

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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*1 Kings 17:12*

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

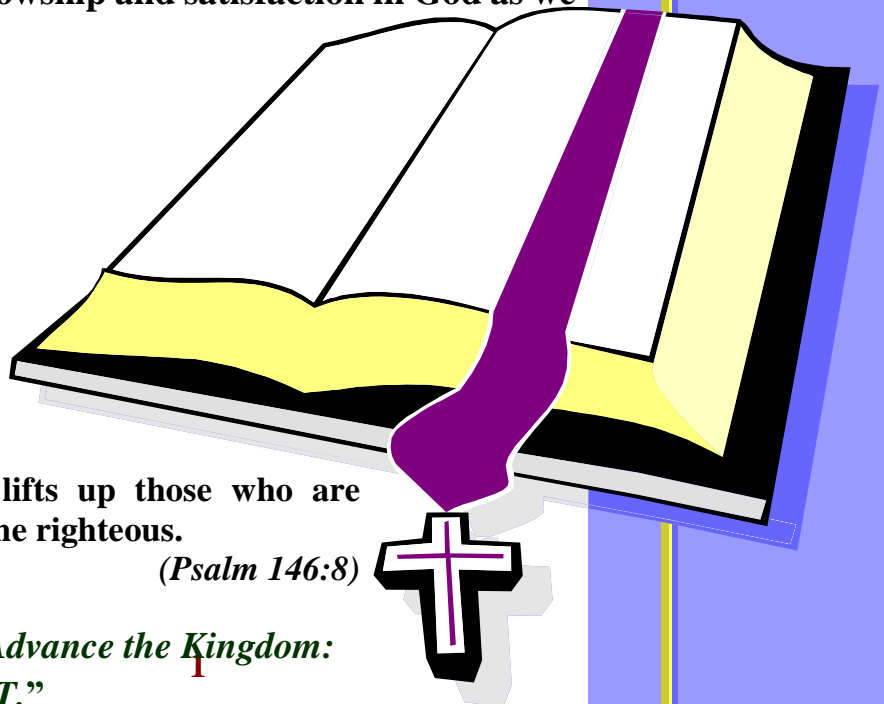
**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** The Psalmist declared, *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!* (Psalm 34:8)

**Welcome to all today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. May we find fellowship and satisfaction in God as we worship. Welcome.**

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



**WATCHWORD:** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

*(Psalm 146:8)*

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 29:1 – 2):

Leader: Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Congregation: *Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Hymn 38 – *“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”*

Confession of Faith I – p. 240 – CMP Liturgy Book

Hymn 197 – *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:8 – 16

Choir Selection – *“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”*

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38 – 44

Hymn of Preparation: 169 – *“Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Hymn of Response: 201 – *“I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus”*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

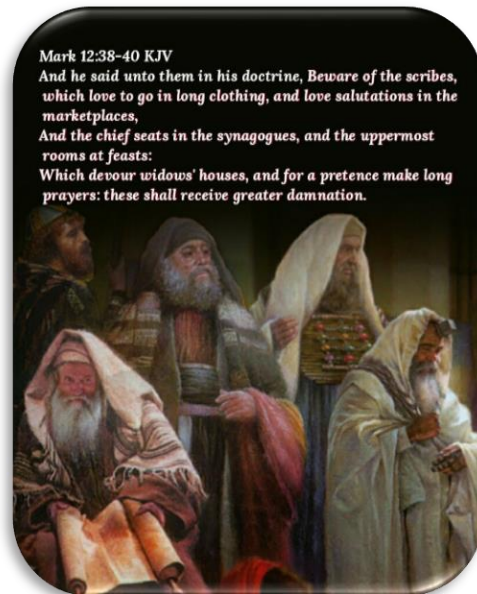
Hymn 342 – *“What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine”*

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Mark 12:38-40 KJV  
And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,  
And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:  
Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

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## **CONFESSION OF FAITH I**

I believe in the one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself;

*Glory be to You, O Lord most high.*

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in him before the foundation of the world;

Who delivered us out of the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

Who has blessed us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;

Who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

*In him I truly believe.*

I believe in the only begotten Son of God, by whom are all things and we through him;

Who became flesh, and dwelt among us;

And took on him the form of a servant; Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of man;

He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin;

He spoke that which he did know, and bore witness of that which he had seen;

As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God.

*In him I truly believe.*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, and the third day rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

***This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and undone human creature, purchased and gained me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying; to the end that I should be his own, and in his kingdom live under him and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence and happiness; even as he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns, world without end.***

I believe in the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, that he should be our Comforter, and abide with us for ever;

That he should help our infirmity, and make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; that he should bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and teach us to cry, Abba, Father;

That he should shed abroad in our hearts the love of God;

And make our bodies his holy temple;

And that he should work in us the will of God, dividing his gifts to each one, even as he will.

***In him I truly believe.***

To God be glory in the Church which is in Christ Jesus, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times, and from eternity to eternity. ***Amen.***



### **Hymn 197 –**

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Songs & Choruses



## Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:8 – 16

8. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,
9. Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
10. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
11. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
12. And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
13. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
14. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lordsendeth rain upon the earth.
15. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.



**Choir Selection – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”**



**Second Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38 – 44**

38. And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,
39. And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:
40. Which devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.
41. And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.
42. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.
43. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:
44. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.



**Hymn of Preparation: 169 –**

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,  
With light and comfort from above;  
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
O’er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,  
And make us know and choose thy way;  
Plant holy fear in every heart,  
That we from thee may ne’er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,  
Nor let us from his pastures stray;

Lead us to holiness, the road  
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to God, our final rest,  
To be with him for ever blessed;  
Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
Fullness of joy for ever there.



**Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



**Hymn of Response: 201 –**

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,  
Trusting only thee,  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon:  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting thee for power:  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting thee for ever,  
And for all.



**Prayer of Commitment and Intercession**



## Closing Hymn: 342 –

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



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Advanced: Charlene Ellis (8<sup>th</sup>), Ricardo Gibbs & Ahmir Worrell (9<sup>th</sup>), Ione Drakes, Rachelle Jean-Marie & Marita Walrond (10<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Waithe (11<sup>th</sup>), Linda Bryan-Carrington (12<sup>th</sup>), Albertha Osbourne (13<sup>th</sup>)



*Congratulations to Bro. Kelvin & Sis. Hazel Carter who will celebrate their 38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 12, 2021.*



## 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.
- † 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).
- † Tuesday: Meeting of the Board of Stewards – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- † Thursday: Training on the Steelpan – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – HARVEST FESTIVAL
  - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We will celebrate our Harvest Festival next week, November 14th, entirely in the morning service, which will include songs and recitations by youths and adults. As our attendance is limited, we will not have a Harvest Sale. Instead, members and friends are invited to (1) give a monetary offering equivalent to the Harvest Gifts you would have given, (2) give dry goods / packaged food items for distribution to the needy and welfare institutions (These can be dropped off at the Conference Office during this week). A small quantity of fruit, ground provisions, etc. can be provided for the decoration of the Sanctuary. Please call before doing so. In spite of COVID-19 we will celebrate God's providence.
2. 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.

3. Repairs to the church Organ are in progress and the work is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks. During that time the Organ will not be usable. The estimated cost of repairs is \$11,440 and donations can be made to the Organ Fund to cover this cost.
4. 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.



5. 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

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



### 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 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.

