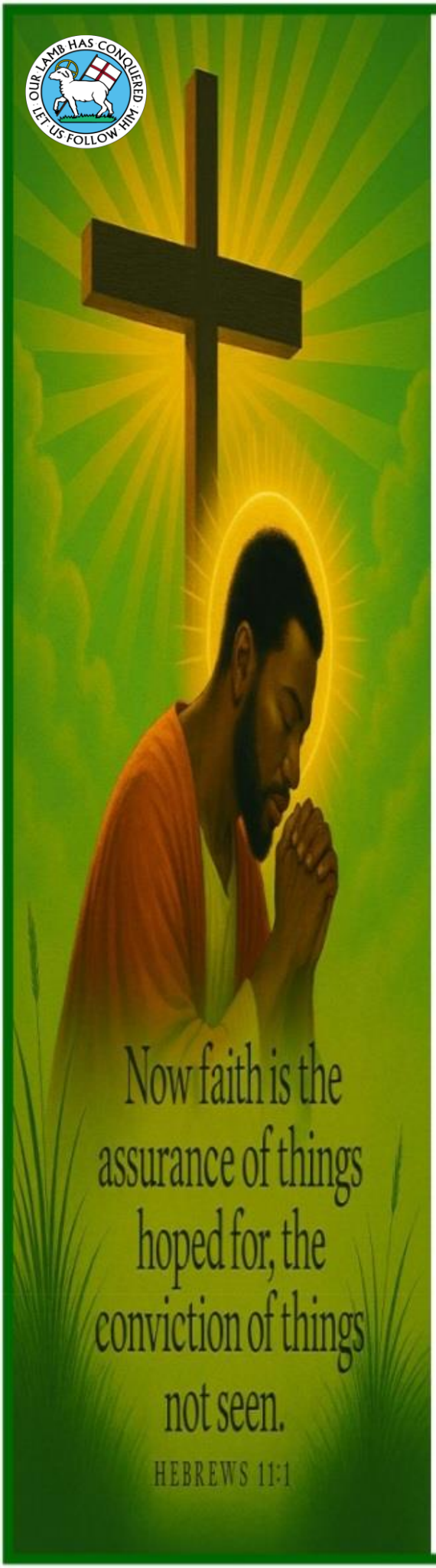


SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

The Sunday Before Independence Day

9:30 a.m.

***Welcome:** Welcome on this First Sunday of Advent, which is the Sunday closest to the 60th Anniversary of the Independence of our nation Barbados, and the 5th Anniversary of our becoming a republic. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We commit to walking in the light of God as we press on as a church and as a nation.*

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WATCHWORD: Then they will see *"the Son of Man coming in clouds"* with great power and glory. (Mark 13:26)

Provincial Theme 2026:
"Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!"



ORDER OF SERVICE

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NATIONAL OCCASIONS

All standing

Tune: Duke Street – # 26

Great God of nations, now to thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise;
That thou hast made this nation free,
We offer thee our song of praise,

Thy name we bless, Almighty God,
For all the kindness thou hast shown
To this fair land, by pilgrims trod,
This land we fondly call our own,

We praise thee, that the Gospel's light
Through all our land its radiance sheds,
Dispels the shades of error's night,
And heavenly blessings round us spreads,

Alfred A. Woodhull (1810 – 1836)
& Henry Greatorex (1813 – 1858)

O praise the Lord, all you nations:
Praise him, all you people.

For his mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise ye the Lord.

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales. Let the living know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of humanity, and gives it to whom he will. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he makes the thoughts of the people to be of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands fast for ever, the thought of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance. Yes, happy is the people whose God is the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to your name give glory.

For your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake.

Tune: Old Hundreth – # 401

Before Jehovah's glorious throne
Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone:
He can create and he destroy.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

All seated.

Almighty God, you are the ruler of nations and to your gracious providence we owe the manifold blessings of our land,

We worship you with grateful hearts.

We confess that, in many things, we have departed from your precepts and from your judgments, and it is because of your mercies that we are not consumed. To you belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you; neither have we obeyed your voice, O Lord our God, to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and pardon our transgressions.

Bless, O Lord, we pray you, all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with reverence and love for those who, as the ministers of God, have been set for the punishment of evil-doers and the praise of them that do well. Raise up for us leaders who shall perform your pleasure and, in patience and fortitude, shall keep themselves always dependent upon you, O God.

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Make of this nation a chosen instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our heritage of liberty be preserved unimpaired for the generations to come.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Safeguard, we plead, your holy day of rest and the sacred institution of the home; grant that all who are employed in the education of youth may recognize that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and turn the hearts of all people unto you that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant unto those who are of the household of faith, wisdom, that, as citizens of this nation, they may adorn the Gospel in all their works. Enable them to submit to every

human ordinance for your sake, ready unto every good work, abstaining from every form of evil and rendering unto all their dues.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant unto the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

All standing.

Tune: Bishopthorpe – # 73

Lord of the nations, thus to thee
Our country we commend;
Be thou her Refuge and her Trust,
Her everlasting Friend.

John Wreford (1800 – 1891)

Now, therefore, says the Lord, if you will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then you shall be mine own possession; and you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

All that the Lord has spoken we will do.

Then you shall dwell in your land safely, says the Lord, and I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make you afraid, and I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Tune: Quebec – American Hymnal # 510
Or Tallis' Canon – # 622

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on thy faithful word?
None ever called on thee in vain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Henry W. Baker (1821 – 1877)



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: ***"Each one 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)**

Offertory Hymn – ***"Gathering As One"***

A Hymn Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Barbados Independence – 1966 – 2026

77.77. D – Tune: St. Georges Windsor

Blessed isle, we gather now,
With our hearts in thanks we sing;
Sixty years have shaped our way,
Praises to our God we bring.
From our day of freedom's dawn,
God has led us on our way.
Lift your hearts in one acclaim:
Lift our blessed isle again!

Hills and fields, our treasured home,
Sea and sky proclaim our praise;
From each parish, near and far,
Let our voices rise today.
Sons and daughters, one in heart,
Joined in love, no more apart.
Courage, strong and hope that dare,
Build our nation strong and true.

Faith and courage marked our course,
Hope has strengthened every hand;
Through the trials, joys and change,
We have grown to understand:
Justice, peace and truth unite,
Guiding us to what is right.
Young and old together say
"Our hope rests with us today."

Diamond years we celebrate,
Yet our journey still goes on;
Gathered as one nation now,
Let our hope arise at dawn.
May our children lead the way,
Blessed Barbados, live each day.

May Barbados ever be
Home where love and peace abound.

Optional Doxological Ending
God of mercy, bless our land,
Keep us faithful, strong and free;
May our hearts and hands unite,
Serving all with dignity.
Sixty years we celebrate,
Trusting God to guide our fate.
Bless Barbados, land we prize
Ever praise thy honored name!

August 15, 2026
Chaplain David S. Gooding

Written for the 60th Anniversary of the Independence of Barbados, 2026, 1966–2026. In thanksgiving for the saints, servants, families and generations whose faith and witness have helped build and sustain this nation.

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Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song – *"How Great Is Our God" (The Splendour of a King)*

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light
And darkness tries to hide

It trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age, He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
Lion and the Lamb
Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God



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.



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64: 1 – 9 – *Sis. Charlene Ellis*

1. Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2. As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3. When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

8. But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

9. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.



Canticle 7 – The Hosanna Anthem

Canticle 7 – Hosanna Anthem (Matthew 21:9)

(The anthem is written for boys and girls to sing in alternate parts. It may, however, easily be sung according to any other responsive arrangement.)

B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
G. . . . . . | Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
B. . . . . . | Hosanna,
G. Hosanna, –
B. Hosanna, –
G. Hosanna, –
B. Blessed is he that | comes!
G. . . . . . | Blessed is he | that comes!
B. . . . . . | he that comes in the Name | of the Lord!
G. . . . . . | he that comes in the Name of the Lord!

B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
G. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
B. Hosan– | na,
G. . . . . . | Hosan– | na,
B. . . . . . | Hosan– | na,
G. . . . . . | Hosan– | na,
B. . . . . . | Hosan– | na,
G. . . . . . | Hosanna in the high– | - - - - - - - - | est.
B. . . . . .| in the high–| est.
B. Hosanna, –
G. Hosanna, –
B. Hosan– | na,
G. . . . . . | Hosanna in the highest, |
| Hosanna in the highest.
B. . . . . . | Hosanna in the highest.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 13: 24 – 37 – *Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim*

24. But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25. And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28. Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

29. So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.



Choir Anthem – *"Barbados The Land That We Love"*



Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Prayer for the Nation of Barbados



The National Anthem of Barbados



The Benediction



Recessional Hymn: 722 –

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.



Prayer & Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices…

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Today: *Ken Adams, Marcia Coombs, Athelstan Headley & Ingrid Ibrahim*
Advanced: *Ricardo Carter & Ismay Straker (30th), Annie Harris (1st), Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall, Daniel Jackman & Kaylah Watts (4th), Mia Best & Carlos Depeiza (5th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Athelstan & Sis. Fraulene Headley who are celebrating their 46th Wedding Anniversary today.



Congratulations to Bro. Kevin King who won the Parish Talent segment – representing St. Thomas – in the recently held Spirit of the Nation Show. Bro. Kevin also won a Silver Award at NIFCA this year.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- **Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Adventures In Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore.**
  - **Sharon Independence Luncheon – 1:00 p.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**

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: INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- **Tuesday: PROVINCIAL DAY OF PRAYER**
  - **Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**
- **Thursday: Joint Board Planning Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**
- **Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Adventures In Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore.**
  - **Christingle 2026 at Sharon at 5:00 p.m. Admission is $25.00.**



Activities in the Month of November 2026 –

- **Sharon Independence Luncheon – Sunday, 29th, at 1:00 p.m.**



Activities in the Month of December 2026 –

- **Provincial Day of Prayer – 1st**
- **Joint Board Planning Meeting – Thursday, 3rd, in sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Christingle 2026 – Sunday, 6th at 5:00 p.m. at Sharon Moravian Church. Admission – $25.00.**
- **Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.**
- **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 13th**
- **Worship on Christmas Day – Friday, 25th at 5:00 a.m.**
- **Come-Back Sunday – 27th**
- **Watch-Night Service – Thursday, 31st, 10:30 p.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **You are invited to a grand Independence Luncheon in Celebration of Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence and our 5th Anniversary as a Republic on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at the D. C. Centre, Sharon; under the patronage of the Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P. Contribution: $60 for Adults and Children under 12 are $30. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.**
2. **We say "Thanks" to all who supported our Missionary Festival on October 25, 2026. We collected $11,085.40 on our way to the target of $15,000. You**

are reminded that if you have not done so as yet, you can return your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. Contributions can also be made on behalf families and in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.

3. **We have resumed the "Basket of Hope" ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.**
4. **We are thankful for your financial support.**
   - 4.1. **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.**
   - 4.2. **You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.**
   - 4.3. **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 for these details.**
5. **Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.**
   - 5.1. **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.**
   - 5.2. **We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.**
   - 5.3. **Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference**

(https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference).

5.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



Our Elders were assigned to Districts as 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, 1st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Waveney Hinds
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Grace Sandiford
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Angelus Hurdle
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 Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
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. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✞ **BUILDING FUND Envelopes – We have commenced work on our Bell Tower Roof and it is proving to be challenging. We are in need of financial assistance, particularly to cover equipment costs. Envelopes have been prepared and are available at the main entry.**
- ✞ **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – $30 / T-Shirts – $15**
- ✞ **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – $2.00.**
- ✞ **Books:**
- 🕮 **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – $25; Provocation – $20.**
- 🕮 **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914* – $50.**

- **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: *As Such It Is More Than Water* – $35.**
- **Greeting Cards ($2.00) and Prints ($20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**

PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** ***Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.***
2. **The Sick/Recovering:** ***Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis.***
3. **World Peace**

PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing*. Nehemiah 13:2

Provincial Theme 2026:

"*Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!*"

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God's purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. **Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)**
   Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. **Community Engagement**
   Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. **Sustainability**
   Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. **Asset Utilization**
   Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



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CELEBRATING
BARBADOS at 60
Gathering in Gratitude & National Pride
The Pastor and Members of the Sharon Moravian Church
invite you to share in an
INDEPENDENCE LUNCHEON
in celebration of
Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence,
Under the Distinguished Patronage of The Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P.
on Sunday, November 29, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Venue: D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas
Contribution: $60.00
Children under 12: $30.00


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of The Moravian Church
Barbados Conference
present
Christingle
and Carols
(Classical, Contemporary and Caribbean)
Featuring
The Quarter Notes
Sax Quartet
Sharon Church Choir
Sharon Sunday School
Sunday, 6th December, 2026
Sharon Moravian Church
Sharon
St. Thomas
5:00pm
$25.00