

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

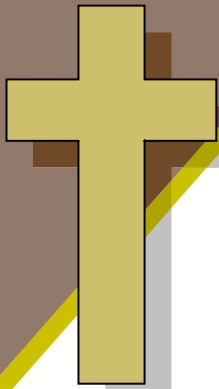
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Sunday, January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

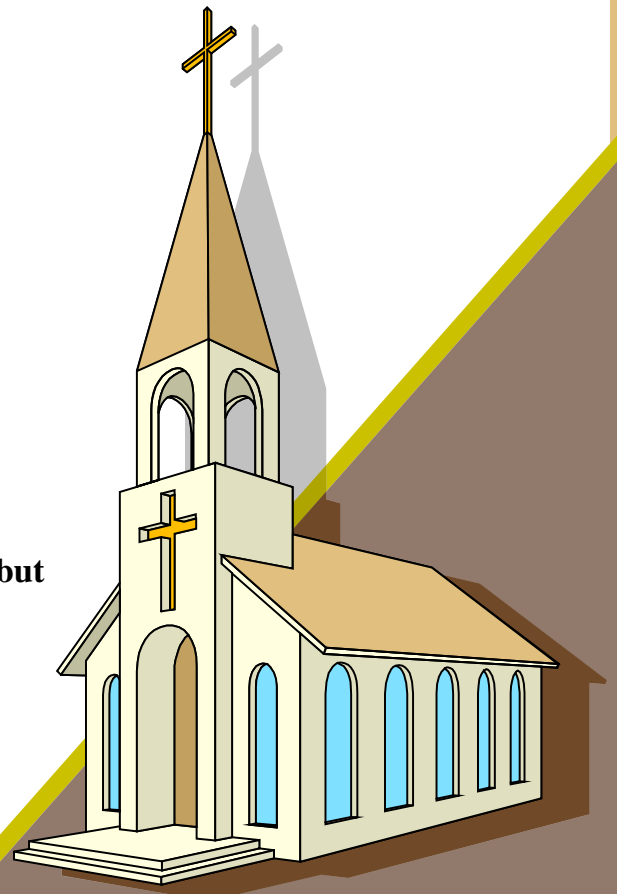
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Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. *(1 Corinthians 13:12)*

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Litany: A Canticle of Praise p. 234 – CMP Liturgy Book

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Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 13

Choir Anthem – *“Eternal God”*

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21 – 30

Hymn of Preparation: 432 – *“Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

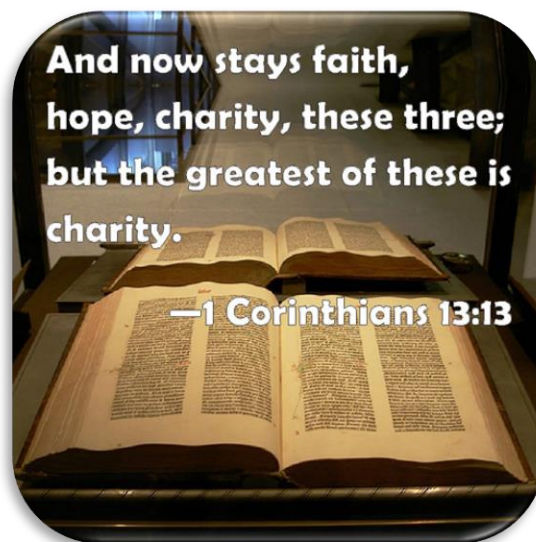
Hymn 162 – *“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”*

The Benediction

Postlude



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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

**Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.**

**Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.**

Osler (1798 - 1863)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

**Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise him that he made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the father, Son
And blest Spirit, Three in One.**

H. W. Baker (1821 - 1877)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.
***The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works.
All your works shall praise you, O Lord.***

For all the blessings of this life:
Glory be to the Father.

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:
Glory be to the Son.

For the divine presence ever with us:
Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TUNE: BISHOPTHORPE

**I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,**

And in the sunlight bright.

**I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.**

**I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.**

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 13

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.



Choir Anthem – “Eternal God”



Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21 – 30

21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.
22. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph’s son?
23. And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.
24. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;
26. But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.
27. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.
28. And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,
29. And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.
30. But he passing through the midst of them went his way,



Hymn of Preparation: 432 -

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
 In living echoes of thy tone;
 As thou has sought, so let me seek
 Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
 The wandering and the wavering feet;
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
 Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
 Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
 I may stretch out a loving hand
 To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
 The precious things thou dost impart;
 And wing my words, that they may reach
 The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,

Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment



Closing Hymn: 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.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & NOTICES

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Today: Debbie Greaves

Advanced: Trevor Campbell (31st), Leila Bernstein, Heather Greenidge, Carl Ifill, Sandra Maynard & Maggie Phillips-Brewster (2nd), Ciauné Barker & Cynthia Waldron (3rd), Gloria Ifill (5th)



We celebrate with Sis. Muriel Moore who will celebrate birthday on Tuesday, February 1, 2022!!



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).**

† **Tuesday: The Provincial Day of Prayer**

† **Prayer Online – 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 871 0359 9039 || Passcode: 564467.**

† **Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093**

Next Sunday:

- **Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m. Installation of Officers**
- **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 2022:

† **Harvest Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 30th, 8:00 a.m.**

In the Month of February 2022:

† **Harvest Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 6th**

† **Sharon's Friendship Week – Sunday, 6th to Sunday 13th. Tell a friend about Sharon and invite them to Church or our Livestream on Sunday, 13th.**

† **Men's Prayer Conference – Saturday, 12th, Online, 8:00 a.m.**

† **Anniversary & Friendship Sunday – February 13th, 9:30 a.m.**

† **Harvest Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 13th**

† **Superintendents Conference – 15th & 16th**

† **Women's Prayer-Fast – Saturday, 19th, Online, 8:00 a.m.**

† **Harvest Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 20th, 8:00 a.m.**

† **Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 27th**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The **Provincial Day of Prayer** continues for 2022. We meet for our first time together on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. This will be the only event for the day. Members are encouraged to dedicate additional times throughout the day for prayer. Let us prepare to intercede together for the world, the church, and our lives. Zoom Meeting ID: 871 0359 9039 || Passcode: 564467.
2. The **Women's Fellowship will start a Farmer's Market** immediately after Church from next Sunday. 75% of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items sold will include fruit, vegetables, ground provisions and local drinks: mauby, sorrel, coconut water, coconut punch, etc. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00
3. **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.
4. 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.
5. Our **Steelman Ministry** has resumed. Those who are interested should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
6. As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each **and they are now available only in burgundy**.
7. **The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:**
 - ✝ The Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts of the Tobago Conference has resigned as the Superintendent of the Conference. The Provincial Board extends sincerest thanks to Sis. Moore-Roberts for her eighteen years of dedicated service to the Tobago Conference and the EWI Province. We pray great grace and favour upon Sis. Moore-Roberts as she continues to serve the Tobago Conference and the Province as a Minister of Christian Education.
 - ✝ The Rev. Nigel Daniel, pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda congregations in Tobago, has accepted a call to serve as the Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Tobago Conference. This appointment takes effect from February 1, 2022. Congratulations to Bro. Daniel on his appointment.

✝ The Rev. Liselle Roberts, Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as the Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda Moravian congregations in Tobago while continuing to serve as a Minister of Christian Education. This appointment takes effect from February 1, 2022.

✝ Please pray for Bro. Nigel Daniel, Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts, and Sis. Liselle Roberts and their families as they answer the call of God to serve the Mission of God.

✝ **March 6, 2022 is Unity Sunday.**

✝ At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.

✝ A special Unity offering will be taken in Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday March 6, 2022. The Unity Prayer Day Offering will benefit “Support of refugee resettlement in North America”, a work done by the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) together with congregations of the Moravian Church Southern and Northern Provinces, North America. The project assists refugees in their transition from their native homelands to their new homes in North America.

✝ **Sunday March 20, 2022 is Theological Education Sunday.**

✝ Our focus on this Sunday is the call of God for people to dedicate themselves to gospel ministry. Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him to serve the kingdom. Are you among the called?

✝ Special prayers are also requested for our Warden/Tutor at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Rev. Neilson Waithe.

✝ If you sense God calling you to deeper service, continue praying about it and talk with your pastor or a mature Christian as to how you might respond to the prompting of God. The call to ministry has many facets. It may be within your congregation or in the Conference. It may be as a Missionary, in some Specialized Ministry, or at the Pastoral level. Be open for where the Holy Spirit is leading.

✝ Last year you gave EC\$9,158 towards theological education. The Province spent about EC\$29,000. On March 20, 2022, a special offering will be received for theological education. Please give as the Lord provides.

✝ **The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church.**

- ✝ The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight, April 3 – Midnight April 17, 2022. Conferences are asked to observe the schedule the time for members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. The Barbados Conference will be responsible for April 09 – 11:59 p.m. to Midnight, April 12, 2022.
 - ✝ This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Spirit of God ignited a passion for prayer that gave birth to a prayer meeting that lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us keep that passion alive as we seek the face of God for direction for the Church, the world, and our lives.
8. 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.
9. 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. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences and pray for Sis. Katrina Burley and family on the passing of her uncle – Winslow Shorey*
4. **Our nation:** *For strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† **Moravian Daily Text 2022:**

† **American Paperback Edition – \$25**

† **American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**

- † **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.**

