



# The Lord is risen indeed. LUKE 24:34

## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

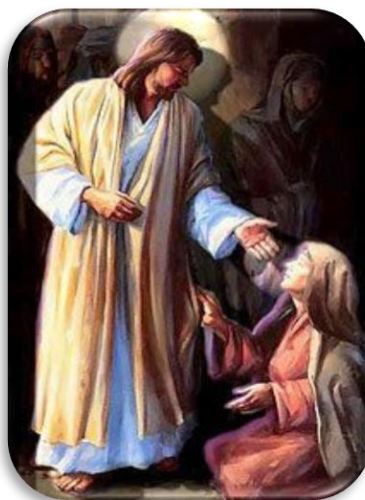
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**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**Day of Resurrection**

**9:30 a.m.**

***Welcome:*** With joy we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, praying that through worship, fellowship, and the comfort of his word, we may be strengthened in the inner person. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad.

***Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris***

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***Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince***

**WATCHWORD:** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.  
*(1 Corinthians 15:20)*

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

The Liturgy For Easter – Part 1 (p. 133 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

First Scripture Reading: John 20:1 – 18

Hymn 131 – *“The Trumpet”*

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Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn – *“In Christ Alone”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thank, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34 – 43

Choir Anthem – *“Celebrate The Risen Lord”*

The Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 121 – *“I Serve A Risen Saviour”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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# EASTER

## LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 1

*All standing.*

The Lord is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

TUNE: DIADEMATA

**Christians dismiss your fear;  
Let hope and joy succeed;  
The joyful news with gladness hear,  
‘The Lord is risen indeed:’  
The promise is fulfilled  
In Christ, our only Head;  
Justice with mercy’s reconciled;  
He lives who once was dead.**

*Anon. Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708)*

Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. All who have faith in me shall live, even though they die. No one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die.’

‘I am the first and the last, and I am the living One; I was dead and now I am alive for evermore’.

*May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be praised! In his great mercy by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, he gave us new birth into a living hope; the hope of an inheritance, reserved in heaven, which nothing can destroy or spoil or wither.*

Christ was raised to life – the first fruits of the harvest of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be brought to life. As we have worn the likeness of the earthly, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly. He will transfigure our humble bodies, and give them a form like that of his own glorious body.

Sown a perishable thing,

*It is raised imperishable.*

Sown in humiliation,

*It is raised in glory.*

Sown in weakness,

*It is raised in power.*

Sown a physical body,  
*It is raised a spiritual body.*

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?  
*Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and might and honour and glory and blessing.  
*To him be glory and dominion for ever! Amen.*

*TUNE: LUTHER'S HYMN*

**In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay,  
For our offences given;  
But now the Lord is risen today,  
And brings us life from heaven;  
Come, let us therefore all rejoice  
And praise our God with cheerful voice,  
And sing loud hallelujahs.**

**It was a wondrous war, I trow,  
When life and death contended;  
But life hath triumphed o'er the foe,  
The reign of death is ended;  
It is indeed as Scripture saith,  
That Christ in dying conquered death,  
And from his realm ascended.**

*Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)*



### **Scripture Reading: John 20:1 – 18**

1. The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
2. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
3. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
4. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
9. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
10. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
11. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him.
14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
15. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
17. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.
18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.



## Hymn 131 –

We sing His love, who once was slain,  
Who soon o'er death revived again,  
That all His saints through Him might have  
Eternal conquest o'er the grave.

*Soon shall the trumpet sound, Soon shall the trumpet sound,  
Soon shall the trumpet sound,  
And we shall rise  
Shall rise, shall rise shall rise to immortality,  
Shall rise to immortality.*

The saints who now with Jesus sleep,  
His own almighty power shall keep,  
Till dawns the bright illustrious day  
When death itself shall die away.

How loud shall our glad voices sing,  
When Christ His risen saints shall bring,  
From beds of dust and silent clay,  
To realms of everlasting day!

When Jesus we in glory meet,  
Our utmost joys shall be complete;  
When landed on that heavenly shore,  
Death and the curse will be no more.

Hasten, dear Lord, the glorious day,  
And this delightful scene display;  
When all Thy saints from death shall rise,  
Raptured in bliss beyond the skies.



*All standing for the following Confession of Faith:*

I believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He rescued us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. He has conferred on us in Christ every spiritual blessing and made us fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light.

*This I most certainly believe.*

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. From him and through him and for him all things exist, and we through him. He became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man. He was tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. He spoke of what he knew, and testified to what he had seen. To all who put their trust in him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*This is my Lord who loves me and gave himself for me; purchased and redeemed me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; so that I may be his own, and live in his kingdom serving him eternally in righteousness, innocence and happiness.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be our Comforter and be with us for ever. He comes to the aid of our weakness, affirming that we are God's children. He floods our hearts with God's love, and makes our bodies his holy temple. He works in us the will of God, giving to each one gifts as he chooses.

*This I most certainly believe.*

Glory to God in the Church of Jesus Christ, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times and for ever and ever.

*Glory to God in the highest. Amen.*

*TUNE: WELLS*

**Now, with angels round the throne,  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
And the Church which still is one,  
Let us swell the solemn hymn;  
Glory to great I AM,  
Glory to the victim Lamb.**

**Blessing, honour, glory, might  
And dominion infinite,  
To the Father of our Lord,  
To the Spirit, and the Word;**

**As it was all worlds before,  
Is and shall be evermore.**

*Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855)*



## **LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 2**

Son of God, Saviour of the world,  
*Be gracious unto us.*

By your agony and passion,  
By your dying words,  
By your cross and reconciling death,  
By your rest in the grave,  
*Bless and comfort us, good Lord.*

By your triumphant resurrection,  
By your appearing to the disciples,  
By your glorious ascension,  
By your sending the Holy Spirit,  
By your word and sacraments,  
By your abiding presence,  
By your coming again in glory,  
*Bless and comfort us, good Lord.*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead; with the whole company of your people in heaven and on earth we rejoice and give thanks, that he who was dead is alive again and lives for evermore; that he is with us now and always, and that nothing can part us from your love in him; that he has opened the way to your kingdom and brought us the gift of eternal life.

*All glory, praise and thanksgiving, all worship, honour and love, be yours, almighty and everlasting God, in time and for all eternity. Amen.*

*Tune: Darwall*

**The stone is rolled away;  
The Lord is ris'n indeed!  
At God's right hand today  
He sits, He intercedes.  
The keys of death, hell and the grave  
He took; mankind He came to save.**

*2014 Ian C. Hughes a.*



*Prayers of intercession are offered:*

***Prayer for the Church.***

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence, carry out the work of humanity's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that those things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things shall attain to perfection, through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

***Prayer for those in trouble.***

God, you are the source of all comfort and consolation. We pray today for those who are sick and suffering; for the widow and widower, the motherless and the fatherless; for the sad and despairing. Reveal yourself to each one and teach them to find in you the strength in all trouble, and the refuge in every time of anxiety. *Amen.*

***Prayer for the aged and the dying.***

O God, though all else should fail, you remain true; and though all things die, you live. We pray for those who are near the end of their earthly pilgrimage, that they may spend their remaining days in your presence, and meeting death with the strength of your grace, may pass into the nearer light of your knowledge and love. *Amen.*

God of peace, whose Son our Lord Jesus was brought back from the dead to become the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant, equip us to do your will in everything that is good, that our lives may always be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7, NIV).*

**Offertory Hymn –**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied —  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine —  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**



## Offertory Doxology:

### Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks  
For all you've done  
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest  
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration In Songs & Choruses



### **Second Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34 – 43**

34. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
36. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
37. That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.
43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.



**Choir Anthem – “Celebrate The Risen Lord”**



**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Closing Hymn: 121 –**

I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks to me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives,  
Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair

I know that he is leading,  
Thro' all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing  
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian!  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
To Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him  
The help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind.



### **Benediction**



### **Organ Postlude**

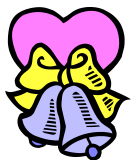


### **Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

A warm welcome is extended to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Welcome.



*Today: Cheryl-Ann Greenidge & Muriel Todd  
Advanced: Keiana Maynard (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), Brenda Mascoll (4<sup>th</sup>), Nathaneal Joseph (5<sup>th</sup>), James T. Hinds & Akeem Maynard (6<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Ronald & Sis. Lucine Baker who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 4, 2024*



*Flowers today were donated in memory of the late Bro. Michael Lewis, who would have celebrated his birthday on March 28, 2024 and his sister the late Sis. Shirley Nicholls, who would have celebrated her birthday on March 29, 2024.*



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT**

- † **TODAY: Day of Resurrection**
  - † Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
- † **THIS WEEK**
- † **Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).**
- † **Monday: Easter Monday – Food & Fun Day from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Church Grounds**
- † **Tuesday: Women’s Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**
- † **Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets – Hosea) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**
- † **Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- † **Saturday: Sports and Fellowship Day – 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Leonard’s Boys Secondary School Sports Field. All ages invited.**
- † **Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.**
  - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### **Activities in the Month of April 2024:**

- † **Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Sharon Grounds.**
- † **Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Leonard’s Boys Secondary School Sports Field. All ages invited.**
- † **Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.**
- † **Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon – 12:00 Midnight. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Ince, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.**
- † **Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.**

- † Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>, online via Zoom.
- † Conference Women’s Fellowship & Youth Heritage Tour – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Sharon Moravian Church.



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. March is Month of Disabled, in Barbados and as a church we offer our encouragement and support to any who are faced with a disability of any nature. We extend the invitation to all to be mindful of and create space for people with disabilities, that they may find life. On our premises here at Sharon, you will note that a Disabled Parking Space has been demarcated in front of the D. C. Moore Centre. We ask that it be reserved for those with mobility challenges who drive.
2. From the Provincial Board: Our next Provincial Day of Prayer will be April 1, 2024, led by the Antigua Conference. For 15 minutes across the Province, rather than a Zoom gathering, families are asked to come together in their homes for prayer from 5:00 am to 5:15 am. The prayer focus will be Haiti. Prayer for Haiti can encompass a range of intentions and concerns given the country's history of challenges, including natural disasters, political instability, poverty, and social issues. Through prayer, individuals can express their compassion, solidarity, and hope for Haiti, asking for divine intervention and guidance in addressing the country's needs and challenges. Prayer can also inspire action and motivate individuals to contribute to relief efforts, advocacy, and support for Haiti's development and well-being.
3. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. We held our Anniversary Service on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Other events being planned, include:
  - † Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1, 2024. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be on sale!
  - † “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Pedro Welch.
  - † “Come Back Sunday” – Sunday June 30, 2024.
  - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024.
  - † We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for

**collection.** For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Billor – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



4. At its meeting held on March 12, 2024, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis Margaret Best; Vice-Chairman – Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis Evelina King-Harper; Treasurer – Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis Brenda Mascoll; Assistant Treasurer – Sis Jennifer Clarke.
5. At its meeting held on February 29, 2024, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Carmel Downes as Vice-Chairman, Sis Cora Cumberbatch as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary. The assignment of Districts is a follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes



7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Bevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

**6. From the Superintendent:**

✠ On Sunday, March 24, 2024, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will observe Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually, we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our Moravian ministers in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. A special offering towards ministerial training is also received. Currently, there is one (1) minister in training from this Province: Sis. Chioma Henry. Let us remember them especially in our prayers.

**7. We are thankful for your financial support.**

✠ We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

✠ You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

✠ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope*

number], Name: Your Name). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- ✚ Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
- ✚ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- ✚ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- ✚ You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## The Past 225 Years

7. Most Moravians refer to their cemeteries as God’s Acre. It comes from the German word meaning ‘Field of God’. Sharon is no different. Hence, on Easter morning at sunrise, it is customary to journey to God’s Acre to remember those souls who have passed on in the year just past – since the previous Easter. The tradition of decorating the graves at Easter is a part of this custom.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
✚ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences and pray for the relatives and friends of Sis. Patterson Williams on her passing.
4. World Peace



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2024:**
  - American Paperback Edition – \$25
  - American Large Print Edition – \$32
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2024** – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- † **Missionary Collection Boxes for 2024** – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- † **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
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- † **Books:**
- ▣ **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.**
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- † **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**



### **Provincial Theme 2024:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

***“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC***



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**225TH  
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**FEB 11 | 4:00PM**

**MAR 3 | 3:30PM**



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**APR 1 | 11:00AM**

**MAY 16 | 7:00PM**



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