

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

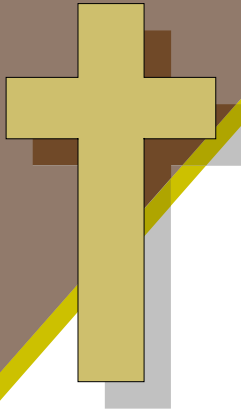
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Sunday, January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

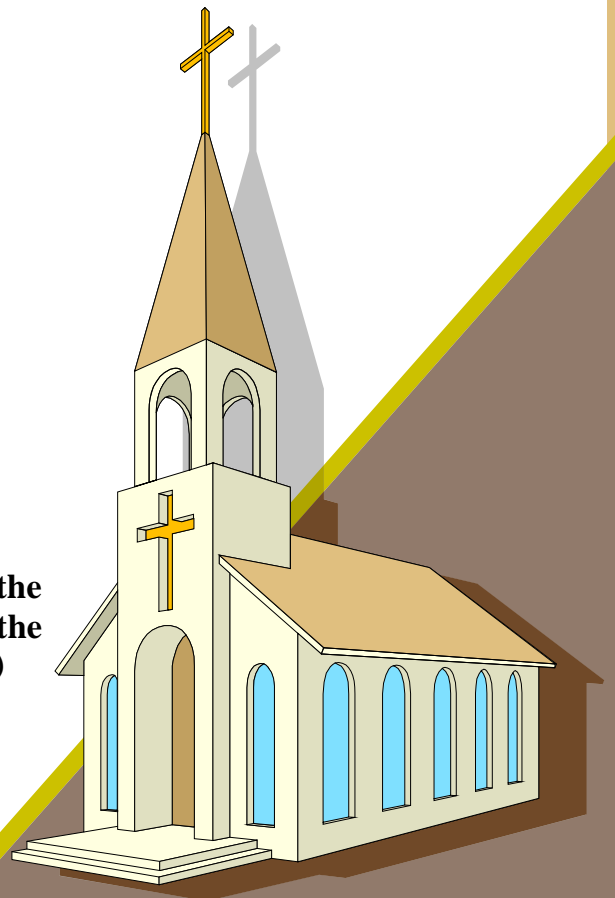
Welcome: Welcome is extended all, whether here in this house or by way of our livestream on YouTube and Facebook, as we worship the one who alone is worthy of unmeasured praise. As we worship, let us pray for a greater awareness of the love of God towards us and all people. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.
(1 Corinthians 12:4 – 5)

Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom:
S.H.I.F.T.”



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 103:1-2):

Leader: ¹ Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Congregation: ² *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

The Litany for Epiphany p. 106 – CMP Liturgy Book

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62:1 – 5

Choir Anthem – “*Songs for the Journey*”

Scripture Reading: John 2: 1 – 11

Hymn 263 – “*I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say*”

Sermon – – *Sis Angelus Hurdle*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 356 – “*You Have All My Future In Your Hands, In Your Hands*”

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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EPIPHANY

All standing.

Tune: St. George

**From the vast and veiled throng,
Round the Father's heavenly throne,
Swells 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)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62:1 – 5

1. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.
2. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
3. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.
4. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.
5. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.



Choir Anthem – “Songs for the Journey”



Scripture Reading: John 2: 1 – 11

1. And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
5. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.
6. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.
9. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
10. And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.
11. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.



Hymn 263 –

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk,
Till travelling days are done.



Sermon – – Sis. Angelus Hurdle



Prayer of Commitment



Closing Hymn: 356

You have all my future in Your hands, in Your hands
I bid you take over all my life, Lord.
My dreams, aspirations, all my best Jesus Lord.
My hopes, my fears, in Your Hands

*In your hands, Lord, I place today, tomorrow.
In your hands, Lord I surrender all.
In your hands, I commit my joys, my sorrows;
In your hands, Lord, I surrender all.*

Keep walking beside me every night, every day
And giving me courage for the fray, Lord.
I need You to guide me every step of the way,
Forsake me not, Lord I pray.

You place many duties in my hands, in my hands;
And shaping my future is my task, Lord
On You I depend, Lord, for the power; this I ask;
That all make sense in Your hands.

So Lord I am trusting everything to Your hands,
And then I keep praying for our land, Lord.
To labour with others for the best, Jesus Lord,
Our all I place in Your hands.



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Today: Louis Adams, Ashley King & Godfrey Walcott

*Advanced: Maureen Nicholls & Gloria Sealy (17th), Daphne Bispham (18th),
Julia DePeiza (19th), Tracy Barker-Linton, Elan Greenidge & Monica
Maynard (22nd)*

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.
- † 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: National General Election Day – **No Bible Study**
- † Saturday: Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer – 6:00 a.m. via Zoom
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Annual Church Council at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Online Sunday School – Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.



IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- † Barbados Christian Council Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Tuesday, 18th – 25th; Online Prayer Service – 18th, 7:00 p.m.
- † Moravian Disciples Concert/Production – Saturday 29th, 6:00 p.m. Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
- † Harvest Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 30th, 8:00 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We are permitted eighty-two (82) attendees for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon, with a separation of six (6) feet between individuals or household groups. We have suspended registration for the time being. We will resume registration when our attendance approaches our limit.
2. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
3. A new term is about to start for our Steelpan Ministry. Those who are interested should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
4. As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each and a few are now available only in burgundy.
5. 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.

6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



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

2. The Sick/Recovering:

† Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds.*



3. Our nation

† for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.

† For the orderly and safe conduct of our national elections on Wednesday, and the election of leaders who will lead our nation righteously.



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✦ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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.**



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: 33rd Provincial Synod
Date: January 7, 2022

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Provincial Board has set the date for the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province for July 18-22, 2022. Living within this period of uncertainty necessitates that Synod be held using a hybrid/virtual model.

Mindful of the local pandemic protocols, each Conference in the Province is asked to prepare for the event by doing the following:

- 1. Elect Synod delegate(s) accordance to the provisions of the Book of Order paragraph 5.4.4.7**
- 2. Submit the names of all delegates by March 31, 2022.**
- 3. Prepare all reports for submission to the Provincial Office by April 29, 2022.**

4. Prepare and submit to the Provincial Office all proposals to be considered at the 33rd Provincial Synod by April 15, 2022.

Information will be circulated later with pre-synod processes and procedures.

The Provincial Board has appointed Rev. Adelyn Mgonela to serve as the Synod Chaplain. The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis has been appointed Chairman of Synod. The Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner has been appointed Secretary of Synod.

One of the businesses of 33rd Provincial Synod is to approve the updated Book of Order 2020. This document has been circulated to Pastors for onward circulation to members for reflection, discussion, and amendments where needed. Please take time to review this document that governs our operations and share your feedback.

Making the SHIFT for the 33rd Provincial Synod means that we must reimagine Synod. The presentation of reports, Committee meetings, worship, elections, and participation of delegates and observers will be adjusted to suit the virtual platform. We have the benefit of learning from others who have gone this way before us.

Please add the 33rd Provincial Synod to your prayer list that God's will be done among us.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 (6) 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 six (6) 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 six (6) 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, and rites involving the 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.

