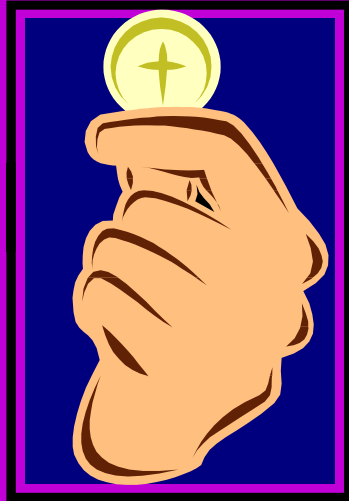


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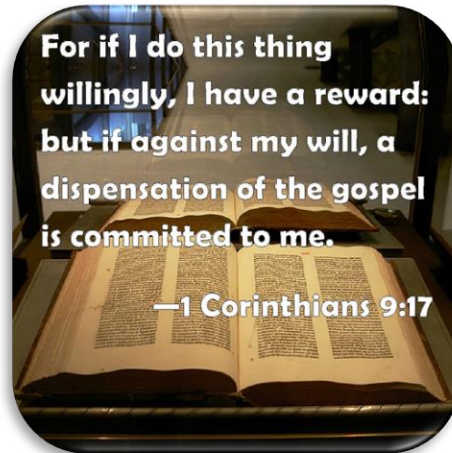
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Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: The Hymn writer: *“With joy we meditate the grace of our High Priest above”*. Welcome to all who are joining us here in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. Let your hearts be warmed by the thought that we can come freely to God’s throne of mercy and grace that we may find help in the hour of need. Welcome to all.

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WATCHWORD: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure. *(Psalm 147:5)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship:

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

Congregation: *For it is good to sing praises to our God*

All: *For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.*

Hymn 198 – “*To God be the Glory*”

Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:1 – 11, 20

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase;10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9 – 10)*

Offertory Hymn: 485 – “*Praise Him, Praise Him*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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Invitation

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Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 566 – “*Lest us break bread together*”
155 – “*The Lord’s My Shepherd*”

Consecration of the Wine



Distribution Hymns: 583 – *“I thirst for Christ so deep within”*
555 – *“Together with these symbols Lord”*
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Covenant Hymn: 597 – *“We Are One In The Spirit”*
The Blessing
Organ Postlude



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Introit

Call to Worship:

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Hymn 198 –

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.



Prayer & The Lord's Prayer



RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 147:1 – 11, 20

1. Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.
2. The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
3. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
4. He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.
6. The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.
7. Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.
10. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
20. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase;10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9 – 10)*

Offertory Hymn: 485 –

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd Redeemer,
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.
Hail Him, hail Him, highest archangel in glory;
Strength and honour give to His Holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His Excellent greatness:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd Redeemer,
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever.
Crown Him, crown Him – Prophet, and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Pow’r and glory unto the Lord belong.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

*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.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean

All standing.

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: *Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom His Lord shall set over His household to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom His Lord, when He comes shall find so doing.*

Hear also what St. Paul writes: *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. For there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are diversities of ministration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but the same Lord who works all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. Moreover, it is required in stewards that they be found faithful.*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, we give you thanks that you have called us into your service. Grant us, we pray, the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may know our calling, and that we may obey you and do your work in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

We are gathered together in the sight of God to publicly commission our brothers and sisters as members of the Board of Elders and Board of Stewards and Delegates to Island Conference. We believe that they have been called of God to this great office. They have been examined and approved, according to the rules and principles of the Moravian Church.

We pray that God will endue them with love and power that they may exercise the ministry of His Word with true conviction and power, edifying His Church, and living to the honour and glory of His name. *Amen.*

To the outgoing officers:

On behalf of the congregation I thank you for your faithful service to God in His Church. May his blessing be yours, and may you experience the joy of knowing that you were used by your Master in a special way as you continue to pray for His guidance in your life and in the life of His Church.

Addressing those to be installed:

After prayerful consideration and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, the membership of this congregation has chosen you to the office of _____.

(Here the officers and offices shall be named.)

Are you willing to accept this position now as a trust committed to you by our Lord and Master, the Head of this body, the Church?

Officers: *I am*

Do you promise to serve to the best of your ability as faithful stewards called by God?

Officers: *I do, the Lord being my Helper.*

Addressing the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, inasmuch as these officers, responsible for the well-being of this congregation have publicly pledged themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to exert their very best efforts to this end, will you now promise to bear in mind that you as members collectively elected them, and will you therefore pledge to support them by prayer, by word and by work at all times?

Congregation: *We will.*

In the name of the Church's Head, I now declare you to be duly installed into the offices to which you have been elected and appointed.

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, who has called us into the fellowship of your church, grant we pray that in all our offices we may fulfill the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual home. Upon those who offer themselves for your service, bestow the fullness of your grace. Bless and help these your servants. Be present in all the works of your Church which are undertaken according to your will. Grant to these

labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth and the bliss of serving you in heaven, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

A hymn is sung while the Minister extends the right hand of fellowship to the newly installed officers.

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S.M.

Tune: Narenza - # 403

Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

Glad will that servant be,
In such a posture found!
Who shall the Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amidst the angelic band.

1755. P. Doddridge.



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21 – 31

21. Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
22. It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:
23. That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.
24. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.
25. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.
26. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.
27. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?
28. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.
29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.
30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
31. But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16 – 23

16. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
17. For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.
19. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.
20. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
21. To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.
22. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
23. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.



Choir Anthem – “*One Bread, One Body*”



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 510 –

Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be,
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! O how blest
They who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
These thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath thy care,
Let us all thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.

Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the

purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*

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We come now to your table Lord,
You are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed,
And now may every soul be fed,
With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us
Your sacred blood was shed,
We drink the cup, it was for us
You suffered pain and bled;
Your sacred blood was shed,
You suffered pain and bled;
We drink the cup, it was for us
Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us,
The sacred Bread and Wine,
A holy feast transforming us,
That makes our lives divine;
The sacred Bread and Wine,
That makes our lives divine;
A holy feast transforming us,
This Bread and Wine.



All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



566

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



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The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;

For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.***



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, '*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



583

I thirst for Christ so deep within,
He calls to me and says, 'Come, drink;'
I hunger for the bread divine,

He welcomes me to come and dine.

I came and tasted of the Lord,
My soul was filled go overflow;
My heart now bursts with endless joy,
For Christ has set my heart aglow.

To all who long and thirst for more,
The Saviour stands outside your door;
A joyous feast awaits each soul
And grace abounds to make us whole.



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Together with these symbols, Lord,
Thy blessed self impart;
And let thy holy flesh and blood
Feed the believing heart.

Let us from all our sins be washed
In thy redeeming blood;
And let thy Spirit be the seal
That we are sons of God.

Come, Holy Ghost, with Jesus' love
Prepare us for this feast;
So shall we banquet with our Lord,
And lean upon his breast.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.***



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:

Hymn of Thanksgiving – 465

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one, eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here

we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn – 597

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.

And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude

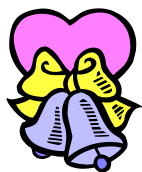


Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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*Advanced Shada Applewhaite, Tara Gilkes & Margaret Morris (6th),
Patsy Turton-Beckles (7th), Kenton Jones (10th), Andrew Lowe & Tia
Phillips (11th), Joan Denny-Downes (12th), Carlyle Knight & Zaria
Lashley (13th), Aidan McClean & Tristan Whitehall (14th), Kyle
Blackman-Gibbons (15th), Annetta Browne (17th)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Berkley & Sis. Cherylann Greenidge who will
celebrate their 24th Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 2024;
congratulations also to Bro. Malcolm & Sis. Claudette Jones who will
celebrate their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on February 14, 2024.*

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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

✝ Installation of Officers

✝ Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

✝ This Week:

✝ FRIENDSHIP WEEK. Tell a friend about Sharon and invite them to our Anniversary Service next Sunday.

✝ Office Hours – Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

✝ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship meet in the Sanctuary on the First and Third Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

✝ Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets – Amos) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

✝ NEXT SUNDAY: ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

✝ 225th Anniversary Church Service at 4:00 p.m. – **No Worship at 9:30 a.m.**



In the Month of February 2024

✝ Harvest Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 4th

✝ Friendship Week – Sunday, 4th to Sunday 11th.

✝ Men's Prayer Conference – Saturday, 10th, on ZOOM at 8:00 a.m.
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith.

✝ Anniversary Sunday – 11th; 225th Anniversary Service at 4:00 p.m.

✝ Harvest Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 11th

- † Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service – 14th
- † Women's Prayer & Fasting – Saturday, 17th, on ZOOM at 9:00 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 18th at 3:30 p.m.
- † Black Heritage Sunday – 18th. Come in your Afro wear. Celebrate our identity and heritage.
- † Conference Fundraising Fish Fry – Saturday, 24th at Sharon. Tickets are available at \$35.
- † Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 25th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. February 10, 2024 will be Sharon's 225th Anniversary of the first laying of a cornerstone here at Sharon. A committee has been at work and the activities planned so far include:
 - † 225th Anniversary Service – February 11, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
 - † Fun Day – April 1, 2024
 - † “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024
 - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – Date to be confirmed.
2. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - † 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.
 - † You 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.
3. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - † 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.

† We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

† 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>).

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



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

† Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Lelia Gibbs*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Moravian Daily Text 2024:

- American Paperback Edition – \$25
- American Large Print Edition – \$32

† Offering Envelopes for 2024 – 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 for 2024 – 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.**



Provincial Theme 2024:

“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC





225TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

**225TH
ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE**



FEB 11 | 4:00PM

MAR 3 | 3:30PM



**MARCH OF
WITNESS**
(UNITY SUNDAY)

FUN DAY



APR 1 | 11:00AM

MAY 16 | 7:00PM



**'THE GEORGE
RAMSAY
MEMORIAL'
LECTURE**

**ANNIVERSARY
DINNER &
GALA**



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**THE MORAVIAN CHURCH
BARBADOS CONFERENCE**

INVITES YOU TO A

MEN'S PRAYER CONFERENCE

**VIA ZOOM ON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
8.00A.M. - 10.00A.M.**

**Meeting ID: 861 0620 4685
Passcode: 866052**

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86106204685?
pwd=VzVDNG10MIU2bjJzY2Nva2hSS0s2dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86106204685?pwd=VzVDNG10MIU2bjJzY2Nva2hSS0s2dz09)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**REV. DR.
ADRIAN SMITH**

**"ALCOHOL AND THE
MORAVIAN CHURCH"**

MORAVIAN CHURCH BARBADOS CONFERENCE

PRESENTS

FISH FRY *& Karaoke*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

1.00 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M.



Sharon Moravian Church Grounds

Tickets \$35.00