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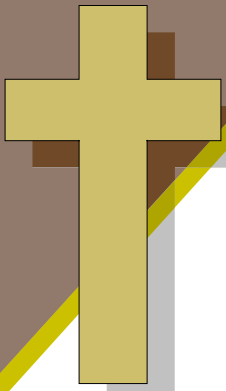
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[Jesus said,] "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

- Matthew 7:13-14 -



Sunday, November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We confess today with the church universal that Jesus is Lord, and give him all honour and glory and praise. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice! Welcome!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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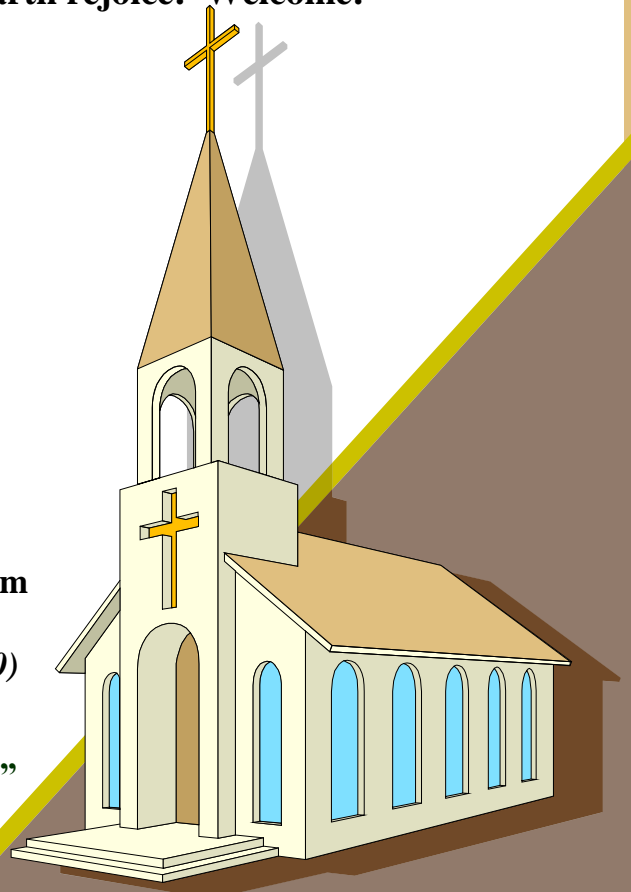
Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

(Psalm 46:10)

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

***Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation***



ORDER OF SERVICE

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Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 13:1 – 11 – Bro. Elroy Carter

Choir Anthem – *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

New Testament Reading: Matthew 7:13 – 20 – Sis. Jacqueline Walrond

Hymn of Preparation: 237 – *“Make me a Captive Lord”*

The Sermon – Bro. Victor Hurdle

Hymn of Response: 369 – *“Let Saints On Earth In Concert Sing”*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 38 – *“Immortal, invisible God only wise”*

The Benediction

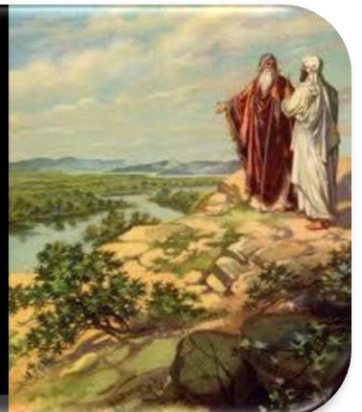
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Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow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



Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)



Organ Prelude

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Welcome & Invitation to Worship



Opening Hymn: 22 –

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints; and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make but his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.



The Fourth Order Of Worship

All standing, one or more of the following may be used:

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me;
Let them bring me to thy holy hill.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; honour and majesty are before him,
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord;
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.

Because they trust in thee.

Trust in the Lord for ever,

For in the Lord is everlasting strength.

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God, and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace, and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being requires. Wherefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

O Lord, have mercy upon us,

And blot out our transgressions.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, may by thy merciful pardon be absolved; that being cleansed from all sin, we may be clothed in thy righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 84

1 How lovely | are thy | dwellings :

O | Lord | of | hosts!

**2 My soul hath a desire and longing for the | courts • of the | Lord : My heart
and my flesh re- | jice • in the | living | God.**

**3 Yea the sparrow doth find a home, and the swallow a | nest for • her- | self (:)
Where | she may | lay her | young;**

4 And I at thine altar, O | Lord of | hosts : My | King and | my | God.

- 5 Blessed are they that | dwell in • thy | house : They will be | ever | praising | thee.
- 6 Bless-ed are the man whose | strength is • in thee : In whose | hearts • are the | highways • to | Zion.
- 7 Who passing through the vale of misery maketh it a | place of | springs : Yea the | pools are | filled with | water.
- 8 They go from | strength to | strength :
Every one of them ap- | peareth be • fore | God in | Zion.
- 9 O Lord God of hosts | hear my | prayer : Give | ear O | God of | Jacob.
- 10 Behold O | God • our de- | fender : Look upon the | face of | thine an- | ointed.
- 11 Surely better is a | day in • thy courts : Than a | thousand | days | elsewhere.
- 12 I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of • my | God : Than dwell • in the | tents of | wickedness.
- 13 For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give | grace and | glory : No good thing will he withhold from | them that | walk | uprightly.
- 14 O | Lord of | hosts : Bless-ed is the | man that | trusteth • in | thee.
Glory be the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be : world without | end. A- | -- | men.

All standing, a Confession of Faith or Creed may be used.

Let us pray.

O Lord, open thou our lips,

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Commit thy way unto the Lord.

And put thy trust in him.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author all godliness; hear we beseech thee, the prayer of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional prayer may be offered, continuing with:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men and women; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate (especially those for whom our prayers are desired); may it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, have mercy on all people,

And grant them thy salvation.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to set us before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, now and for evermore. *Amen.*



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessings of the Lord your God that He has given you.” Deut. 16:17*

Offertory Hymn: 204 –

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! – 'tis our Lord's command;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Tell to sinners far and wide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing, ye islands of the sea,
Echo back, ye ocean caves;
Earth shall keep her jubilee,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Sing above the battle's strife,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing it softly thru the gloom,
When the heart for mercy craves,
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Give the winds a mighty voice,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Let the nations now rejoice.
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest caves,
This our song of victory,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 13:1 – 11 – Bro. Elroy Carter

1. And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.
2. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.
3. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;
4. Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.
5. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.
6. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.
7. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.
8. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.
10. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.
11. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.



Choir Anthem – “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13 – 20 – Sis. Jacqueline Walrond

13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.



Hymn of Preparation: 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.



Sermon – – *Bro. Victor Hurdle*



Hymn of Response: 369 –

Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
To his command we bow;
Part of his host hath crossed the flood,
And part is crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest;
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesus, be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 38 –

Immortal, invisible
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,
To both great and small;
In all life thou livest,

The true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish;
But naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour
Of light hideth Thee.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: Terry Meek

Advanced: Jennifer Clarke, Rev. Ezra Parris & Shakaylah Wickham (21st), Evangeline Downes & Marion King-Taylor (22nd), Danielle Downes (23rd), Sonia Alleyne & Melissa Drakes (24th), Vera Francis, Celia Holder & Marion Stanford (25th), Kemar Turton (26th)



Congratulations to Bro. Gregory & Sis. Nesha Nicholls who will celebrate their 17th Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 2022



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Jennifer Clarke in celebration of her birthday.

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 – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- † 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: Women's Fellowship – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
- † Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: First Sunday in Advent
 - † Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
 - † Moramus Singers Christingle at Calvary Moravian Church at 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00



In the Month of November 2022:

- † Rev. Parris on Vacation – 14th – 24th
- † Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Tuesday, 15th
- † Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 20th
- † Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Tuesday, 22nd
- † The First Sunday in Advent – 27th
- † Christingle – Sunday, 27th at Calvary, 5:00 p.m.



Upcoming Fundraising Events:

- † Police Band Concert – Date to be confirmed



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our next Colour-Sunday, a Purple Sunday, is planned for the Third Sunday in December; when we invite attendees to wear purple and to present a walk-up offering of purple Barbados currency. We are seeking contributions towards repairs to our church building.
2. You are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.
3. 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.
4. The Moramus Singers of Barbados on behalf of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference will present Christingle 2022 – *John W. Peterson's Night of Miracles* at the Calvary Moravian Church, Roebuck Street, Bridgetown on Sunday, November 27, 2022. Admission – \$20.00. The word 'Christingle' means 'Christ-Light' and the Moravian Christingle service may be held in Advent, Christmas or Epiphany to emphasize and celebrate Jesus as the light and the hope of the world.
5. We draw to your attention the installation of fire extinguishers at strategic points in our church building. About twelve (12) persons have been trained in the use of the extinguishers and on them we will depend if they need to be used. We thank the Board of Stewards for spearheading the effort; Bro Wilfred Marshall (Grace Hill) for his advice and training; and Bro George Best for the installation of the units.
6. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
 - ✠ We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women's Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - ✠ 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.
 - ✠ 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.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, 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.

✝ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✝ 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: *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*

3. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

4. God’s covering during the Hurricane Season

5. World Peace



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.**

- ✝ 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.



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

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.
2. Face masks are optional but recommended, given the singing and speaking that is engaged in during worship. Attendees are asked to be respectful of others in their choice to wear or not to wear a mask.
3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
4. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) 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 three (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members
7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.
9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

