



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 25, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Missionary Festival

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all on this Missions Sunday as we acknowledge that we assemble to worship and to be prepared to go out with the Gospel of Christ. A special welcome to our preacher, the Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts who joins us via the internet from Geneva. Welcome as well to those who join in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. May God empower us as we worship.

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

WATCHWORD: You shall be holy, for I the Lord, your God am holy.
(Leviticus 19: 2)

Provincial Theme 2020: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 98:2 – 4):

Leader: The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Congregation: *He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises*

Litany for Missions p. 174 – Liturgy Book

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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.



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)



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Today: Hazel Carrington, Kristina Carter & Heather Hunte
Advanced: Jamall Lewis & Nesha Nicholls (26th), Carmen Haynes, Akeem Holder, Dwaine Maynard & Dwight Maynard (27th), Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris, Talya Layne & Zia McClean (28th), Christon Skeete (29th), Andilla Haynes (30th), Marjorie Layne & Jacqueline Walrond (31st)



Congratulations to Bro. George & Sis. Joan Taylor who will celebrate their 19th Wedding Anniversary on October 27, 2020; Bro. Alfred Beckles & Sis. Patsy Turton-Beckles who will celebrate their 8th Wedding anniversary on October 27, 2020.



The flowers this week were donated by Sis. Heather Hunte and Sis. Talya Layne in celebration of their birthdays.



Missions Comments



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 8

- 1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:**
- 2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.**
- 3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:**
- 4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.**
- 5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:**
- 6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.**
- 7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:**

- 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.



Choir Anthem – – “*Make Me A Blessing*”



Second Scripture Reading: John 1:29 – 42

- 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
- 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
- 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
- 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
- 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.
- 35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;
- 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!
- 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
- 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
- 39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
- 40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.
- 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.



Hymn of Preparation –

**We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right.**

**A story of truth and mercy
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.**

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning
And the dawning to noon-day bright;
And Christ's great kingdom
Shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.*

**We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and the sword
And shatter the spear and the sword.**

**We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who's reigning above
Hath sent us his Son to save us,
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.**

**We've a Saviour to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow hath trod
That all of the world's great peoples
May come to the truth of God
May come to the truth of God.**



Sermon – “*Tell Just One*” – Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 416 –

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.



Financial Report



COURTESIES, NOTICES & CONCERNS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- Today:** Divine Worship & Missionary Festival – 9:30 a.m.
Women's Fellowship Candlelight Service at Calvary Moravian Church – 5:00 p.m. The Bus leaves at 4:15 p.m.
- Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
- Tuesday:** Women's Fellowship – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.



ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020:

- ✝ **Moravian Youth Council Hike – Saturday, 31st, 4:30 p.m. St. Martins to the HARP Gun site, St. Philip. Registration \$5.00.**

ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020:

- ✝ **Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 8th, 10:00 a.m.**
- ✝ **Faith's Flea Market – Saturday, 7th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vendor spaces @ \$45. Six roads, St. Philip.**
- ✝ **Harvest Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 8th at 9:30 a.m. All of our groups are invited to be involved by decorating at least one window with flowers, food and the like, according to a theme of their choosing; and by rendering an item during the service. Harvest items will be on sale in the D. C. Moore Centre. Soup will be offered, to keep you until lunch.**
- ✝ **Rev. Parris on Vacation – 9th – 27th**
- ✝ **Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.**
- ✝ **Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 15th, 10:00 a.m.**
- ✝ **Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 22nd, 7:30 p.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

- 1. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!**
 - ✝ **Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for Whitsuntide Weekend 2021 – May 22 – 24.**
 - ✝ **The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.**
- 2. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.**
 - ✝ **We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.**
 - ✝ **Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.**
 - ✝ **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.

3. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
4. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.
5. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.*

The Sick / Recovering: *Sis Eula Gibbs*



Closing Hymn: 417

Almighty Lord, whose sovereign right
Extends o'er every nation,
We bless thee for the gospel light
That brought to us salvation.
And unto thee we raise our prayer
For all in darkness dwelling;
That they with us thy light may share,
With us thy praise be telling.

And hear us as we call on thee
For all the truth possessing,
That they may ever ready be
To share the heavenly blessing;
To send to earth's remotest shore
The gladdening gospel story,
That all heathen may adore
Jesus, the King of glory.

As with thine eyes, Lord, may we see
The world in darkness lying;
And may thy love the motive be
To save the lost, the dying.
The precious harvest waiting lies,
But few the workers number –
O Church of Christ! arise! arise!
Arouse thee from thy slumber!

Lord, Lord, the impulse must be thine,
Forgive our sloth, our dullness;
O quicken us with life divine,
With all the Spirit's fullness.
So may our love and faith increase,
Our fervor and devotion;
To speed the messengers of peace
O'er every land and ocean.

And evermore be with them, Lord,
And evermore befriend them;
Be thou their shield and great reward,
To succour and defend them.
Prosper their faithful ministry,
Till, in the day appointed,
The kingdoms of the world shall be
The realm of thine Anointed.



Benediction



AVAILABLE:

- **Offering Envelopes for 2020** – 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**– 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
- **On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD** – \$2.00.
- **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00)** of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.

- Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25.00; Provocation– \$20.
- The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three 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 feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.



AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

St. Thomas	1732
St. Croix	1734
St. John	1741
Antigua	1756
Barbados	1765
St. Kitts	1777
Tobago	1790
Trinidad	1890
Tortola	1993
Grenada	

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To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
 cc Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis
 Chairman of PEC
Subject: Provincial Day of Prayer
Date: October 23, 2020
Ref: PEC 222/20

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Province has been meeting monthly for prayer realizing that through prayer we connect with God. Through prayer we develop our relationship with God. Through prayer we get to cast the cares of the world upon God. The example of Jesus should be instructive for us. He prayed often and made this spiritual discipline a priority in His life.

The truth is we have all pondered the following questions:

- Does prayer work?
- Is it effective?
- Is it a religious ritual that we go through to appease our conscience?
- Is it a defensive wall that we build when we do not take the time to explore a matter or situation?
- Is it the trump card we pull in the absence of critical and practical ministry in the church?
- Why pray?
- Is it still effective in this postmodern world?

As part of our monthly prayer gathering, we are invited to engage in a three-day prayer seminar under the theme: **Let us Pray!!! Exploring the relevance and efficacy of prayer in the twenty-first century.**

The following are the opportunities to gather for times of teaching, praying, and fellowship:

- Sunday 01 November 2020 (7:30 pm) “An hour in the Word”

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- Monday 02 November (12:00 -1:00 pm) “An hour of Power”
- Monday 02 November (6:00-7:00 pm) Conversations – Topic: **“Let us Pray???”**
Exploring the relevance and efficacy of prayer in the twenty-first century.”
- Tuesday 03 November (12:00-1:00 pm) “An hour of Power”
(6:00-7:00 pm) “An hour in the Word”

Please note, my provincial family, that these sessions will be done via Zoom and a link will be sent to you shortly.

Let us continue to pray without ceasing, more so in this season of uncertainty and opportunity.