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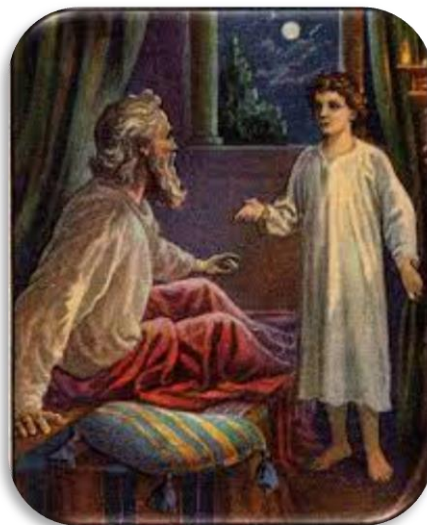
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*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV



Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A sincere welcome to all today as we continue to celebrate the coming of Christ to the entire world – his epiphany. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream, we are glad that you are here. We pray God to shine his transforming light upon us in this time of worship. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! *(Psalm 139:17)*

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

L: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

C: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

All: O that today you would listen to his voice!

Opening Hymn: 27 – “O Worship the King”

Opening Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1 – 6, 13 – 16

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: “Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.” - Psalm 136:26.

Offertory Hymn – “I will serve You because I love You”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1 – 14,19 – 20

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 20

Choir Anthem – “Here I Am, Lord”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn – “We’ve a story to tell to the nations”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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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.



Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer



RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 139:1 – 6, 13 – 16

1. O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
2. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
3. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
5. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
13. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
15. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.” – Psalm 136:26.*

Offertory Hymn – “I will serve You because I love You”

I will serve You because I love You
 You have given life to me
 I was nothing until You found me
 You have given life to me

Heartaches, broken people
 Ruined lives are why you died on Calvary
 Your touch is what I long for
 You have given life to me

Repeat verse

Heartaches, broken people
 Ruined lives are why you died on Calvary
 Your touch is what I long for
 You have given life to me
 You have given life to me...



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks

*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



Worship in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1 – 14, 19 – 20

1. And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.
2. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;
3. And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;
4. That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.
5. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.
6. And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.
7. Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.

8. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.
9. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
10. And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.
11. And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.
12. In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.
13. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.
14. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.
19. And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.
20. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.



Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 20

12. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
13. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.
14. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.
16. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
17. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
18. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
19. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.



Choir Anthem – *“Here I am, Lord”*



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn – *“We’ve a story to tell to the nations”*

We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.*

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil,

and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
has sent us His Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow has trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
may come to the truth of God,
may come to the truth of God!



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Organ Postlude



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Today: Joy Best & Rhys Hoyte

Advanced: Margaret Haynes (15th), Louis Adams, Ashley King & Godfrey Walcott (16th), Maureen Nicholls & Gloria Sealy (17th), Julia DePeiza (19th)



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 at 9:30 a.m.**
 - † **Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**
- † **This Week:**
- † **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 at 3:00 p.m.**
- † **Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**
- † **Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- † **Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.**
 - † **Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**



Activities in the Month of January 2024:

- † **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th – 25th**
- † **Youth Symposium Barbados/St Kitts – Rescheduled to February 24, 2024**
- † **Book Launching: *Faith In The 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

1. **The Provincial Board (PEC) announces the sad news of the death of Bishop Hopeton Clennon on January 7, 2024. Bro. Clennon was consecrated a Bishop of the Moravian Unity on October 25, 1998, being the 320th bishop of the Unity since its start in 1457, and the 258th bishop of the Renewed Moravian Unity. Bishop Clennon was the preacher at the consecration of Bishop Conrad Spencer on 22nd November 2015. Bro Clennon shared in**

numerous conferential events over the years as well as facilitate mission trips to various Conferences. The funeral service for Bishop Hopeton Clennon takes place at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on January 20, 2024.

2. The Barbados Christian Council will host its annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from January 18 – 25, 2024. The Theme: “*You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself*” (Luke 10:27).

† The BXC Activities to mark this week are as follows:

† Saturday, January 20 at 9.30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast at Sharon Moravian Church, Sharon, St. Thomas.

† Monday, January 22 we are invited to join with our brothers and sisters of the Spiritual Baptist on the annual pilgrimage to Farley Hill.

† Wednesday, January 24 Divine Worship at St. Paul Anglican Church at 7.00 p.m.

† Thursday, January 25, a Retreat at Mount Tabor, St. John at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served.

† We look forward to your participation in these activities. Thank you for your support.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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





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