

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

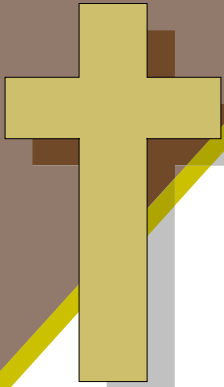
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No servant can serve
two masters: for either
he will hate the one, and
love the other; or else he
will hold to the one, and
despise the other. Ye cannot
serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13 (KJV)



Sunday, September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving . . . and bless His name. Welcome to all, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; as we celebrate God's mercy and grace. A special welcome to the seniors among us, particularly those who we honour today. May God bless us richly.

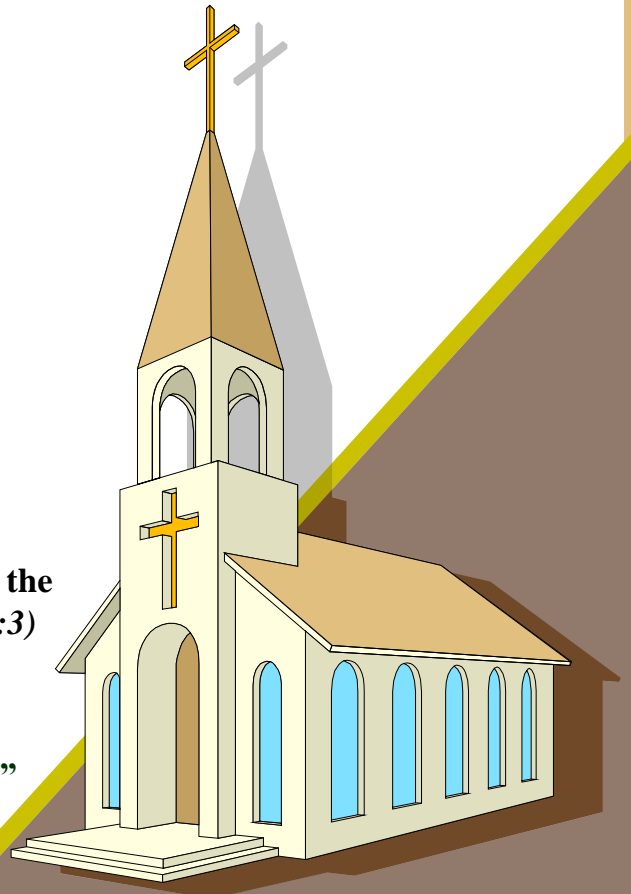
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

(Psalm 113:3)

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 150:1 – 2):

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!*

Congregation: *Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Hymn 37 – *“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”*

LITANY: A Canticle of Praise p. 234 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Honourees

Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give’”* (Exodus 25:1 – 2, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 428 – *“Almighty God, Our Father:”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Give Thanks”*

Adoration in Song: 262 – *“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1 – 7

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1 – 13

Choir Anthem – *“Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”*

The Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 546 – *“A Charge to Keep I Have”*

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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Opening Hymn: 37 –

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

TUNE: AUSTRIA

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

Osler (1798 – 1863)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefiits.

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

*For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever.
Praise ye the Lord.*

TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE

Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
For his mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the father, Son
And blest Spirit, Three in One.

H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

*The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All
your works shall praise you, O Lord.*

For all the blessings of this life:

Glory be to the Father.

For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:

Glory be to the Son.

For the divine presence ever with us:

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give
honour to him.

*Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As
it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

TUNE: BISHOPHORPE

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.

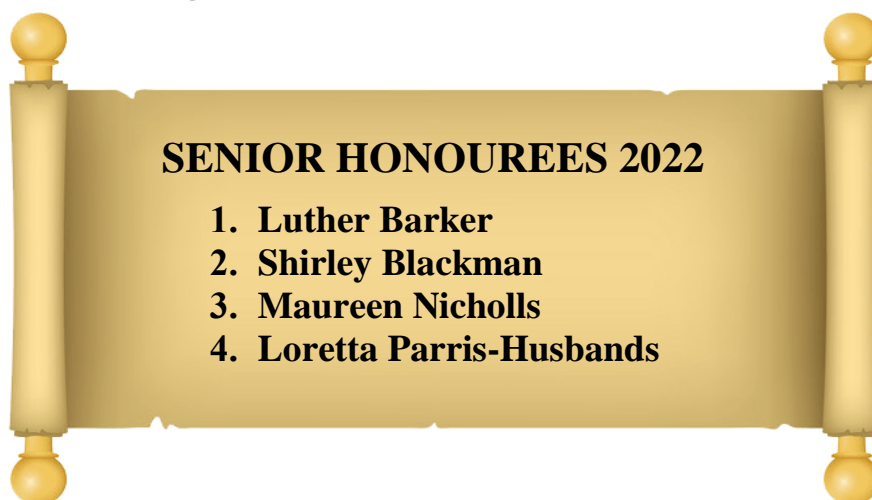
I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.

1989. Edris M. V. Roberts



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(Exodus 25:1 – 2, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 428 –

Almighty God, our Father,
With joy we seek thy face.
Our praise and adoration
Be hallowed by thy grace;
Send down thy Heav'nly Spirit,
Lend thou a gracious ear;
As in thy house we offer
Our sacrifice of prayer.

For years of waste and folly
We would forgiveness crave;
From pride and self indulgence
Thy erring children save;
We lay our sins before thee,
Fling wide each fast-closed door,
That we thy wand'ring children
May love thee more and more.

For all who bravely served thee
In want and great distress;
Who wrought their work before thee
In faith and lowliness;
We who have reaped their sowing,
With them who plant thy word,
With grateful hearts and voices
Now give thee thanks, O Lord.

Revive thy work amongst us,
Reconsecrate each heart;
That in the years before us
We bear the nobler part.
Feed us with bread celestial;
Kindle within each breast
A holy cleansing fire,
To burn till we shall rest.



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 262 –

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

*But 'I know whom I have believèd,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.'*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart;
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1 – 7

1. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
2. For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
3. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
5. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
6. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
7. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1 – 13

1. And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.
2. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.
3. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.
4. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.
5. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?
6. And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.
7. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.
8. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.
9. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.
10. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
13. No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.



Choir Anthem – “*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake*”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 546 –

A charge to keep I have,
 A God to glorify,
 A never-dying soul to save,
 A rest to gain on high:

 To serve the present age,
 My calling to fulfil:
 O may it all my powers engage
 To do my Master's will!

 Arm me with watchful care,
 As in thy sight to live;
 And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
 A strict account to give.

 Help me to watch and pray,
 And still on thee rely,
 And let me not my trust betray,
 But press to realms on high.



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Today: *Gloria Bellamy, Janaiyah Payne & Tyrone Waithe*

Advanced: *Carmel Downes, Cora Cumberbatch & Richardene Cox (19th), Danyael Cordle, Flo Jean-Marie, Grace Lewis, Natalie Maynard, Melanie Stevenson (20th), Keesha Franklin, Leslie Moaze, Brenda Myles & Adara Nicholls (22nd), Shaquille Bryan, Dwayne Ellis, Sonia King & Aaliyah Payne (23rd), Cherise Clarke & Arianna Layne (24th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Louis Linton & Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton who are celebrating their 7th 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: SENIORS SUNDAY

† Divine Worship – 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).

† 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: **BROWN SUNDAY**

† Divine Worship – Including Infant Baptism – 9:30 a.m.

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



In the Month of September 2022:

† 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.



Upcoming Fundraising Events:

- † Missionary Meeting – Sunday October 23, 2022
- † Harvest Sale – Saturday November 12, 2022
- † Police Band Concert – Date to be confirmed



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the provincial board of administration (Provincial Elders Conference): Dear Brothers and Sisters, Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. Sunday, September 18, 2022, will be observed as the Annual Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Pastors in the Eastern West Indies Province. On this day, we pray for the spouses who were partners in the work of ministry. Please remember in prayer: • Sis. Dorothy Graham – Barbados • Sis. Deborah Challenger – Antigua • Sis. Myrtle Miller – USA • Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs – Virgin Islands • Sis. Lynda Prout – Trinidad. Along with prayer, a special offering will be taken on September 25, 2022 as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.
2. 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.
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 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.
6. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30a.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 on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, September 22, 2022 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*

✝ *The family and relatives of Sis. Mencha Collymore on her passing. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, September 23, 2022 commencing at 3:00 p.m.*



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.

