



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



Sunday, October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A sincere welcome to all gathered for worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We lift our hearts and voices in praise to God, and we invite him to fill our lives with his blessings. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: If we have died with Him we will also live with Him.
(2 Timothy 2:11)

Provincial Theme 2025:

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 66:1 – 2, 4):

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Opening Hymn: 19 – “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Let them all praise the name of the Lord. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven!” – Psalm 148:13*

Offertory Hymn: 205 – “God Is Working His Purpose Out”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: “Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song – “Glory to His Name”

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1 – 3, 7 – 15

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11 – 19

Choir Anthem – “Total Praise”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 198 – “To God Be The Glory!”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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



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C: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*



Opening Hymn: 19 –

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
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Prayer & Lord's Prayer



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Let them all praise the name of the Lord. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven!” – Psalm 148:13*

Offertory Hymn: 205 –

God is working his purpose out,
As year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
Where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God:
"Give ear to me, ye continents;
Ye isles, give ear to me,"
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind,
The reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth,
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide,
Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet near and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song

“Glory to His Name”

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

*Glory to His Name,
Glory to His Name:
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!*

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within,

There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – 2 Kings 5: 1 – 3, 7 – 15

1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.
2. And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.
3. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.
7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.
8. And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.
9. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.
10. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
12. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.
13. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
14. Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.
15. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.



Second Scripture Reading – Luke 17: 11 – 19

11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
12. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
13. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
14. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
16. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
17. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?
18. There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
19. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.



Choir Anthem – “Total Praise”



Sermon – Rev. David Ince



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 198 –

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Greetings & Celebrations

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Advanced: Joseph Corbin & Keith Roberts (13th), Hilda Williams & Orrin Williams (15th), Donna Greenidge (16th)



Congratulations to Bro. Sherwin Herbert Jr. & Sis. Michelle Reece-Herbert who are celebrating their 23rd Wedding Anniversary today.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✠ Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- ✠ Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- ✠ Faith's Missionary at 4:00 p.m. at Six Roads, St. Philip.

THIS WEEK

Office Hours for the Pastorate: Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

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- ✠ 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.
 - ✠ Board of Stewards Meeting in Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- ✠ Wednesday: Bible Study (*The Sermon on the Mount*) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✠ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- ✠ Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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



Activities in the Month of October 2025:

† Women's Fellowship Activities for the month:

- Women's Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 19th. Rally at Dunscombe Moravian Church at 4:00 p.m.
- Quiz – Monday 20th, 7:00 p.m. online
- Candlelight Service – Sunday 26th, 4:00 p.m. Venue: Bethlehem Moravian Church

† Missionary Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 12th, 8:00 a.m.

† The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 25th, 6:00 am.

† Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 26th, 9:30 a.m.

† Missionary Festival at Calvary – Sunday, 26th, 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2025 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$13,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. Direct contribution can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. 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. **Remember to return/bring in your Missionary Collection Boxes next week.**
2. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:

MORAVIAN HISTORY

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IS THE OLDEST PROTESTANT DENOMINATION!

The Moravian Church, also known as the Unitas Fratrum or Unity of the Brethren, is one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world. It traces its roots back to the 15th - century movement led by Jan Hus, A Czech reformer who sought to purify the Catholic Church.

DID YOU KNOW?



MORAVIAN HISTORY



**THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IS THE FIRST
AMONG THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES
TO ACCEPT MISSIONARY WORK AS
BEING A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
CHURCH!**

The Moravian Church has a strong emphasis on missionary work. In fact, it is considered to be one of the first Protestant missionary movements. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Moravian missionaries traveled far and wide, bringing Christianity to regions as diverse as the Caribbean, Greenland, Africa and the Americas.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

3. From the Provincial Board:

- 3.1. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God's call on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.**
- 3.2. The Provincial family extends condolences to Rev. Nigel Daniel on the death of his mother, Mrs. Fernella Daniel. Sis. Daniel died on September 27, 2025 in Antigua. The funeral service for Sis. Daniel takes place on October 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cana Moravian Church, Swetes Village, Antigua. Please pray for Bro. Daniel and family in their time of grief and loss.**
- 3.3. The service of Consecration for Bishop Elect, Rev. Ezra Parris, will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer, and Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis of the Eastern West Indies Province, and Bishop Stanley Clarke of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province, will**

officiate. Please pray for Bro. Parris and family and the officiating Bishops as they prepare for this solemn and sacred moment.

4. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts 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, 1st 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. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
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 closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

5.1. We are still open to contributions under our “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.



6. 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.
7. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 7.1. 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.
 - 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 7.3. 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.
8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 8.1. 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.
 - 8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - 8.3. 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>).

8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences and pray for:*

† *Sis. Shirley Blackman and family, on the passing of her brother, Bro. David King. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.*

4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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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The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.

“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



Faith Moravian Church
Mission Rally
"Keeping the Flames Ablaze"

Sunday, October 12, 2025
4:00 pm
Six Roads, St. Phillip



#0001 THE MORAVIAN CHURCH BARBADOS CONFERENCE



A Bajan Breakfast

ADMIT ONE

\$50.00

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 260TH ANNIVERSARY

November 15th, 2025 | 8AM

Lester Vaughn Secondary School, St. Thomas



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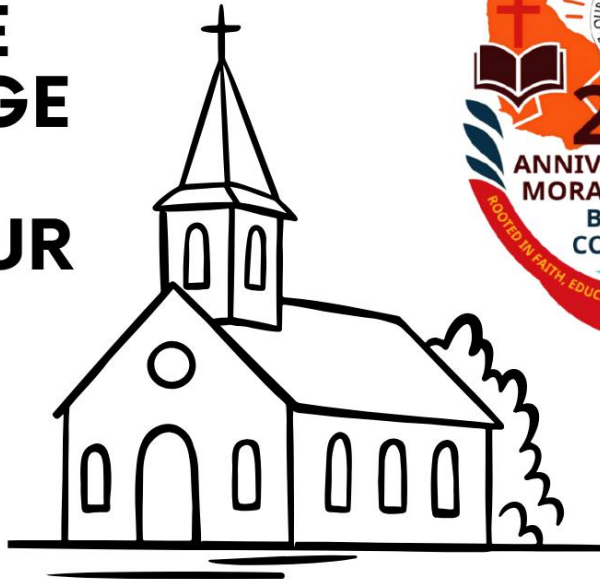
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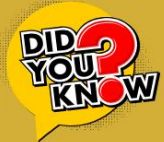
CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
| ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) |
| ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) | ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834) |
| ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
| ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) | |

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