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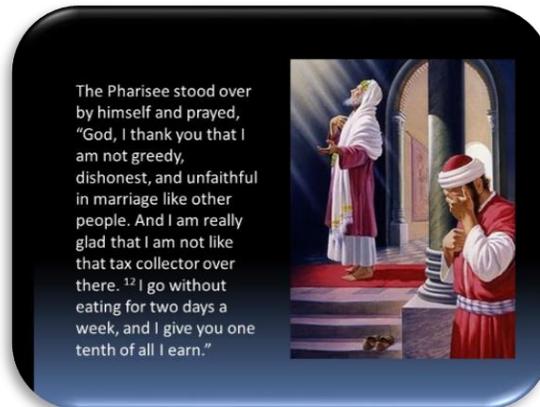
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Sunday, October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Missionary Festival

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing to the glory of his name.”* We extend a cordial welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. As we reflect upon the call to tell of God’s redeeming grace for all humanity; may the fire of God’s love ignite our hearts that we do his will. Welcome.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Jesus said, *“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”* (Luke 18:14)

Provincial Theme 2022: *“Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”*
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1 – 2, 4

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Make His praise glorious.

C: *All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name.*

Hymn 489 – “Angel Voices, Ever Singing”

Litany for Missions p. 174 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected

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Opening Hymn: 489 –

*ANGEL voices, ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee,
And confess thee
Lord of might.*

*Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.*

*Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.*

*In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee,
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices*

*In our choicest
Psalmody.*

*Honour, glory, might and merit,
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity:
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.*



Mission and Evangelism

All standing.

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

Your rule is eternal and you are King forever.

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

You are near those who call to you — who call to you with sincerity.

You supply the needs of all who honour you; you hear their cries and save them.

We will ever praise you Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.

TUNE: NATIVITY / 86.86 (CM)

We praise you God for what you did
For those you chose to lead
Who spread God's message near and far,
Planting the Gospel seed.

We thank you for their well-done work
They laboured long and hard.
Fought many battles, many won,
Declaring Christ is Lord!

Lord of all times we honour you
Give us the strength like them
To boldly speak your Word today,
So souls won't be condemned.

2008. Joan A. Smith

Let us pray:

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words and actions which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the Church we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.

Hear the words of our Lord: *'I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again'*.

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, gave life and breath to everyone. And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called You and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through You I will make a covenant with all peoples.

Through You I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark places.

TUNE: JESUS SAVES

We have heard the joyful sound — Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness 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!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free To every strand that ocean laves,
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Priscilla J. Owens (1829 – 1907)

God's call to mission summons a response. Today, God asks: whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?

Like Isaiah, the answer flows from our soul and forms on our lips, 'I will go. Send me!'

This is the good news, that through Christ's death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings and live as members of the same body.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

Jesus said: Those who serve me must follow me and the Father will honour them.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ, commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone: grant us a ready will to obey your Word; and as we enter into the lives of others, help us to serve you. Give us greater zeal for mission. Make us more ready and more diligent by our prayers, by our gifts, and by our example to spread abroad the knowledge of your truth and to enlarge the boundaries of your kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us and may we do all to your glory. Inspire our witness to Christ that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. ***Amen.***

God, we thank you that through Jesus Christ, you have called your Church to be your light to the world. We pray for the Moravian Unity, the Church Universal and the ecumenical institutions which work for the advancement of God's Kingdom, (the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, the Caribbean Conference of Churches and the National Council of Churches). We lift before you all other Church related organizations that minister your love and saving grace. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

We remember in prayer all who suffer because they have named you as Lord. May they be strengthened to endure every test and trial which comes upon them. Strengthen them in the hour of temptation. Give courage, insight and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the Gospel to those yet unreached. Saviour, grant that your Church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ***Amen.***

All standing.

TUNE: MOSCOW

Christ for the world! we sing:

The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
The poor, and them that mourn, The faint and overborne,

Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, Whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing:
The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost, by restless passion tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing:
The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
The new-born souls, whose days, Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, To Christ belong.

Samuel Walcott (1813 – 1886)



Missions Brief



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

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Offertory Hymn: 411 –

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

***Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.***

Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive.
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labour the Lord will provide;

Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Saviour has died.



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*)



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Testimony in Song: 259 –

O what a wonderful, wonderful day –
Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away,
Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend –
He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart.

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away –
And my night was turned to day –
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!*

Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's fam'ly divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made

When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer –
He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure
After the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 9 – 14

9. And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
10. Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
11. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
12. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
13. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
14. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.



Choir Anthem – “*Here I Am, Lord*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Patrick Drakes*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Response: 317 –

Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers,
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Not for weight of glory,
Not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army,
Raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth
Lives for whom he died:
He whom Jesus nameth
Must be on his side.
By thy love constraining,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Jesus, thou hast bought us,
Not with gold or gem,
But with thine own life-blood,
For thy diadem;
With thy blessing filling
Each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing,
Thou hast made us free.
By thy grand redemption,
By thy grace divine,

We are on the Lord's side
Saviour, we are thine!

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can overthrow;
Round his standard ranging,
Victory is secure;
For his truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.
Master, thou wilt keep us,
By thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side;
Saviour, always thine!



Financial Report



Courtesies



Closing Hymn: 434 –

O Master, when thou callest,
No voice may say thee nay,
For blest are they that follow
Where thou dost lead the way;
In freshest prime of morning,
Or fullest glow of noon,
The note of heavenly warning
Can never come too soon.

O Master, when thou callest,
No foot may shrink in fear;
For they who trust thee wholly
Shall find thee ever near:
And chamber still and lonely,
Or busy harvest field,
Where thou, Lord, rulest only,
Shall precious produce yeield.

O Master, when thou callest,
No heart may dare refuse;
'Tis honour, highest honour,
When thou dost deign to use;
Our brightest and our fairest,
Our dearest — all are thine;
Thou who for each one carest,
We hail thy love's design.

They who go forth to serve thee,
We too who serve at home,
May watch and pray together
Until thy kingdom come.
In thee for aye united,
Our song of hope we raise,
Till that blest shore is sighted
Where all shall turn to praise.



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Advanced: Caroline Kellman (24th), Hazel Carrington, Kristina Carter & Heather Hunte (25th), Jamall Lewis & Nesha Nicholls (26th), Carmen Haynes, Akeem Holder, Dwaine Maynard & Dwight Maynard (27th), Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris, Talya Layne & Zia McClean (28th), Criston Skeete (29th)



Congratulations to Bro. Alfred Beckles & Sis. Patsy Turton-Beckles who will celebrate their 10th Wedding anniversary on October 27, 2022.



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Heather Hunte 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 – Missionary Festival – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
 - † Meeting of Ushers after Worship
 - † Women's Fellowship Candlelight Thanksgiving and Rededication Service – 4:00 p.m. at Sharon
- † 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093. We are studying the community of the Church.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship – Exchange of Pulpit – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of October 2022

- † Candlelight Service – Sunday, 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- † Calvary Steel & Vibes – Saturday, 29th at 6:00 p.m. \$50
- † Faith Annual Luncheon — Sunday 30th on the Church Grounds, 12 – 1:00 p.m. \$50



Upcoming Fundraising Event:

- † Police Band Concert – Date to be confirmed



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.**
- 2. For our Brown Offering on Sunday, September 25th, some \$1,505 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded. The plan is to have a colour Sunday each quarter as we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building. The next one, a Purple Sunday, is planned for the Third Sunday in December. We invite attendees to wear purple and to present a walk-up offering of purple Barbados currency.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.**
- 5. We are seeking to restore our Ushers Guild and we are inviting our ushers and those who would like to join the ministry to a meeting after worship on Sunday, October 23, 2022.**
- 6. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2022 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$15,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and your 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.**
- 7. The Harvest Sale we have been planning for Saturday, November 12th has been cancelled due to a poor response. We will revert to the sale of Harvest Offerings of food and provisions on Harvest Sunday, November 13th. You are asked to deliver your offerings and decorations on Saturday, 12th.**
- 8. Those who desire to affirm their faith in the Act of Reaffirmation of Baptism are invited to register with the Pastor before October 30, 2022. For an understanding of what is involved, the litany can be found on page 224 / 225 of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book. Reaffirmation of Baptism has been tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2022 at Batts Rock Beach.**
- 9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.

12. 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



Moravians Missions

In 1735 work commenced in Surinam. When the missionaries attempted to preach to the slaves as they had done in the West Indies, they were opposed by both planters and government officials. Undeterred they moved about a hundred miles into the jungle and settled in the heart of Indian country. Many missionaries died of fever, it became known as 'the country of death,' yet the work continued and there are now some 56,000 connected with the Moravian Church.

In 1737 an appeal was received in Herrnhut to send missionaries to South Africa where the Hottentots, Kaffirs and Bushmen were for the most part ignorant of Christianity. George Schmidt, one who had suffered imprisonment in Moravia for his faith, was chosen to go. At first he made little progress, but when he did have some success and began to baptise his converts, the Dutch State Church challenged the legality of his work and ordination, and in 1744 he had to leave. It was nearly 50 years later before the mission was restarted. The work has grown and the South African branch of our Church now has a membership of some 99,000.

From Herrnhut men and women went to remote places of the world:

- ✚ 1732 – St. Thomas in the West Indies:
- ✚ 1733 – Greenland:
- ✚ 1734 – Lapland and Georgia:
- ✚ 1735 – Surinam:
- ✚ 1736 – Africa's Guinea Coast:
- ✚ 1737 – South Africa:
- ✚ 1738 – Amsterdam's Jewish Quarter:
- ✚ 1739 – Algeria:
- ✚ 1740 – N. American Indians; Ceylon; Romania; Constantinople.

Between 1732 and 1742 more than 70 men and women from a community of not more than 600 had answered the call to mission service, many knowing that they were going to take the place of those who had died of fever and other

tropical diseases, and that they might well suffer the same fate. Not all projects were successful, but failure never detracted from the vision.

Extracted from Moravian Moment # 164. For more Moravian Moments visit <https://moravians.net>.



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.**
- ‡ **Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- ‡ **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- ‡ **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- ‡ **Books:**
 - 📖 **Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25; Provocation– \$20.**
 - 📖 **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.**
 - 📖 **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water– \$35.**
- ‡ **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**





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.**

