

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

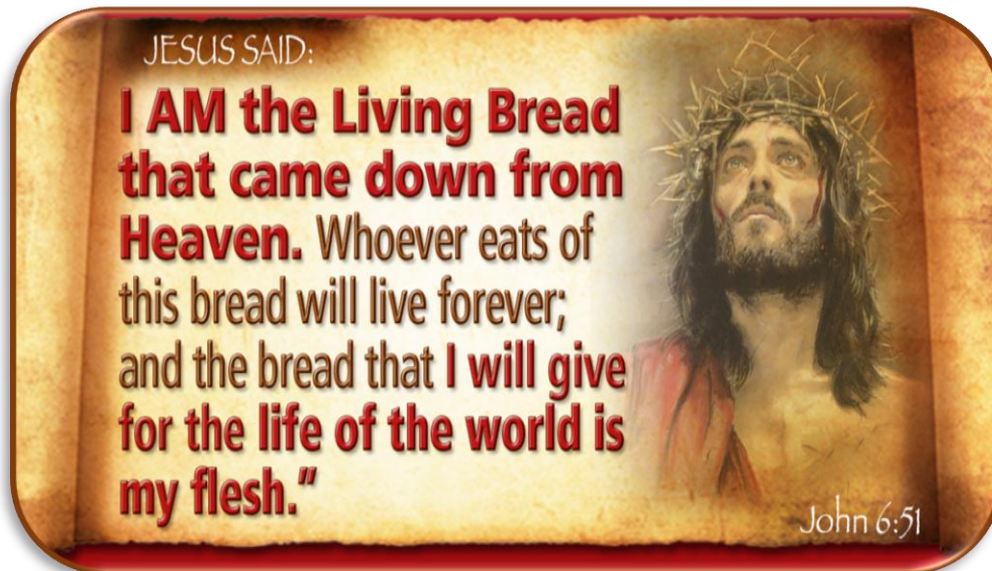
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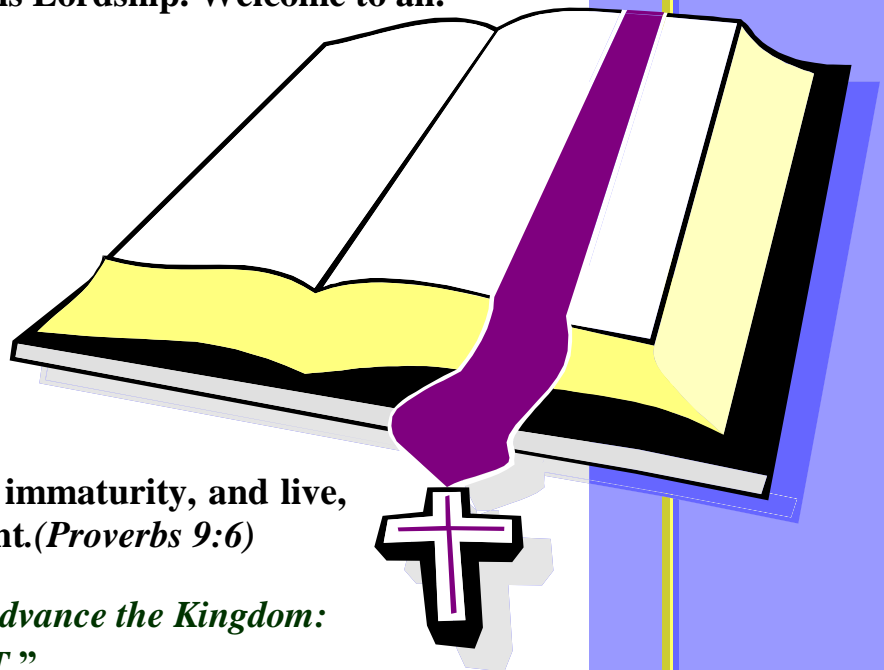
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome: Blessings abound wher'er He reigns. We proclaim, 'Jesus is Lord' today, and worship him with the assurance of blessings to all who accept his Lordship. Welcome to all.*

*Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris  
(Manse: 246-546-0344)*

*Associate Pastor:  
Rev. Movelle Kellman*



**WATCHWORD:** Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight. (Proverbs 9:6)

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Third Order, p. 13 – CMP Liturgy Book)

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*We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,

*The Lord's name is to be praised.*

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;

*In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we shall see light.*

God is our refuge and strength;

*A very present help in trouble.*

Hymn 220 – “*And Can It Be*”

The Third Order of Public Worship (p. 13 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 17: 13 – 24

Church Choir Anthem – “*God and God Alone*”

New Testament Reading – John 6: 51 – 58

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

Sermon – – Rev. Movelle Kellman

Hymn of Reflection – “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

Closing Hymn: 272 – “*My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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**Call to Worship** (Third Order, p. 13 – CMP Liturgy Book)

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**Opening Hymn:220 –**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain –  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above –  
So free, so infinite His grace –  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



## THE THIRD ORDER

*All standing, one or more of the following may be used:*

This is the day the Lord has made,

*We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,

*The Lord's name is to be praised.*

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord;

*In him is the fountain of life, and in his light we shall see light.*

God is our refuge and strength;

*A very present help in trouble.*

*A hymn may be sung*

God is light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Let us pray:**

Lord, Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies.

Loving God, we have sinned against heaven and before you, and are no more worthy to be called your children. Enter not into judgement with your servants, O Lord, for in your sight shall no one living be justified. We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

*Lord, for your tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin, and incline to virtue; that we may walk with a perfect heart before you now and evermore.*

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon you, says the Lord your Redeemer, and I will not remember your sins.

*Glory be to you, O Lord, most High.*

*All standing.*

Lift up your hearts,

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us rejoice before the Lord our God

*Let us give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.*

*Psalm 121:*

- 1 I will lift up my eyes |unto• the | hills:  
From | whence |comes • my | help?
- 2 My help comes | from the | Lord:  
Who | made | heaven and | earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your |foot • to be | moved:  
He who | keeps • you | will not | slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who | keeps | Israel:  
Shall | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.
- 5 The | Lord • is your | keeper:  
The Lord is your shade up- | on your | right| hand.
- 6 The sun shall not | smite you • by | day:  
Nei- | ther the | moon by | night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from | all | evil:  
Yes it is even | he • who shall | keep your | soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve your going out and  
your | coming | in:  
From this time forth and | even • for | ever- | more.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be: World without | end. A- | - | men.

*The readings and hymns follow.*

**Let us pray:**

Jesus said, learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart:

*Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.*

**Let us pray for trust in God.**

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may ever behold your loving presence about us. Draw our hearts to you by the power of your love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what you have given us to do, help us to leave the issue to your wisdom. Take from us doubt and mistrust. Lift up our thoughts to you in heaven, and make us to know that all things are yours, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hear our prayer.*

**Let us pray for a reverent spirit.**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, you are worthy to receive all honour and glory and blessing. Help us to hallow your name by honouring all that reveals your nature and mind, whether in the life and laws of the world about us, or in your Word, given through your prophets and your Church, or through your Spirit in the human mind and conscience.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

*Hallowed be your name.*

### **Let us pray for the family of God.**

Eternal God, source and type of all true parenthood in heaven and earth, who sent your Son to seek and save the lost; we pray, trusting in your mercy, for all souls that they may be gathered home to you as one family, the lost found and the rebellious reconciled in your eternal kingdom.

Our father, hear our prayer,

*Your kingdom come.*

### **Let us pray for God's sovereignty in the world.**

O wisest God, whose service is perfect freedom, help us, by continual surrender to you, to walk in the way you have prepared for us; so that, in doing your will, we may find our full life; and you may be known and adored throughout the earth.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

*Your will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.*

### **Let us pray for daily blessings.**

O bountiful God, who has blessed this earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth abundantly what is needed for life; take from us the spirit of covetousness and give us the spirit of service, that all may share your bounty according to their needs.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

### **Let us pray for forgiveness.**

Gracious God, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, renew us day by day after your own image; let all bitterness and anger be put away from us, with all malice. May we be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as you also in Christ forgive us.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

*Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

### **Let us pray for strength from above.**

Merciful God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand firm, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us at all times and carry us through all temptations.

Our Father, hear our prayer,

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Additional prayer may be offered, closing with:**

#### **Morning:**

O Lord our God, who has bidden the light to shine out of darkness, and has again wakened us to praise your goodness and to ask for your grace, accept now in your mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**General:**

Mercifully incline your ear, O Lord, to these our prayers, and fill our hearts with your grace; that loving you with an unfeigned love, we may evermore be defended under your most gracious protection, and be accepted in all our prayers and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now may the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us strong, firm and steadfast; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn and benediction.*



**Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements**



**Adoration in Songs & Choruses**



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



**Ministry of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17: 13 – 24**

- 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.**
- 17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.**
- 18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?**
- 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.**
- 20 And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?**

- 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.
- 22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
- 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.
- 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.



Choir Anthem – *“God and God Alone”*



**New Testament Reading: John 6: 51 – 58**

- 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
- 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?
- 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
- 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
- 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
- 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.





**Hymn of Preparation: 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.**



**Sermon – – *Rev. Movelie Kellman***



**Hymnof Reflection – “*Precious Lord Take My Hand*”**

**Precious Lord take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand precious Lord  
Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near;  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,**

**Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
Lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone;  
At the river I stand,  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
Lead me home.**



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Closing Hymn: 272 –**

**My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device or creed:  
I trust the ever-living One –  
His wounds for me shall plead.**

*I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.*

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He'll never cast me out.**

**My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's Name,  
Salvation through His blood.**

**My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.**



## The Benediction



## Organ Interlude



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

*Blessings abound wher'er He reigns. We proclaim, 'Jesus is Lord' today, and worship him with the assurance of blessings to all who accept his Lordship. Welcome to all.*



*Today: Royle Deane (shut-in), Sian Cumberbatch, Nairee Maynard & Kevin King  
Advanced: Rashad Armstrong, Rogan Moore & Kerry Skeete (16<sup>th</sup>), Kim Roberts (17<sup>th</sup>),  
Ajani Ifill & Anthony Ifill (18<sup>th</sup>), Marva Holder (19<sup>th</sup>), Arya Mainarde (20<sup>th</sup>), Xavier  
Archer & Fraulene Headley (21<sup>st</sup>)*



*Congratulations to: Bro. George & Sis. Margaret Best who will celebrate their 42<sup>nd</sup>  
wedding anniversary on August 18, 2021; Bro. Trevor & Sis. Una Campbell who will  
celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 19, 2021.*



*Flowers today were donated by Bro. George & Sis. Margaret Best 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

- † 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: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our Sunday School has resumed and for July and August we will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.
2. Training on the Steelpan will be resumed shortly. Interested persons, 9 years and over should contact Sis. Kristina Carter to sign up.
3. Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 2 – 30, 2021.
4. The Moravian Church Barbados Conference is holding another series of youth activities entitled “Touch and Go” via Zoom:
  - ✝ Juniors (9 yrs& Under) – Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
  - ✝ Intermediates (10 – 12 yrs) – Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
  - ✝ Seniors (13 yrs& Over) – Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.Come, share and explore under the theme: “It Takes Courage.”



MORAVIAN CHURCH  
BARBADOS CONFERENCE

PRESENTS

# CHILDREN & YOUTH "TOUCH AN' GO"

(VIA ZOOM)

- JUNIORS (9 YRS & UNDER)  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 4:00PM
- INTERMEDIATES (10-12 YRS)  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 4:00PM
- SENIORS (13 YRS & OVER)  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 4:00PM

**COME, SHARE AND EXPLORE UNDER  
THE THEME: "IT TAKES COURAGE"**

5. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
- ✠ Warm congratulations to the Rev. Jeremy Francis and Mrs. Rena Warner-Francis on the birth of their daughter, Jarena Jeriel Eliana Francis, on July 30, 2021. Both Sis. Rena and Baby Jarena are doing well. Let us keep the family in prayer in this time of joyful celebration.
  - ✠ The Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas who has been on secondment to the Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province since 2001, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2021.
  - ✠ The Rev. Eulencine Christopher, Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted Leave of Absence from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023.
  - ✠ The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor has been appointed Interim Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Island Conference effective September 1, 2021.
  - ✠ Please pray for these members of staff and their families as they prepare to go on leave or to assume these calls.
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](http://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.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The people of the region as we have entered 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 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 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 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. Confirmation, Dedication, 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.**

