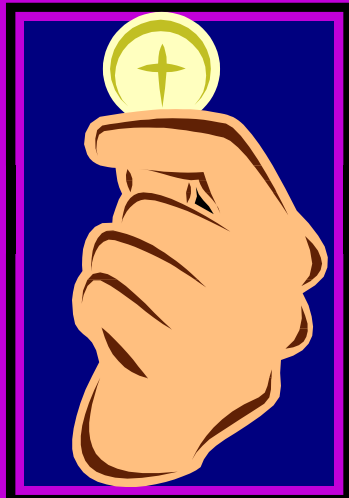


# Communion



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Sunday, November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Welcome to this time of worship and thanksgiving, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Let us use our lips and our lives to glorify God.*

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**WATCHWORD:** Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. *(Deuteronomy 6:4,5)*

**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 98:1 – 2, 4)**

**Leader:** O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**Congregation:** *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

**Hymn 460 – “All People That On Earth do Dwell”**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Litany – In Memory of Martyrs and Saints** p. 159, Liturgy Book

**Worship In Tithes & Offerings:**

**Offertory Sentence:** *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord. Psalm 4:5*

**Offertory Hymn: 262 – “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”**

**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

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**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

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**Choir Anthem – “What Are These?”**

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**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**

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## HOLY COMMUNION

**Invitation**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Consecration of the Bread**

**Distribution Hymns:** 202 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”  
225 – “I Love The Lord He Lent An Ear”  
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**Consecration of the Wine**

**Distribution Hymns:** 220 – “And Can It Be”



This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. Luke 22:20

208 – “Amazing Grace”

474 – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – “We Bless Thee For Thy Peace O God”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 596 – “We Who Here Together Are Assembled”

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 460 –

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make:  
We are his folk, he doth us feed;  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,

And shall from age to age endure.



## Prayer of Invocation



## IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS AND SAINTS

*All standing*

**Tune: BEDFORD – # 473**

Glory to God whose witness train,  
Those heroes bold in faith,  
Could smile on poverty and pain,  
And triumph e'en in death.

God whom we serve, our God can save,  
Can damp the scorching flame,  
Can build an ark, can smooth the wave,  
For such as love his name.

Lord, if thine arm support us still  
With its eternal strength,  
We shall o'ercome the mightiest ill,  
And conquerors prove at length.

*Nicolaus L v. Zinzendorf (1700 – 1760)*

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

***And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"***

These are they of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake. They were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. These are they that came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

***That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple.***

They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.

*And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

**Tune: SINE NOMINE – # 351**

For all thy saints, who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight:  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*William W. How (1823 – 1897)*

*All seated.*

**Let us pray:**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we offer unto thee our hearty thanks and praise, for the holy lives of all thy servants, the prophets, apostles and martyrs, who have shone forth as lights in the world, and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank thee for the blessed communion of all thy saints in glory.

We remember before thee all who have departed this life in the true faith, and especially those most dear to us. We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, our abiding hope, and the promise of future joy.

Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we, with patience, run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; and obtain an entrance into the everlasting kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*All standing.*

**Tune: LANCASHIRE – # 573**

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,  
And all the sacred throng  
Who wear the spotless raiment,  
Who raise the ceaseless song;  
For those passed on before us,  
Saviour, we thee adore,  
And walking in their footsteps,  
Would serve thee more and more.

*Horatio Nelson (1823 – 1913)*

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,  
***For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.***

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

***No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?***

This is the message from the one who is the Amen--the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation: If you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

***To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.***

**Tune: ALFORD – # 352**

Ten thousand times ten thousand,  
In sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints  
Throng up the steeps of light!  
'Tis finished, all is finished,  
Their fight with death and sin;  
Fling open wide the golden gates  
And let the victors in!

Bring near thy great salvation,  
Thou Lamb for sinners slain!  
Fill up the roll of thine elect;

Then take thy power, and reign!  
Appear, desire of nations;  
Thine exiles long for home,  
Show in the heavens thy promised sign:  
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!

Henry Alford (1810 – 1871)



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Offertory Sentence:** *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.*      **Psalm 4:5**

**Offertory Hymn: 262 –**

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.

*But 'I know whom I have believèd,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.'*

I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart;  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing men of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill  
May be reserved for me,  
Of weary ways or golden days,  
Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noonday fair,

Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
Or meet Him in the air.



## Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



## Offertory Doxology:

*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



## Adoration in Song



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading:

### Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9

1. Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:
2. That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
3. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.
4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
5. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:



7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
9. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.



### Second Scripture Reading:

### Mark 12:28 – 34

28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
32. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:
33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
34. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.



### Choir Anthem – “What Are These?”



### Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



### Hymn 327 –

Come, faithful Shepherd, bind me  
With cords of love to thee,  
And evermore remind me  
That thou has died for me:  
O may thy Holy Spirit  
Set this before mine eyes,  
That I thy death and merit  
Above all else may prize.

Thou, Lord, wilt not forsake me,  
Though I am oft to blame;  
As thy reward, O take me  
Anew, just as I am:  
Grant me henceforth, dear Saviour,  
While in this vale of tears,  
To look to thee, and never  
Give way to anxious fears.

Am I of my salvation  
Assured through thy love;  
May I on each occasion  
To thee more faithful prove:  
Hast thou my sins forgiven,  
Then, leaving things behind,  
May I press on to heaven,  
And bear the prize in mind.



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### 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.*



202

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
    May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
    That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
    Life that shall endless be.



225

I love the Lord; he lent an ear,  
    When I for help implored;  
He rescued me from all my fear,  
    Therefore I love the Lord.

Return, my soul, unto thy rest,  
    From God no longer roam;  
His hand hath bountifully blest,  
    His goodness calls thee home.

What shall I render unto thee,  
    My Saviour in distress,  
For all thy benefits to me,  
    So great and numberless?

This will I do, for thy love's sake,  
    And thus thy power proclaim,  
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,  
    And call upon thy name.

Thou God of covenanted grace,  
Hear and record my vow,  
While in thy courts I seek thy face,  
And at thine altar bow.

Henceforth myself to thee I give,  
With single, heart and eye,  
To walk before thee while I live,  
And bless thee when I die.



237

Make me a captive, Lord,  
And then I shall be free;  
Force me to render up my sword,  
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms  
When by myself I stand;  
Imprison me within thine arms,  
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor  
Until it master find;  
It has no spring of action sure,  
It varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move  
Till Thou has wrought its chain;  
Enslave it with thy matchless love,  
And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own  
Till thou hast made it thine;  
If it would reach a monarch's throne,  
It must its crown resign.

It only stands unbent  
Amid the clashing strife,  
When on thy bosom it has leant,  
And found in thee its life.



***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.***



**220**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain –  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above –  
So free, so infinite His grace –

Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



208

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.



Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.



474

COME, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some celestial measure,  
Sung by ransomed hosts above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thine help I'm come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above!



*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.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*



### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266**

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,  
Deep as the unfathomed sea,  
Which falls like sunshine on the road  
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose  
Which comes from outward rest,  
If we may have through all life's woes  
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,  
Trusts where it cannot see,  
Deems not the trial way too long,  
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,  
A river in the soul,  
Whose banks a living verdure keep –  
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,  
Whate'er the outward be,  
Till all life's discipline shall cease,  
And we go home to thee.



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: 596 –**

We who here together are assembled,  
Joining hearts and hands in one,  
Bind ourselves with live that's undissembled,  
Christ to love and serve alone:  
O may we our imperfect songs and praises  
Be well-pleasing unto thee, Lord Jesus:  
Say, 'My peace I leave with you:'  
Amen, Amen, be it so.



### ***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



## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

**Welcome:** *Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Welcome to this time of worship and thanksgiving, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Let us use our lips and our lives to glorify God.*



*Belated:* *Cherry-Ann Ince (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>)*

*Today:* *Gregory Nicholls*

*Advanced* *Althea Hazzard (4<sup>th</sup>), Thalia Knight, Dominic Lynch & Tracy Nicholls (5<sup>th</sup>), Coral Holder & Michelle Reece-Herbert (6<sup>th</sup>), Charlene Ellis (8<sup>th</sup>), Ricardo Gibbs & Ahmir Worrell (9<sup>th</sup>)*



## 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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

**This Week at Sharon:**

† 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 3:00 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 at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Saturday:** Prayer Meeting – Saturday before Communion & Third Saturdays in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sunday: HARVEST SUNDAY**
  - † Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
  - † Harvest Programme at 3:30 p.m.



### Activities in the Month of November 2024:

- † Faith Luncheon – Sunday, 3rd, 1:00 p.m.
- † Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill – Monday, 4th
- † Harvest Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 10th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Cooperative Credit Union – Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Duncan C. Moore Centre. All members are asked to be present.
- † Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 17th, 8:00 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 17th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Rev. Ince on Vacation – October 28th – November 24th
- † Rev. Parris on Vacation – 11th – 24th



### **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Thanks to all who supported our Missionary Festival last week. We raised \$13,059. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned include:
  - † Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024
  - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025, at the Hilton. Dinner – \$200.
  - † Planting of a Time Capsule – February 9, 2025

✝ Closing Service – February 9, 2025

✝ We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. **Envelopes are available for collection.** For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



3. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):

✝ Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher and Rev. Eulencine Christopher have been permanently and unconditionally released to the Moravian Church in North America effective August 1, 2024. The Province wishes Sis. Eulencine and Bro. Dion well in their ministries.

4. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim

8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
6. 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
7. 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/](http://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](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)
  - ✠ Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
8. The Board of Management of the Gracehill Moravian Preschool is seeking to employ a General Worker for the Preschool. The general worker shall: Sanitize and clean around the classrooms and other school areas in line with our policies and procedures • Assist in looking after all domestic duties to support the smooth running of the preschool • Assist in the daily cleaning of the kitchen • Follow a daily, as well as a weekly indoor cleaning regime, and deep cleaning regime to a high standard • Maintain a daily cleaning of the outdoors of the preschool • Sanitize and clean the bathrooms on a regular basis during the day • Ensure that all supplies required are there when needed; and manage stock levels • Adhere to all Health and Safety requirements as set out by the Ministry of Health. Applications are to be sent to: The Board of Management Gracehill Moravian Preschool, c/o Moravian Church Barbados Conference, D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon Complex, St. Thomas BB22136.



## The Past 225 Years



29. Are you aware that Rev Ezra Parris has been the longest serving minister at Sharon? He has served from 2002 to the present – 22 years. This has eclipsed the time of Rev D C Moore, another Barbadian, who served for 18 years.



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe (QEH), Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
  - ✠ *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*



### 3. World Peace



#### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † 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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#### 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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**CONTACT:**

Sis. Elma: 420-1060 / 267-8454  
Rev. Hamblin: 428-4193 / 231-2620

**FEE:**

Adult Admission: \$65  
Children Admission: \$30



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## Christingle 2024

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

featuring

*The Moramus Singers of  
Barbados*



**The Calvary Junior Choir  
Children of the Conference**

Sunday, 1st December, 2024

5:00 p.m.

at

Clifton Hill Moravian Church

Clifton Hill,

St. Thomas.

**\$25.00**