting at Fellowship Hall.

Choir rehearsals have begun. If you are interested in becoming part of The Sherman Church Choir, please get in touch with Penny Rose.

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.

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!!

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The great commission calls us to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. But how do we actually do this? In Part 2 of Our Discipleship Journey, we'll continue to discover how Jesus made disciples, and how He gave us all we need to do the same. The discipleship journey isn't always straightforward, and it will take you out of your comfort zone, but nothing beats participating in the grand adventure of seeing lives transformed and communities renewed by the power of the Gospel. You needn't wait another moment to join God's disciple-making mission.

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