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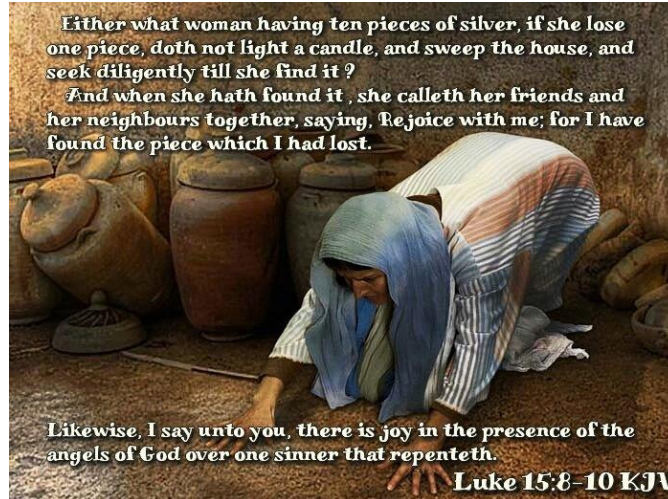
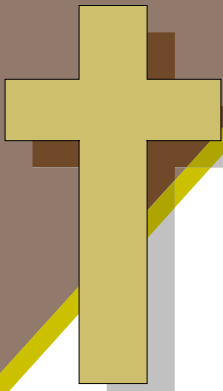
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Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 15:8-10 KJV

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

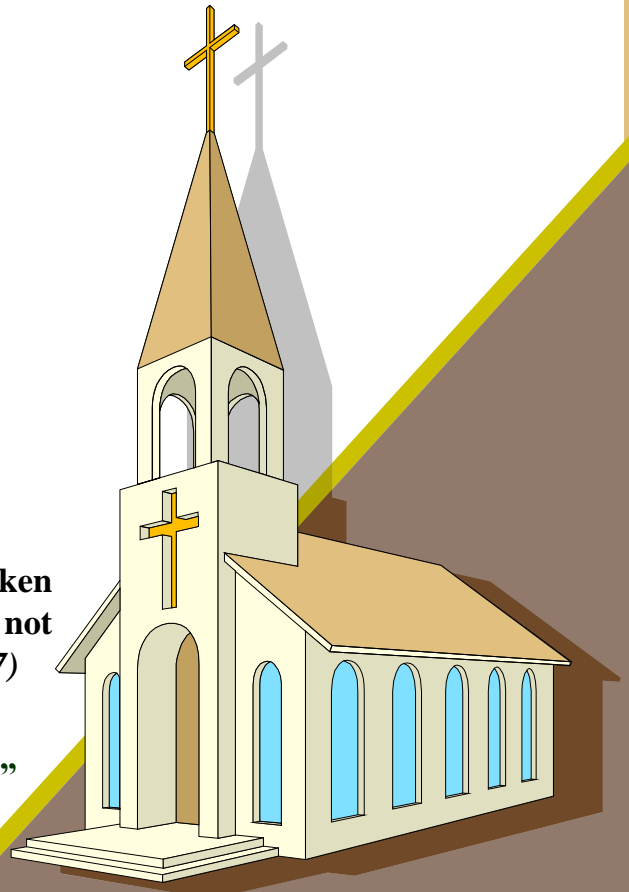
Welcome: Welcome, as we seek God's face and his glory. To all, to everyone, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; Let us say, *This is another day that Jehovah has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome!*

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
(Psalm 51:17)

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

Call to Worship (Psalm 67:3 – 4):

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

Congregation: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.

Opening Hymn: 482 – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

The Second Order of Public Worship (p. 7 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.”* (Psalm 24:1, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 270 – *“He Pardoned My Transgressions”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Give Thanks”*

Adoration in Song: 256 – *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1 – 10

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1 – 10

Choir Anthem – *“God Is On Our Side”*

The Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 272 – *“My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”*

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.



Psalm 51:7,8

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

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Opening Hymn: 482 –

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’

Whene’er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’

When sleep her balm denies,
My silent spirit sighs,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’
When evil thoughts molest,
With this I shield my breast,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’

To God, the Word, on high
The host of angels cry,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’
Let mortals, too upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise:
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’

Let earth’s wide circle round
In joyful notes resound,
‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’
Let air and sea and sky,

From depth to height, reply,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Be this while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'



THE SECOND ORDER

All standing, one of the following shall be used:

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Tune: Pastor Pastorum – # 488

Jesus, stand among us
In your risen power,
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps,
We'll pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of the eternal day.

William Pennefather (1816 – 1873)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Let us therefore ask him who gives generously and does not condemn, to grant us the desire truly to repent, and to increase in us right faith, firm hope and constant trust in God.

Let us pray:

Be merciful unto us O Lord,

And enter not into judgement with us.

Forgive our sins of thought, word and deed; in knowledge or ignorance, in act or intention,

And put them out of remembrance for ever.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

And put a new and right spirit within us.

Guide our steps into the way of peace,

And strengthen our hearts to obey your commands.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, giving thanks to his name. *Amen.*

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For
ever and ever. Amen.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

We offer you our humble praise, O Lord, that you have sheltered and upheld us all our days and brought us safely to this present hour. Above all your gifts we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ and for salvation in him. You have created us for yourself that you might confer on us your everlasting kingdom and bring us to your heavenly glory. For all your mercies we give you thanks; for blessings known and unknown; for gifts apparent or concealed. We beseech you, O Lord, to grant that we may run our course in safety, health and joy. Such things as are good command for us. Give what you will, and what you will, deny. Forsake us not who put our trust in you, but deliver us from the evil one and all his works, through the merits of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.

Joseph Addison (1672 – 1719)

The intercessions – a selection from the following, with any special prayers for the day

Almighty God, hear us as we pray:

For the leaders of the nation; the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice, Members of the Cabinet, all members of Parliament, Ministers of State, all in the civil service and local government, and community leaders; that they may be guided by your wisdom and be humble in the service of your people.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For national life, that we may be cautious in the issues of freedom, just in the exercise of power, and generous in the protection of weakness. That parents, teachers and all who have care of the young may set a good example. That we may be saved from indifference, self-indulgence and material greed, and that every form of evil may be overcome.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the needs of people in every part of the world (especially in times of conflict and disaster) and for our sense of responsibility to the whole of creation. May we not harm anything you have made, either by neglect or deliberate fault.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

For the Church and her witness; may all Christians be led to a full understanding and practice of their faith. For all Church servants that they may be true to their calling. For our own Church in all her Provinces that her light may shine brightly in a dark world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all in any kind of trouble: the weak, the lonely, the sick and suffering; for all who mourn, that the sad and desolate may find comfort in God.

(Period of silent meditation and prayer.)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to accept the prayers of all who call on you, and in your love to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Glory be to God, our Creator:

Glory be to Jesus, our Redeemer:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, our Guide and Comforter.

All glory be to God most High. Amen.

Tune: Old Hundredth – # 401

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are your mercies Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word:
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.”

(Psalm 24:1, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment
By trusting in His grace;
'Tis through His blest atonement
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,
His blessings ever flow;
He fills me with His glory,
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful,
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing
Which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven,
The source of our new birth.



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*)



Adoration in Song – Hymn 256 –

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found,
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.
From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

There shall we see his face,
And be all free from sin,
There from the rivers of his grace
There from the rivers of his grace
Drink endless pleasures in.
Drink endless pleasures in.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 51: 1 – 10

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.
5. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1 – 10

1. Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
2. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.
3. And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4. What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
5. And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
7. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.
8. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?
9. And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.



Choir Anthem – “*God Is On Our Side*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 272 –

My faith has found a resting place,
 Not in device or creed:
 I trust the ever-living One –
 His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument,
 I need no other plea,
 It is enough that Jesus died,
 And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Betty Bryan

Advanced: Victor Hurdle (12th), Joan Morris (13th), Catherine Whittaker-Boxill (14th), Sophia Chase & Ayesha Ibrahim (15th), Lamario Springer & Diane Tull-Knight (16th), Ursaline Davis & Louis Linton (17th)

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.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† This Week:

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

† Tuesday: Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093

† Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

† Next Sunday: SENIORS SUNDAY

† Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of September 2022:

† Minister's Covenant Day – Sunday 16th. On this date in 1741, during a Synod in London, Jesus Christ was recognised as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. The day is now observed as a covenanting day for servants of the church.

† Centenary Fish-Fry – Saturday, 17th, D. C. Moore Centre, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. \$25.00.

† Seniors' Sunday – Sunday, 18th

† Missionary Festival at Faith – Sunday, 18th, 8:00 a.m.

† Missionary Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 25th, 8:00 a.m.

† Brown Sunday – 25th. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building we invite attendees to wear brown and to present a walk-up offering of brown Barbados currency.



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. You are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.
3. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.

4. From the PEC:
 - ✠ The Provincial Board makes the following announcement: Christian Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus our Chief Elder! Each year, Ministers' Covenant Day is celebrated on September 16th. It was on this day at Synodal Conference in London that Jesus Christ was recognized as the Chief Elder of the Brethren's Church. It is a day for Moravian Clergy to pause, reflect and recommit themselves to the call and task of ministry. In observance this year, clergy in the Eastern West Indies Province will gather at 10:00a.m. for a panel discussion moderated by Sis. Vera Waithe on the theme, "Maintaining the bonds of Fellowship in the Spirit of love: Connecting, Communicating and Covenanting." The panelists will be Brothers David Ince and Kevin St. Hill and Sisters Julie Joefield-Parris and Onita Samuel-Warner. The session will be held on the Zoom platform. Please pray for our clergy on this day as we recommit ourselves to God's service.
5. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
 - ✠ For our Green Offering in July, some \$1,070 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded.
 - ✠ 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.
6. 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.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.
- ✠ Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
 - ✠ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.
 - ✠ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
 - ✠ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
 - ✠ You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: the family of Sis. Violet Taylor at her passing; the family and relatives of Sis. Mencha Collymore on her passing.*
4. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
5. God’s covering during the Hurricane Season
6. 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 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 (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.**
- 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.**

