

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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Finally, brothers,
whatever things are true,
whatever things are
honest, whatever things
are just, whatever things
are pure...

—Philippians 4:8

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With grateful hearts we raise our voices in worship and thanksgiving on this Harvest day. We welcome you; whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. *To God be the glory, great things he has done. Welcome.*



Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who has promised is faithful.

(Hebrews 10:23)

Provincial Theme 2021: “Advance the Kingdom:
S.H.I.F.T.”





ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship

Litany: Harvest p. 163 – Liturgy Book

Poem: *“We Plough The Fields And Scatter”*

by Sis. Gloria Skeete

Poem: *“Praise Becoming”*

by Bro. Kyle Blackman-Gibbons

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Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 4 – 8

Selection by the Choir – *“Let All Things Now Living”*

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Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Hymn 493 – *“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God”*

Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



REMEMBRANCE
DAY



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.



HARVEST

All standing

Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim His greatness, tell the world what He has done for us daily.

We will sing praises to the Lord as we worship today.

O give thanks to the God of gods.

For his mercy endures forever.

Praise God; sing praises to Him always.

Our God deserves our praise, we will adore, worship and give Him thanks today.

Tune: NIAGARA – # 449

Yes, God is good; in earth and sky,
From ocean depths and spreading wood,
Ten thousand voices ever cry,
God made us all, and God is good.'

Yes, God is good, all nature says,
By God's own hand with speech endued;
And man, in louder notes of praise,
Should sing for joy that God is good

For all thy gifts we bless thee, Lord,
But chiefly for our heavenly food,
Thy pardoning grace, thy quickening word;
These prompt our song, that God is good.

John H. Gurney (1802 – 1862)

In the beginning when the earth was formless and void

God created the heavens and the earth.

Creator God, you said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruits after their own kind with seed in them, on the earth."

And it was so.

Let us pray:

God of creation, for our world we are thankful.

You have made a varied yet beautiful world.

For the beauty of the world and the glory of the skies;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For the mountains which stand in grandeur;

For the running streams which refresh the valleys;

For the trees and grass which protect our environment;

God of splendour, may we daily appreciate your created beauty.

For the peculiar beauty of our Caribbean lands and their peoples;

For miles of inviting beaches;

For the warmth and beauty of the sunshine;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the tropical birds, decorative shrubs and trees;

For the flowers that give testimony to the glory of God;

For the numerous fruits that bedeck the landscape – citrus, mangoes, pears, bananas, to name just a few;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

Tune: LUCERNA LAUDONIAE – # 459

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.***

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835 – 1917)

For each day that you lend us life;

For the love and care of family and friends;

For food, shelter, and clothing;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For darkening the night, enabling necessary rest and sleep after the taxing activities of the day;

For the soft and soothing light of the moon and stars.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For healthy bodies;

For strong limbs that till the soil and haul fish from the sea;

For other activities vital to our sustenance;

For sun, wind and rain which produce plant and animal life.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who work to preserve the environment;

For those who work to manufacture food;
For those who invest in agricultural pursuits;

We give you thanks, O God.

Lord of the harvest, we gather to give thanks and praise to you for the countless blessings from your bountiful store of grace. Be pleased to accept and bless these gifts we have placed before you today. On this day of worship, rejoicing and thanksgiving, we pray you to accept our gifts of food and money; our lives and talents. May we ever be reminded that everything comes from you and all things are yours. Pardon our poor and indifferent use of the world and your countless gifts to us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Together we confess our sins before God:

God of forgiveness, we confess that we have not been good to each other and have not loved as you have commanded. Give us again a heart of love, not only for each other within the family of God but especially for the lost. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us so that at your coming, we may receive our crown of righteousness, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Gracious God, we receive with gladness your forgiveness and we thank you for your grace at work among us. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may we go from here with renewed zeal to harvest souls for your Kingdom. As we do so, implant within our lives seeds of hope, peace and gratitude; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Tune: by Noel Dexter

With thankful harvest song, Lord,
We lift our hearts to thee,
As in thy holy house we meet,
Where oft we bend the knee.
For fruits and flowers we praise thee,
For mind and body fed;
For crimson dawns, for sunsets,
And for our daily bread.

***Bless the Lord for beauty,
And abundant food.
Lift your hearts in thanks to him
And sing, 'The Lord is good'.***

Thou great and holy Giver,
With all thy gifts, we pray
Endue us with thy heavenly grace,
To walk the narrow way.

Thy meekness, lowly Jesus
To our proud hearts be given;
And while we journey onward
O make us fit for heaven.

Lena Kent d. 1961



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Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 4 – 8

4. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
5. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
6. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
7. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.



Choir Selection – *“Let All Things Now Living”*



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Selection by the Choir – *“Now Thank We All Our God”*



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Closing Hymn: 493 –

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
Its goings out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;
Let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.

So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free;
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.



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Today: Aliyah Smith-Boucher, Alyssa Smith-Boucher & Denise Grant
Advanced: Kimoi Jones, Abigail King, Zahra Nicholls & Saadiq Prescod (15th),
Sheila Browne & Jerome Watts (17th), Kathryn Eversley, Dahlia Miller, Norma
Nicholls & Velda Whittaker (19th)



Congratulations to Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on November 19, 2021.



Flowers today were donated by Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

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 – HARVEST FESTIVAL

† Divine Worship at 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).

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

† Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

† NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. The number we have been permitted for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon has been increased to forty-two (42), which means that, deducting those who support the livestreaming of our services, only twenty-two (22) more can be accommodated. Those who desire to attend should register by calling the Church Office (425-4011) on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first twenty-two (22) will be accepted. To avoid confusion, registration will only be by direct conversation with the Office Assistant by telephone, for the coming Sunday. Please seek to attend at the most every-other week, to give others an opportunity.**

2. As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each and they are available in black, burgundy and navy.



3. On Sunday, November 28, 2021 we will be offering an Independence / Republic Appetizer, Snack & Desert. Available for take-away would be Soup (Lunch-time appetizer), Conkies and Sweet Bread. Orders can be placed with the Church Office or any member of the Board of Stewards. Orders can be collected after worship at 11:00 a.m. This is a fund-raiser and remember — every little bit helps.
4. There will be a Meeting of Island Conference on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the D. C. Moore Centre, commencing at 10:00 a.m.
5. A follow-up session to the Provincial Engagement & Empowerment Workshop which was held October 25 – 28, 2021 will be held on Thursday, December 9th, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Present will be Beth Lewis (of the USA), who held the initial session on October 25th and her husband, Rev. Rick Rouse. They will be reviewing the results of the listening and planning exercise being carried out across the Province.
6. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.

- ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So, we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
- ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
- ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet 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 for these details.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



Thank You!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We acknowledge and express gratitude for the gift of \$5,000 towards repairs to the church Organ. We are thankful for all contributions made.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Ruth Bishop & Andilla Haynes*
3. The Bereaved: *the family of the late Sis. Lena Cordice on her passing*
4. The people of the region as we are in the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✝ Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.
- ✝ 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.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✦ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✦ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least six (6) feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least six (6) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - ✦ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - ✦ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or

anointing have been suspended for the time being.

11.Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.

12.Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

13.There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

