

September 20, 2026

10:00 AM

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.)

"Sin causes each of us to be selfish in the real sense of what this word means. It makes us more demanding than serving, more accusing than forgiving, more defensive than approachable, and more critical than understanding and patient."..."The hope for your relationships is not to be found in you or in the others in those relationships. Hope is found in a third person who has invaded your relationships by his grace. You are never alone in your relationships." Paul David Tripp

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. C. Callahan

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

* HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Hymnal #95

* THE PEACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "Rain Down" J. Cortez/J. Carter
The Sherman Church Choir

Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down you love on all people.
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life

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
(Children dismissed for “Jesus is F.U.N.” time)

Hymnal #808

*OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 89:1-18

Bible p.587

*NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 1:15-23

Bible p.1165

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

* HYMN: "O Come to Me, the Master Said"

Hymnal #442

SERMON: “A Way Forward – Let God Be God”
John 3:27-36

Pastor Loring Carpenter

* HYMN: "Christ for the World! We Sing"

Hymnal #743

* 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; place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.
Above all, please...

Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

Calendar for Sept. 20th - 26th

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

Sun., Sept. 20	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School	Discipleship Journey: Part 2 Begins
Tues., Sept. 22	6:30 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Wed., Sept. 23	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Woman’s Bible Study Investments Alcoholics Anonymous	Prayer Only: Fellowship Hall Online Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Sept. 24	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Alcoholics Anonymous	Dial 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Fellowship Hall
Fri., Sept. 25	6:00 pm	Christian Ed	Office

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Carpenter continues the series “Way Forward” through October 11. We will also be blessed by a Mission Moment of testimony from some at Adult & Teen Challenge.

SAVE THE DATE -- SPREAD THE WORD

October 18 at 10:00 AM we will have a Service of Installation for our new pastor, Greg Flower. A reception will follow. This is a wonderful chance to invite friends and neighbors to meet Greg and his family.



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

Gathered In 1744

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

LOVE GOD • LOVE OTHERS • MAKE DISCIPLES

THE SHERMAN *Church*

*This is the day
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and
be glad in it.*

PSALM 118:24

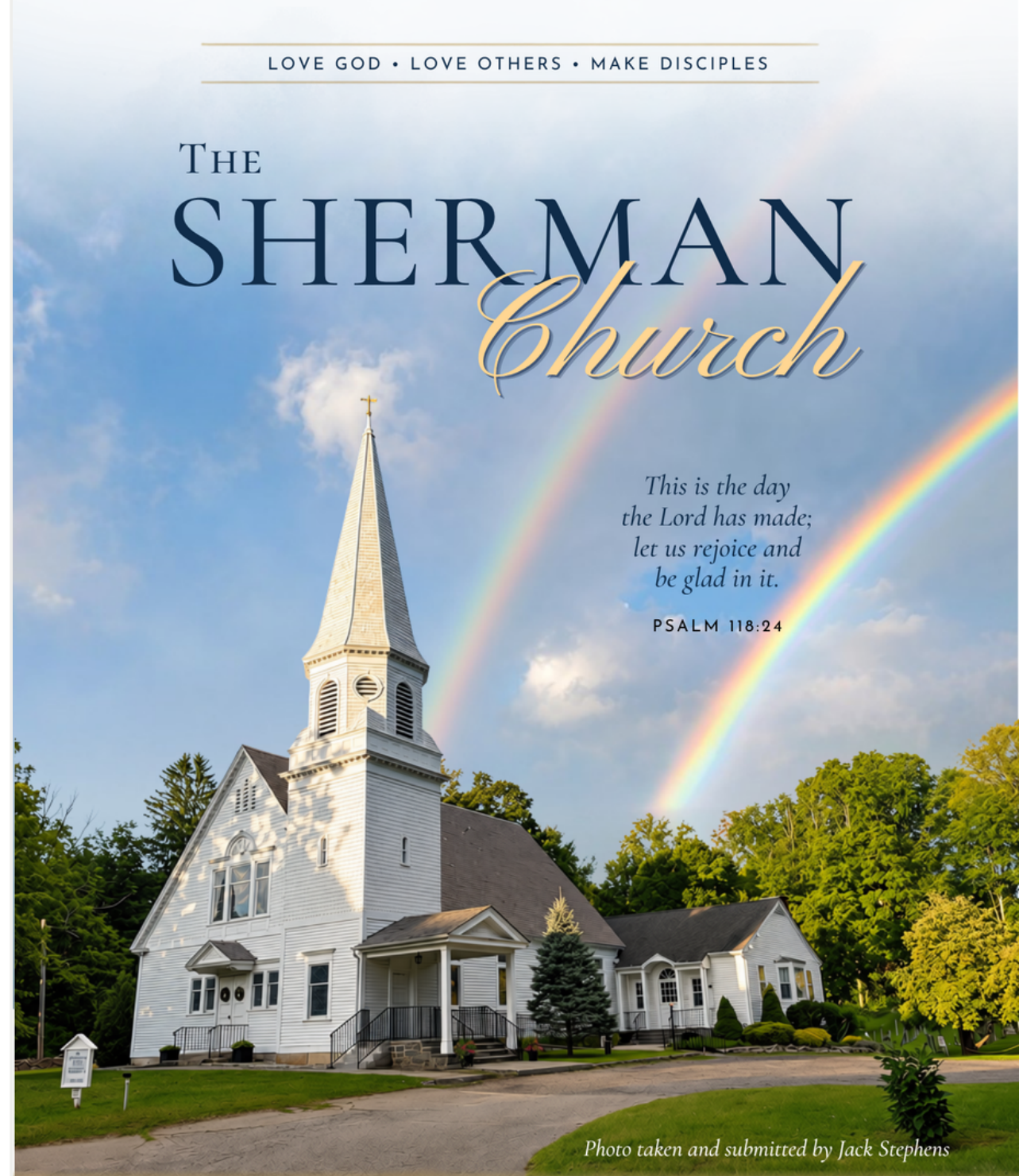


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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Church Responsibilities for September 20th

Flowers: Lynne Gomez

Coffee Hour Host: Penny LeMasurier

Nursery: Megan Tlasky

Goodbye Party for the Carpenters

We have been so blessed to have these last four years with Pastor Loring and MaryAnn Carpenter alongside us as we searched for our next seated pastor. It has been a journey! Now is the bittersweet time to say goodbye with a wonderful potluck 'Goodbye' party. Please mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 16, at 6pm for a fabulous churchwide potluck dinner sendoff. Please sign up through the church office at info@shermchurch.org, by signing up on the form below or by calling church secretary Jessica Jacques at 860-354-6114. Please plan to make a main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert for four. We will provide coffee, tea, and other beverages.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Fellowship Hour is in need of extra hands!! Our volunteers are scheduled every 2 months and that is too frequently. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING.** Contact Jess in the office at 860-354-6114 or speak with Edna or Barbara. WE have members who are happy to help you. Below are the BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. 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 carpet). If not, purchase these items.
2. Purchase or bring something sweet such as cookies or coffee cake, muffins, etc., and something healthy like fruit. *It is NOT necessary to do any more.*
3. Make coffee; heat water for tea; put out cups, sugar, sweeteners, milk, and juice.
4. Set up the table with snack, napkins, plates, or plasticware if needed.
5. Clean up

If you want a partner, let us know, and we can find one for you. 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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