



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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

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Sunday, November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)

Sunday Before Independence Day

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. We welcome all who are sharing in this act of worship today, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We proclaim Jesus – King of kings and Lord of lords. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," said the Lord God, who is and who was and is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:8)*

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 93: 1 – 2)

Leader: The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty. The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Congregation: *Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting*

Hymn of Praise: 480 – *“The Lord is King! Lift Up Thy Voice”*

The Litany for National Occasions p. 183 – CMP Liturgy Book

Worship in Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16 NKJV)*

Offertory Hymn: 165 – *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology – *“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 93

New Testament Reading – John 18: 33 – 37

Choir Anthem – *“My Country”*

Sermon – – *Sis. Angelus Hurdle*

Hymn of Reflection – *“God Will Take Care of You”*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

The National Anthem of Barbados

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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.



Prelude

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Opening Hymn: 480 –

The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world the joy shall ring,
‘The Lord Omnipotent is King!’

The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways:
Let every creature speak his praise.

He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains;
Your God is King, your Father reigns;
And he is at the Father's side,
The Man of love, the Crucified.

Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
He will present them at the throne;
And angel bands are waiting there
His messages of love to bear.

One Lord, one empire all secures;
He reigns, and life and death are yours:
Through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
‘The Lord Omnipotent is King!’



NATIONAL OCCASIONS

All standing.

TUNE: DUKE STREET

Great God of nations, now to thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise;
That thou hast made this nation free,
We offer thee our song of praise.

Thy name we bless, Almighty God,
For all the kindness thou hast shown
To this fair land, by pilgrims trod,
This land we fondly call our own.

We praise thee, that the Gospel's light
Through all our land its radiance sheds,
Dispels the shades of error's night,
And heavenly blessings round us spreads.

*Alfred A. Woodhull (1810 – 1836)
& Henry Greator (1813 – 1858)*

O praise the Lord, all you nations:

Praise him, all you people.

For his mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

Praise ye the Lord.

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales. Let the living know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of humanity, and gives it to whom he will. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he makes the thoughts of the people to be of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands fast for ever, the thought of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance. Yes, happy is the people whose God is the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to your name give glory.

For your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake.

TUNE: OLD HUNDRETH

**Before Jehovah's glorious throne
Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone:
He can create and He destroy.**

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

All seated.

Almighty God, you are the ruler of nations and to your gracious providence we owe the manifold blessings of our land,

We worship you with grateful hearts.

We confess that, in many things, we have departed from your precepts and from your judgments, and it is because of your mercies that we are not consumed. To you belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you; neither have we obeyed your voice, O Lord our God, to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and pardon our transgressions.

Bless, O Lord, we pray you, all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with reverence and love for those who, as the ministers of God, have been set for the punishment of evil-doers and the praise of them that do well. Raise up for us leaders who shall perform your pleasure and, in patience and fortitude, shall keep themselves always dependent upon you, O God.

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Make of this nation a chosen instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our heritage of liberty be preserved unimpaired for the generations to come.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Safeguard, we plead, your holy day of rest and the sacred institution of the home; grant that all who are employed in the education of youth may recognize that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and turn the hearts of all people unto you that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant unto those who are of the household of faith, wisdom, that, as citizens of this nation, they may adorn the Gospel in all their works. Enable them to submit to every human ordinance for your sake, ready unto every good work, abstaining from every form of evil and rendering unto all their dues.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Grant unto the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdoms of the

world shall become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

All standing.

TUNE: MANOAH

**Lord of the nations, thus to thee
Our country we commend;
Be thou her Refuge and her Trust,
Her everlasting Friend.**

John Wreford (1800 – 1891)

Now, therefore, says the Lord, if you will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then you shall be mine own possession; and you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

All that the Lord has spoken we will do.

Then you shall dwell in your land safely, says the Lord, and I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make you afraid, and I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Glory be to 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.
Amen.*

TUNE: QUEBEC

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on thy faithful word?
None ever called on thee in vain;
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Henry W. Baker (1821 – 1877)



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16 NKJV)*

Offertory Hymn: 165 –

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.



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)*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 93

1. The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
2. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.
3. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
4. The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.
5. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.



New Testament Reading: John 18: 33 – 37

33. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?
34. Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?
35. Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?
36. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
37. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.



Choir Anthem – “My Country”



Sermon – – Sis. Angelus Hurdle



Hymn of Reflection –

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath is wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



The National Anthem of Barbados



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: *Sonia Alleyne & Melissa Drakes*

Advanced: *Celia Holder & Marion Stanford (25th), Marcia Carrington, Philmore Davis & Denzil Holder (27th), Tara Blackman, Diana Cox & Yvonne Martindale (28th), Ken Adams, Marcia Coombs, Athelstan Headley & Ingrid Ibrahim (29th), Ricardo Carter & Ismay Straker (30th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Gregory & Sis. Nesha Nicholls who will celebrate their 19th Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 2024; Congratulations to Bro. Athelstan & Sis. Fraulene Headley who will celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary on November 29, 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: REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK

- † **Tuesday:** Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † **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.
- † **Saturday:** Public Holiday – INDEPENDENCE DAY
- † **Next Sunday:** FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 - † Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Christingle 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. Admission – \$25.00.



Activities in the Month of November 2024:

- † Rev. Ince on Vacation – October 28th – November 24th
- † Rev. Parris on Vacation – 11th – 24th



Activities in the Month of December 2024:

- † Provincial Day of Prayer – 1st
- † Christingle 2024 – Sunday, 1st at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. Admission – \$25.00.
- † Joint Board Planning Meeting – Thursday, 5th, in sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- † Sharon Men Cooking – Saturday, 7th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00
- † Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 8th
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Worship on Christmas Day – Monday, 25th at 5:00 a.m.
- † Watch-Night Service – Sunday, 31st, 10:30 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who supported our Missionary Festival on October 27, 2024. We raised so far \$14,229.15. 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 – **Tickets are available**
 - ✝ 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: Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. The next Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on December 1, 2024. Given that this is Sunday, we are requesting that each congregation set aside an intentional time of prayer as we close the year. Please see suggested prayer points:
1. Thanksgiving and praise to God for coming through the hurricane season
 2. Thanksgiving and praise for the journey through 2024
 3. The Eastern West Indies Province with challenges of staff shortages, declining membership, resolution of the pension plan, and financial need.
 4. The 34th Provincial Synod in 2025
 5. The Provincial Board
 - All Ministers
 - People in crisis

- The world in crisis

✠ Congregations are encouraged to listen for the Spirit’s prompting during the prayers.

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 st 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 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/) 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
 - † 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



32. As we approach our Independence Day weekend, let us look today at some among us who have received awards in the name of Barbados:

- Sis Gloria Skeete – Barbados Centennial Honour – 2000
- Sis Evelina King-Harper – Barbados Service Medal – 2023
- Bro Macario Maynard – Winning design of the Barbados Pandora Charm – 2024

Congratulations to them all. Let us continue to keep the Sharon flag flying! These awards are on display today – You may view, but please refrain from touching.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
† *Of our congregation: 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**
- † **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.**



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



**The Moravian Church Barbados
Conference**



presents

**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



**The men at Sharon
Moravian Church –
can they cook?**

Find out on

Saturday December 7, 2024

when
SHARON MEN
COOKING!

\$25.00

**Gets you a taste of their fare
in the D. C. Moore Centre,
Sharon, St. Thomas.**

1:00 p. m. – 4:00 p. m.

Refreshments on sale!