

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

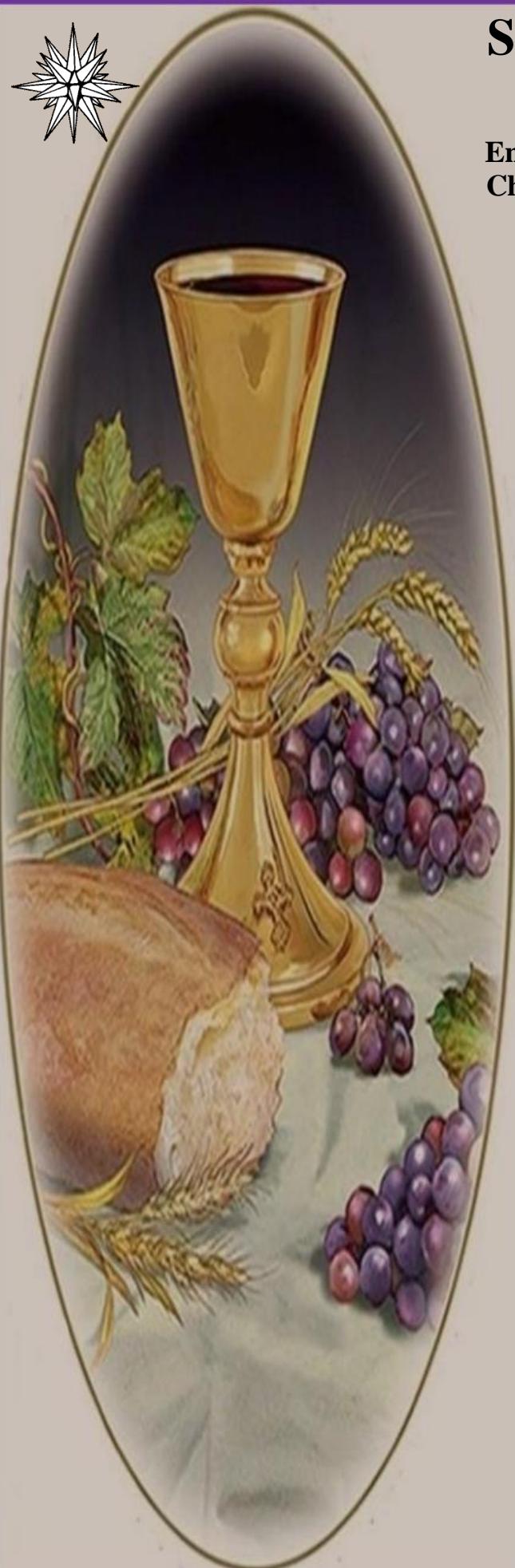
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Sunday, January 7, 2024

First Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to the house of the Lord. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream, we are glad that you are here. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK — Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. Psalm 29:2

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT — CHOIR

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 107:1-2)

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Congregation: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,*

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY p. 106— CMP Liturgy Book /Projected

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.* (Psalm 89:1)

Offertory Hymn: *The Light of the World is Jesus*"

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart*

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4 : 12-23

An Anthem by the Choir

Sermon — Rev. Ezra Parris

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT & INTERCESSION

HYMN: # 410 — *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

Tune: Crescent Road

MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50—Liturgy Book / p. 9—Hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns:

560—*Come Take By Faith*

576—*With Deep Devotion*

582—*By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns:

264—*In Heavenly Love Abiding*

162—*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: # 198 — *To God Be the Glory*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: # 447 – *What Brought Us Together*

THE BLESSING

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LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

p. 106— CMP Liturgy Book

All standing.

Tune: St. George

From the vast and veiled throng,
Round the Father's heavenly throne,
Swell the everlasting song:
Glory be to God alone!
Round Immanuel's cross of pain
Mortal men, in tribes unknown,
Sing to him who once was slain:
Glory be to God alone!

Blend ye raptured songs, in one,
Men redeemed, your Father own;
Angels, worship ye the Son:
Glory be to God alone;
Spirit, 'tis within thy light,
Streaming far from cross and throne,
Earth and heaven their songs unite:
Glory be to God alone!

Hervey Ganse (1822 – 1891)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Lord God, Son, thou Saviour of the world,

Be gracious unto us.

Lord God, Holy Ghost,

Abide with us for ever.

This is a trustworthy saying and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;"

Of whom I am chief.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever.

Tune: Crüger

**Arabia's desert ranger
To him shall bow the knee;
The Ethiopian stranger
His glory come to see:
With offerings of devotion
Ships from the isles shall meet,
To pour the wealth of ocean
In tribute at his feet.**

**Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
For he shall have dominion
O'er river, sea, and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion,
Or dove's light wing, can soar.**

James Montgomery (1771 – 1854)

How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of the messenger who brings good news— good news of peace and salvation.

Their message has gone throughout the earth, and the Word to all the world.

The Lord gives the Word:

And a great army brings the Good News.

Wake up and look around, the fields are already ripe for harvest.

The harvest is great, but the workers are few.

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into the field.

The Lord says, O Jerusalem I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray night and day continually; take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord.

Look and see for everyone is coming home!

Your sons are coming from distant lands; your little daughters will be carried home.

Arise, let your light shine for all to see;

For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you.

The same star that led the Wise Men to the Christ Child, similarly lingers before us to guide God's people to the Saviour of the world.

May God's people, like the Wise Men, rejoice greatly when they see the star and find the Saviour.

For God has elevated him to the place of highest honour and given him the name above all other names.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.

Yes, let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Tune: Wie Schön Leuchtet Der Morgenstern

**How bright appears the Morning Star
With mercy beaming from afar;**

**The host of heaven rejoices;
O righteous branch, O Jesse's rod,
Thou Son of man, and Son of God.**

We too will lift our voices.

**Jesus, Jesus,
Holy, holy, yet most lowly,
Draw thou near us;
Great Immanuel stoop and hear us.**

John C. Jacobi a. (1670 – 1750)

All seated.

Let us pray:

Bless, O Lord, ours and all other Christian congregations; keep them as the apple of your eye.

Let them be a light unto those who sit in darkness, and in the region and shadow of death.

Have mercy on your ancient covenant people; deliver them from their blindness, and bring all nations to your saving knowledge.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Let the wanderers come—from the West, and from the East.

And from the North, and from the South.

Thou Light and Desire of all nations, watch over thy messengers both by land and sea. Accompany the word of their testimony concerning thy atonement with demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Thou knowest where they dwell, and wherein they labour; and that they are keeping the word of thy

patience. In the hour of temptation do thou keep them and let thy holy name be named upon them. Preserve them in times of danger and distress. Let them find comfort in the fellowship and intercession of the churches, which have sent them forth in obedience to thy call. May the fire of thy love awaken and preserve amongst us the spirit of the great cloud of witnesses, who loved not their life unto the death. Bless us all, both them and us, and make of us a blessing. Amen.

All standing.

Tune: Bishopgarth

**Almighty Lord, whose sovereign right
Extends o'er every nation,
We bless thee for the gospel light
That brought to us salvation.
And unto thee we raise our prayer
For all in darkness dwelling;
That they with us thy light may share,
With us thy praise be telling.**

**And hear us as we call on thee
For all the truth possessing,
That they may ever ready be
To share the heavenly blessing;
To send to earth's remotest shore
The gladdening gospel story,
That all the nations may adore
Jesus, the King of glory.**

Evelyn R. Hasse (1855 – 1918)



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: "*I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.*" (Psalm 89:1)

Offertory Hymn: "The Light of the World is Jesus"

**The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in,
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

Chorus

**Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me,
Once I was blind but now I can see:
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

**No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
We walk in the light when we follow our guide,
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

**Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Go, wash, at His bidding, and light will arise,
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

**No need of the sunlight in heaven we're told,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
The Lamb is the Light in the city of gold,
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks unto the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

(Repeat all)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us"

(Repeat all)

Give thanks . . .



WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

WORSHIP IN SONGS & CHORUSES

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9 : 1-4

- 1 ¶ Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed,
As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the
land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.
- 2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those
who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light
has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4 : 12-23

12 ¶ Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

18 ¶ And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

An Anthem by the Choir: *The Adoration*

Sermon — Rev. Ezra Parris

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT & INTERCESSION

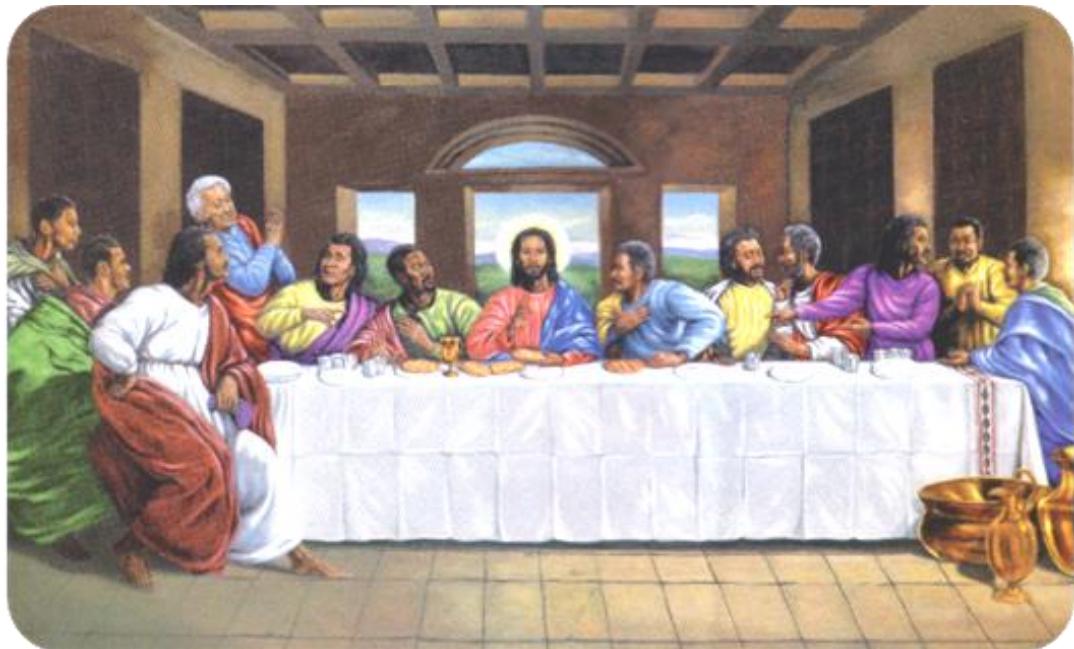
HYMN: # 410 — *God of Mercy, God of Grace* *Tune: Crescent Road*

**God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.**

- 2 Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At thy feet their tribute pay,
And thy holy will obey.**

- 3 Let the people praise thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love.**

1834. H. F. Lyte.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE & Prayer of Preparation

(p. 50—Liturgy Book / p. 9—Hymnal)

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, ransomer 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.



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.



162

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.***



Hymn of Thanksgiving – 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!*

2 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.

3 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.

1870. Frances van Alstyne.



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 - 447

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High-priest imparts.
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

2 Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,
And live in communion with Jesus our friend?

3 O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,

He is our chief object by day and by night;
This knits us together, no longer we roam,
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.

1744. L. E. Schlicht; recast 1826. M.



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

WELCOME: A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to the house of the Lord. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream, we are glad that you are here. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.



Today: Alonna Goddard & Christina Joseph

Advanced: Sheridan Greaves & Cynthia Waithe (10th), Lorna Bryan (11th), Florina Scantlebury, Sheila Small & Mauricia Springer (12th), Tiandra Gill (13th)



Congratulations to:

- ⌚ Bro. Victor & Sis. Maria Carrington who will celebrate their 8th Wedding Anniversary on January 9, 2023;
- ⌚ Bro. Calvison & Sis. Dawn Maynard who will celebrate their 5th Wedding Anniversary on January 12, 2023;

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY 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

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).

- † **Tuesday: Women's Fellowship** — First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † **Wednesday:**
 - **Bible Study** — 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † **Friday: Choir Rehearsal** — 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- † **Divine Worship** – 9:30 a.m.
- † **Sunday School (All Ages)** – 9:30 a.m.

IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

- † **Youth Symposium Barbados/St Kitts** — Saturday, 13th
- † **Book Launching: *Faith In Crisis* by Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith** — Friday, 26th, 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. (Sharon's Bus will leave at 5:30 p.m. Contact Sis. Frances Barker to secure your seat).
- † **Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer** — Saturday, 27th
- † **Moravian Disciples Concert** — Saturday 27th
- † **Annual Church Council** — Sunday, 28th
- † **Harvest at Centenary** — Sunday, 28th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 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.
- **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.
- 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:**
† *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Lelia Gibbs, Bishop Hopeton Clennon (USA)*
3. **The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for **Sis. Sheila Small** on the passing of her husband, **Bro. Frank Small**. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, January 11, 2024 commencing at 3:00 p.m.
4. **World Peace.**



AVAILABLE:

- † **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 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.**



