

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

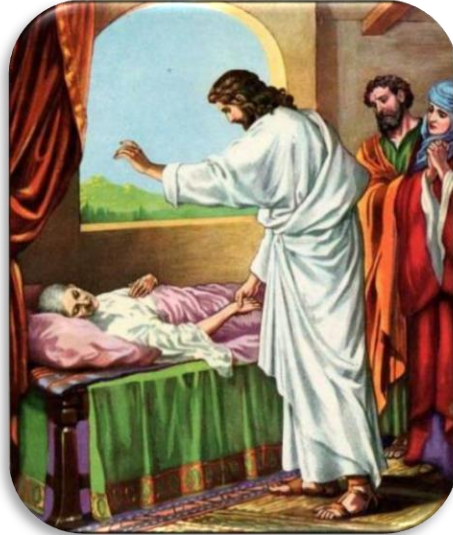
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Sunday, February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

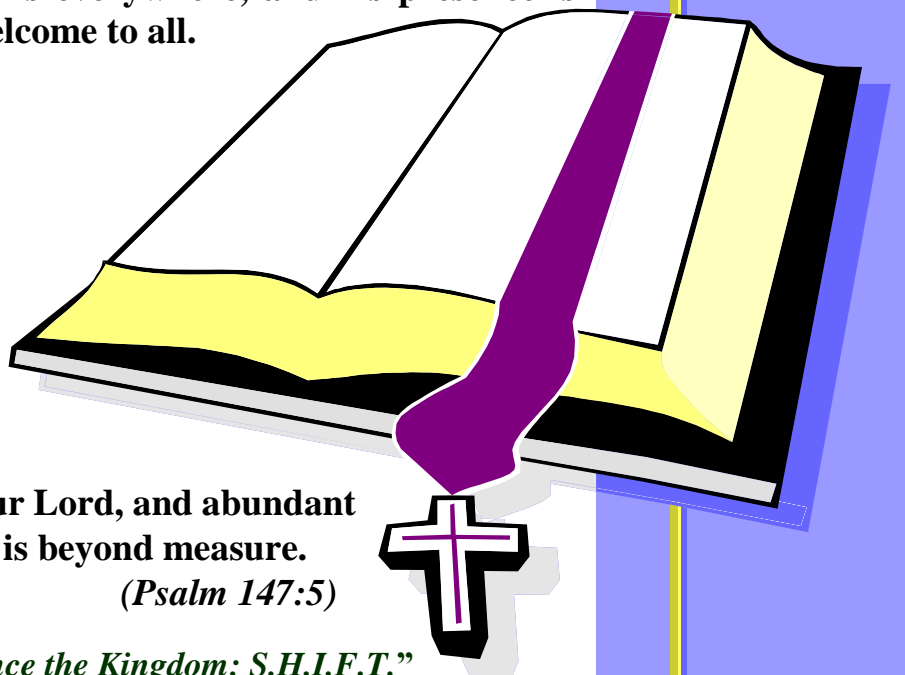
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Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

(Psalm 147:5)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: *I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him! (Psalm 22:22 – 23a)*

Hymn 27 – “*O Worship the King*”

A Reading from Psalm 147:1 – 12

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 221 – “*Oh, What A Saviour – That He died for Me!*”

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:29 – 39

Hymn of Preparation: 551 – “*Master Speak Thy Servant Heareth*”

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 269 – “*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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He heals the
brokenhearted and
binds up their wounds.
He determines the
number of the stars; he
gives to all of them
their names.
Psalm 147:3-4

Opening Hymn: 27 –

O worship the King;
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love;
Our shield and defender,
The ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
Deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old,
Hath 'stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,

**Our maker, defender,
Redeemer and friend.**

**O measureless might,
Ineffable love!
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
The humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall lisp to thy praise.**



A Reading from Psalm 147: 1 – 12

- 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.**
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.**



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Hymn 221 –

Oh, what a Saviour – that He died for me!
From condemnation He hath made me free;
‘He that believeth on the Son,’ saith He,
‘Hath everlasting life!’

*‘Verily, verily, I say unto you;’
‘Verily, verily,’ message ever new!
‘He that believeth on the Son’ – ’tis true! –
‘Hath everlasting life!’*

All my iniquities on Him were laid,
All my indebtedness by Him was paid;
All who believe on Him, the Lord hath said,
‘Hath everlasting life.’

Though poor and needy, I can trust my Lord;
Though weak and sinful, I believe His Word;
Oh, glad message! every child of God
‘Hath everlasting life.’

Though all unworthy, yet I will not doubt;
For him that cometh, He will not cast out:
‘He that believeth,’ oh the good news shout!
‘Hath everlasting life.’



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Today: Patsy Turton-Beckles

Advanced: Kenton Jones & Violet Taylor (10th), Tia Phillips (11th), Joan Denny-Downes (12th), Carlyle Knight & Zaria Lashley (13th)



Congratulations to Bro. Berkley & Sis. Cherylann Greenidge who will celebrate their 21st Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 2021.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✝ Today: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

THIS WEEK

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

✝ Wednesday Bible Study – 6:00 pm online via Zoom.

✝ Saturday Men's Prayer Conference – Online via Zoom, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Theme: "Come Out From Among Them! Lead By Example!"

✝ NEXT SUNDAY Anniversary & Friendship Sunday

✝ Worship – 9:30 a.m.



In the Month of February 2021:

✝ Friendship Week – Sunday, 7th to Sunday 13th. Tell a friend about Sharon; Invite them to Subscribe to our YouTube Channel; Share our Facebook Livestream in your Facebook groups.

✝ Anniversary & Friendship Sunday – February 14th, 9:30 a.m.

✝ Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service – 17th

✝ Superintendents Conference – 18th, 23rd, 23rd



A Standing Testimony

On February 10, 2021, the Sharon Moravian Church celebrates another year of worship, witness and service to God. The laying of the corner-stone of this glorious sanctuary on this site in 1799, and subsequent construction of a substantial building, is testimony to the tenacity and zeal of the missionaries, along with the faith and conviction of both clergy and congregation of the day.

While celebrating the anniversary of this church we also pay homage to our heritage – a church built by slaves with the primary objective of bringing Christianity and education to the slaves.

Although the building suffered major damage in the hurricane of 1831, Sharon has remained steadfast to this day serving the wider community of Barbados.

Sharon Moravian Church, St. Thomas – in the heart of Barbados, celebrating 222 years!!!



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the PEC:

- ✝ As we look toward Lent and Easter, I am inviting the Province to an intentional time of prayer and fasting using the Daniel Fast or another method of fasting. The plan is to provide daily meditations and prayer topics every weekday. Whether one fasts or not, prayer as an intentional spiritual practice for Lent is vital to clear our hearts and minds in these stressful times. More information will be shared later.
- ✝ The Provincial Board extends heartiest congratulations to the Rev. Moise Jean who was awarded a Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Theology with distinction from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. His thesis was entitled: “Human Trafficking and the Caribbean Context: Aiding the Response of the Jamaican Church.”
- ✝ The Rev. Liselle Roberts returns to the Province on February 1, 2021 after one year of leave of absence. Rev. Roberts has been called to serve as a Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference. This appointment takes effect from March 1, 2021. Please keep Sis. Roberts in prayer as she continues to serve the people of God.
- ✝ The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is “*He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth*” (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.

2. From the Superintendent: In compliance with the national directive to pause from broad social interaction to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Moravian Church in Barbados will extend the suspension of gatherings or assemblies for a further month, through to February 28, 2021. We are encouraged to remain engaged by making use of our online resources such as our social media pages and our livestreamed worship services on YouTube and Facebook.

✝ Worship times are as follows:

- ✝ Calvary / Grace Hill / Fulnec Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 - ✝ Sharon / Dunscombe Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 - ✝ Bethlehem / Faith Pastorate – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
- #### ✝ Continue to follow the directives and recommendations of our public health officials and agencies, that we may do our part in maintaining the health of our community and fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ### 3. 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.
- 4. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!
- ✝ Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for the weekend of June 12 – 13, 2021.
- ✝ The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.
- 5. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
- 6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
- 7. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).
- 8. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route on Sundays. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 a.m.), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Bro Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:29 – 39

- 29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.
- 31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.
- 32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.
- 33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.
- 34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.
- 35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.
- 36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.
- 37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.
- 38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.



Hymn of Preparation: 551 –

Master, speak! thy servant heareth,
Waiting for thy gracious word,
Longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
What hast thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master!
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,
Where the Shepherd leads the flock,
In the shadow of the rock.

Master, speak! though least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;

**Master, speak! for O, thou knowest
All the yearning of my heart,
Knowest all its truest need;
Speak, and make me blest indeed.**

**Master, speak! and make me ready,
When thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak! O, speak to me!**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 269 –

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
As fell thy manna down.**

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.



Benediction



Organ Postlude



AVAILABLE:

- ✝ Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24
- ✝ 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
- ✝ On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✝ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- ✝ Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.
- ✝ The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

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. Infant Baptism, 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.

