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Sunday, January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas Day

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to this service of worship — whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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WATCHWORD: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us. *(Isaiah 63:7)*

Provincial Theme 2023:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Introit

Invitation to Worship

Liturgy for Christmas p. 100 – CMP Liturgy Book /Projected

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”* (Colossians 3:17)

Offertory Hymn: 57 – *“Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *Praise God From Whom . . .* (Tune: *O come, ... Immanuel*)

Welcome & Greetings

Hymn 71 – *“Jesus Come Today”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

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New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:13 – 23

Choir Anthem – *“The Adoration”*

The Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 34 – *“This Is My Father’s World”*

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Distribution Hymns: 560 – *“Come Take By Faith”*

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582 – *“By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 153 – *“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”*

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Hymn of Thanksgiving: 80 – *“Immortal Love, For Ever Full”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 595 – *“We In One Covenant Are Joined”*

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



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Introit

Invitation to Worship



CHRISTMAS

From the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book, p. 101

All standing.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For he has visited and redeemed his people.

The Dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW — # 51

Today we celebrate the birth
Of Jesus Christ, who came on earth
To make himself as Saviour known,
And claim us sinners as his own.

Awake, my heart; my soul, arise;
Look who in yonder manger lies;
Who is that child, so poor and mean?
'Tis he who all things does sustain.

Immanuel, incarnate God,
Prepare my heart for thy abode:
O may I, through thy aiding grace,
In all I do, show forth thy praise.

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son that we might receive adoption as his children.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

Our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

O come, let us adore him, Christ our Lord.

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES — # 47

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the king of Angels:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
In the highest'.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing,

Latin tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802 – 1880)



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” (Colossians 3:17)*

Offertory Hymn: 57 –

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him, in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch, and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor!

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Doxology for Christmas

(Tune: *O come, . . . Immanuel*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*



Welcome & Greetings



Hymn 71 –

Jesus come today, for a poor, poor man like me,
Salvation come my way, my soul set free.
Jesus come for all, and we must hear His call;
Open up your heart today, and let it be.

*Nuh matter if you t'ief, or if you dread,
Or if yuh have a crown pun yuh head.
Nuh matter if you have no heart at all,
Jesus bring love for one and all.*

Sing it children.

*I for Jesus, you for Jesus,
All for Jesus, fall for Jesus,
Come to Jesus.*

Jesus come for one, he come for all.

Jesus come for I, see manger where He lie.
See cross where He must die, for a wretch like me.
For God so loved the world,
Man, woman, boy and girl;
He gave His Son for you, His Son for me.

Jesus Christ today, the same as yesterday;
The one, the only way, the King for me.
Let it come to pass, mankind find love at last;
Just as it was time past, so let it be.



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 2:10 – 18

10. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
11. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,
12. Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.
13. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.
14. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
16. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.
17. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
18. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13 – 23

13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
14. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.
16. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,
18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.
19. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20. Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.
21. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
22. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
23. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.



Choir Anthem – “*The Adoration*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 34 –

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world;
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let heaven ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!



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.*

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.



560

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.
Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.
He, ransom from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.
Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



576

With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace
The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,
His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



582

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead
We 'take and eat' – the living bread;
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,
His life blood shed for us, we see;
The wine shall tell the mystery
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last advent we unite
By one blest chain of loving rite,
Until He come.

O blessèd hope! with this elate
Let not our hearts be desolate,
But, strong in faith, in patience wait
Until He come.



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.



153

Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah, this
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus – what it is,
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.



264

In heavenly love abiding
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim:
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure:
My path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.



Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 All thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with thy salvation;
 Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
 Let us all thy grace receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve thee as thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
 Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



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 – 80

Immortal Love, for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, forever whole,
A never ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came,
And comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down:
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And all is well again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame,
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

We faintly hear, we dimly see,
In differing phrase we pray;
But, dim or clear, we own in thee
The Light, the Truth, the Way!



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 – 595

We in one covenant are joined,
And one in Jesus are;
With voices and with hearts combined,
His praise we will declare:
In doctrine and in practice one,
We'll love and serve the Lord alone;
With one accord sound forth his praise,
Till we shall see his face.



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

A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to this service of worship — whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.



Advanced Jason Lewis & Charlton Moore (4th), Martin Codrington & Kempton Whitehall (5th), Alonna Goddard & Christina Joseph (7th)

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.
- ✝ 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: Public Holiday.
- ✝ Tuesday – Friday: Prayer & Renewal Services – 7:30 p.m. online via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ Saturday: Sunday School Teacher's Workshop – Saturday, 7th, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. via Zoom.
- ✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
✝ Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m.



In The Month of January 2023:

- ✝ Sharon & Dunscombe Prayer & Renewal Services – Tuesday, 3rd to 6th
- ✝ Conference Sunday School Teacher's Workshop — Saturday, 7th, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. via Zoom. Topic: “*The Health & Wellness of our Sunday School Teachers.*” Presenter: Sis. Monique Richards from the Moravian Church in the Virgin Islands Conference.
- ✝ Annual Church Council – Sunday, 22nd
- ✝ Harvest at Centenary – Sunday, 22nd
- ✝ Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 28th
- ✝ Moravian Disciples Concert – Saturday 28th





Upcoming Fundraising Event:

↳ Police Band Concert – Saturday February 11, 2023



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the provincial board of administration (P.E.C):

✝ **As we move into 2023, the Provincial Days of Prayer continue. For January 1, 2023, each Congregation is invited to set aside time for prayer. Beyond praying for ourselves – leaders, finances, church – let us pray for our neighbours, our territories, and the wider world. We are moving out into a post-COVID-19 world that may require different things from us. Let us pray that we hear clearly from God so that we can be the Church God has called us to be.**

✝ **The Provincial Family extends condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Andrea Charles-Browne who died on December 25, 2022. Sis. Charles-Browne served on the Provincial Board from 1996 – 2001 and was a member of the Ebenezer (Estridge) Moravian Church in St. Kitts and the Battle Hill Community Moravian Church in Union, New Jersey, USA. The funeral service for Sis. Andrea Charles-Browne will take place on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Ebenezer Estridge Moravian Church in St. Kitts. Please remember in prayer, Sis. Andrea’s husband, Dave and their children Daveda, Andrae, Phoenetia, Ezer, and Angelina.**

✝ **The Provincial Board announces the appointment of Rev. Nigel Daniel as the Superintendent of the Moravian Church, Tobago Conference, effecting January 1, 2023. Congratulations to Bro. Daniel on his appointment. Let us pray for Bro. Daniel and family as he continues to serve in this office. May the Spirit of God instruct him and teach him as he leads the people of God and witnesses to the enabling power of God.**

2. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.

✝ **We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women’s Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.**

✝ **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.**

✝ **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.

3. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, 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.

✚ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✚ 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, Bro. Royle Deane, Sis. Thora Moore*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✚ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*

3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for:

✚ *Sis. Norma Nicholls and family on the passing of her sister-in-law Maria Nicholls and her niece Jewel Bell in the USA.*

✚ *The family and friends of Sis. Kathleen Ford on her passing.*

† *Sis. Merville Franklyn and family, and Sis. Corneta Franklin and family on the passing of their mother, Mildred Austin. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Church on January 4, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.*

4. World Peace



AVAILABLE:

- † Offering Envelopes for 2023 – 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 2023– 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.

