



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



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

Philippians 4:19 KJV

**And God saw their works,
that they turned from
their evil way; and God
repented of the evil, that
he had said that he would
do to them...**

—Jonah 3:10

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: “This is the day the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Welcome to all who are joining us here in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad.

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WATCHWORD: Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *(Psalm 62:8)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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C: *He only is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.*

Hymn 256 – “Come We That Love the Lord”

Confession of Faith – II & III p. 242 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 2 Corinthians 8:12*

Offertory Hymn: 240 – “I’m Pressing on the Upward Way”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – Bro. Anthony Ifill

Offertory Doxology: *Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices – Sis Angelus Hurdle

Worship in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3: 1 – 5 & 10 – Sis. Jacqueline Walrond

Choir Anthem – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14 -20 – Sis Ingrid Ibrahim

Hymn of Preparation: 186 – “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Sermon – Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn: 290 – “O Jesus I Have Promised”

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: 256 –

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found,
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.
From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields

Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

There shall we see his face,
And be all free from sin,
There from the rivers of his grace
There from the rivers of his grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
Drink endless pleasures in.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.



CONFESSION OF FAITH – II & III

There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.

Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

And the Word become flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten from the Father.

In Him we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins.

Now has Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep.

You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.

There is one body and one spirit; one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Now you are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof.

One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

The God of all grace who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that you have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, stablish and strengthen you.

To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

III

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Glory be to God on high.

God is light; if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

Glory be to God on high.

God is love: everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.

Glory be to God on high.

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Thanks be to You O Lord.

Now we are the children of God. Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

Thanks be to You O Lord

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to You O Lord

The world passes away and the lust thereof: but those who do the will of God abide for ever.

Thanks be to You, O Lord



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 2 Corinthians 8:12*

Offertory Hymn: 240 –

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table-land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – Bro. Anthony Ifill

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 – Sis Angelus Hurdle



Worship in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3: 1 – 5 & 10 – Sis. Jacqueline Walrond

1. And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
2. Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.
4. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.
5. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
10. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.



Choir Anthem – “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14 – 20 – Sis Ingrid Ibrahim

14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
15. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
16. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
18. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.
19. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.
20. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.



Hymn of Preparation: 186 –

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me;'

As of old apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
Saviour make us hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.



Sermon – – *Sis. Cora Cumberbatch*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 290 –

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle

If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.



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Advanced: Tracy Barker-Linton, Elan Greenidge, Monica Maynard & Maximillan Arthur (22nd), Jaylon Burke (24th), André Lewis (25th), Tyson Babb, Candace Barker, Kanasha Greenidge & Nicholas Waithe (27th)



Congratulations to Bro. Lawrence & Sis. Esmay Walrond who will celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on January 25, 2024; Bro. Victor Hurdle & Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on January 26, 2024.



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 (The Minor Prophets – Jonah) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**
- † **Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- † **Saturday: Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer 6:00 a.m. Online.**
- † **Moravian Disciples Concert – 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church; \$20 / \$25 at the Door.**
- † **Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Annual Church Council at 9:30 a.m.**



Activities in the Month of January 2024:

- † Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th – 25th
- † 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, 6:00 a.m. Online.
- † Moravian Disciples Concert – Saturday 27th, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church; \$20 / \$25 at the Door.
- † Annual Church Council – Sunday, 28th
- † Harvest at Centenary – Sunday, 28th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Superintendents Conference – 31st to Feb. 1st, Antigua.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served.
 - † We look forward to your participation in these activities. Thank you for your support.
2. 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.
3. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- † Warm congratulations are extended to Rev. Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith and Dr. Jovanca Smith on the birth of their daughter, Jesanne Seraph Sophia Smith, on January 14, 2024 in Trinidad. Both mother and baby are doing well.
 - † The Provincial Board and Superintendents will meet in Antigua for their annual meeting from January 29 – February 4, 2024. The meeting is in two parts as the Provincial Board will meet alone and also meet with Superintendents. Please pray for our deliberations.
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.



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“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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