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Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With joy we celebrate Jesus as Christ and Lord. We acknowledge that he is Lord over all and to him we ascribed the highest honour, glory and praise. Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. Welcome!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
(Psalm 118:14)

Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”

Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;

Focus & Function; Total Transformation

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:1 – 4)

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C: *For His mercy endures forever.*

L: *Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."*

C: *Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever."*

Opening Hymn: 75 – *"All Glory, Laud and Honour"*

Litany for Palm Sunday p. 123 – CMP Liturgy Book

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Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5 – 11

Choir Anthem – *"Hosanna to the King!"*

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Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 81 – *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 75 –

All glory, laud and honour,
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest,
The King and blessèd one.

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise, and prayer, and anthems
Before thee we present.

To thee, before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.





PALM SUNDAY



All standing.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Saviour; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you.

Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,**

**Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Saviour to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Saviour's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

All standing.

Having received the assurance of God's loving forgiveness, we join together to echo the praises of God's people who declared with one voice even then, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

(Here the congregation shall sing the Hosanna Anthem.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

TUNE: HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR

**Man of Sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He.
'Full atonement' - can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!**

Philip P. Bliss (1838 – 1876)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5 – 11

5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Choir Anthem – *“Hosanna to the King!”*



Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28 – 40

28. And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.
29. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,
30. Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.
31. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.
33. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?
34. And they said, The Lord hath need of him.
35. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
36. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.
37. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;
38. Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
39. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
40. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.



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.



Sermon -- *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 81 –

Thou didst leave thy throne
 And thy kingly crown
 When thou camest to earth for me;
 But in Bethlehem's home
 Was there found no room
 For Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang
When the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth
Cam'st thou Lord, on earth,
And in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest,
And the birds had their nest
In the shade of the cedar tree;
But thy couch was the sod,
O thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord,
With the living word,
That should set thy children free;
But with mocking scorn,
And with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
Thy cross is my only plea.

When heaven's arches shall ring,
And her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home,
Saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee."
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus!
When thou comest and callest for me.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

With joy we celebrate Jesus as Christ and Lord. We acknowledge that he is Lord over all and to him we ascribed the highest honour, glory and praise. Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. Welcome!



Today: Una Campbell, Michelle Collymore, Valerie Ramsay & Kaleb Blackman-Gibbons

Advanced: T'Shura Hinds (11th), Tyler Codrington & Shaniyah Payne (12th), Daphne Alleyne (14th), Darren Clarke & Waveney Hinds (15th), Chelsea Greenidge (16th)

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: **PALM SUNDAY**

- † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Sunday School (Seniors) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- † Online Sunday School (Juniors: 15yrs and under) – 11:00 a.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.
- † Holy Week Services begin – 5:00 p.m. Sharon & Dunscombe are responsible and we will be in sanctuary, streaming onto the Moravian Church Barbados Conference YouTube Channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_HtL2U2hJPJj9g3kqqG8wg

† **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 – Thursday: Holy Week Services — 7:30 p.m. online on YouTube. Web search for the “Moravian Church Barbados YouTube.” https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_HtL2U2hJPJj9g3kqqG8wg**

† **Good Friday: Worship at 10:00 a.m.**

† **Saturday: Easter Food Sale Clean Up**

† **Next Sunday: DAY OF RESURRECTION**

† **Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

† **Sunday School (Seniors) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre**

† **Online Sunday School – Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.**



In the Month of April 2022:

† **Holy Week Services – Monday, 10th to 15th**

Activity	Date	Congregation	Time
Psalm Sunday - PM	April 10	Sharon/Dunscombe	5.00 p.m.
Monday	April 11	Mount Tabor/Penuel	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 12	Clifton Hill/Centenary	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 13	Bethlehem/Faith	7.30 p.m.
Thursday	April 14	Calvary/Gracehill/Fulnec	7.30 p.m.
Good Friday	April 15	Worship in Congregations	

† **Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight [14hrs].**

† **Good Friday – 15th**

† **Resurrection / Easter Sunday – 17th**

† **Easter Food Sale – Easter Monday, 18th, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.**

† **Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 23rd, online via Zoom.**

✝ **Youth Convention: Royal Praise Worship Celebration – Sunday, 24th, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Preacher: Rev. Liselle Roberts of the Tobago Conference.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.**

2. On Easter Monday we will hold a fund-raiser here at Sharon. We are calling it, **EASTER FOOD SALE** and we want it to be a whole-church effort. We look forward to the same sort of support you have given over the years for our Fish Fry, so as to make this a success. Mark the date on your calendar.



3. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight, April 03 – Midnight, April 17, 2022.
- ✚ Sharon and Dunscombe have been given responsibility for Tuesday April 12, 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 Midnight [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for a half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.
 - ✚ We can pray for: The Worldwide Moravian Church; The Financial Position in of the Barbados Conference; Provincial Synod; The Leadership in our Congregation; That God would raise up men & women for full time ministry; Youth & Young Adults in the Conference; World Peace; The Growth of the Church; A closer walk with God.
 - ✚ This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Spirit of God ignited a passion for prayer that gave birth to a prayer meeting that lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us keep that passion alive as we seek the face of God for direction for the Church, the world, and our lives.

4. The result of our balloting held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 for Lay Delegates to the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church – Eastern West Indies Province is as follows:

✠ Lay Delegate

Sis. Verve Alleyne	–	88
Sis. Betty Alleyne-Headley	–	110
Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle	–	73
Sis. Ottley Cox-Burrowes	–	90
Bro. Halsey Gilkes	–	108
Sis Carolyn Hinds	–	106
Sis. Margaret Howard	–	147
Bro. Carlisle Paul	–	75
Sis. Joanie St. Hill	–	75
Sis. Juliette Smith	–	183

✠ Youth Delegate

Sis. Kentura Banfield	–	11
Bro. Aldaro Blackman	–	23
Bro. Matthew Browne	–	1
Sis. Kadria Doughty	–	20
Sis. Caela Mason	–	17

✠ Therefore, our duly elected lay delegates are:

- Sis. Betty Alleyne-Headley
- Sis. Margaret Howard
- Sis. Juliette Smith
- Bro. Aldaro Blackman (Youth)

5. Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDER
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.	Sis. Shirley Cadogan
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st 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. Grace Sandiford Sis. Angelus Hurdle
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.	Sis Diana Boyce
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. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interested persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.

7. 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.

8. 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, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
 - † **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence*
3. **Our nation, for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.**
4. **WORLD PEACE.**



AVAILABLE:

† **Moravian Daily Text 2022:**

† **American Paperback Edition – \$25**

† **American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**

- † **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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**
- † **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.**



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
CC: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #2
Date: March 30, 2022
Ref: PEC 70/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- 1. The date for the 33rd Provincial Synod has been adjusted to July 17-22, 2022. The Opening Service will be on July 17 at 9.00 a.m. This will be a provincial service with input from each Conference.**
- 2. The Synod Retreat will be held on July 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The theme for the Retreat is: Embracing the change: Thriving amidst the crisis.**
- 3. Synod sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. with Devotions led by the Chaplain each morning with participation from all Conferences throughout the week.**
- 4. Conferences are required to designate a location that allows all synodals to meet in the same space while also allowing for adequate personal space for Committee meetings.**
- 5. Two Pre-Synod sessions will be held May 26 & June 16, where the Synod reports, procedural matters for the hosting of the 33rd Provincial Synod virtually, and other issues will be discussed.**
- 6. The other officers of Synod – Vice Chairman and Assistance Secretary will be elected at the first pre-Synod meeting.**
- 7. The Registration form for the 33rd Provincial Synod will be shared shortly.**
- 8. The election of a Bishop has been added to the 33rd Provincial Synod agenda.**

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 three (3) 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 three (3) 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.

