

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
- † Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

AVAILABLE:

- † **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.
- † 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.



Prayer Needs:

Our Shut-ins: Eunice Applewhaite, Aileen Bowen, Claudia Boyce, Genetha Bryan, Eugene Clarke, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.

The Sick / Recovering: Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott, Howard and Beverly Arthur (Canada)

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians.



Today: Xolani Archer, Wendy Cadogan-Hoyte & Kerri Headley (31st)



Congratulations to Bro. Richard & Sis. Christine Prescod who are celebrating their 11th 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.

Thought for the Day

A little while – then Christ will come;
The glorious hour draws nigh
When He will come to take His bride
To dwell with Him on high. — Gilmore —

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING IS AS CERTAIN AS HIS FIRST.

Visit our Website at <http://sharon.moravians.net> or
<http://sharonmoravian.info>

PROVINCIAL THEME 2016:

Fulfilling the Mandate – "Advance the Kingdom"



Take a cell-phone moment: Take the time now to set your phone to silent or turn it off. Help us to maintain our worship focus.



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I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."
The Gate of the Year
Minnie Louise Haskins

Saturday, December 31, 2016

New Year's Eve

10:30 p.m.

Welcome: We welcome members and friends to this service of worship and thanksgiving. We have come this far by the goodness of the LORD. We praise him for his mercy and pray that his power will enable us, keep us and prosper us in 2017.

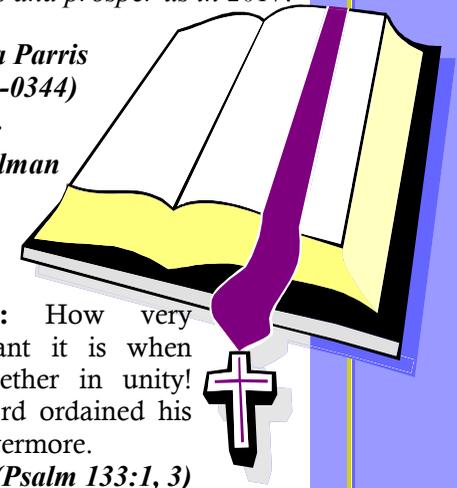
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

(Psalm 133:1, 3)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Call to Worship

Reading of Daily Text – December 31, 2016

Hymn 465 – “*Now thank we all our God*”Litany for Anniversaries (*on leaflet/projected*)

Welcome

Hymn 351 – “*Great is thy faithfulness*”**Ministry of the Word**

First Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 13

Church Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading – Colossians 3: 12 – 17

Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence: *I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us.*

(Isaiah 63:7)

Offertory Hymn: 474 – “*Come, thou fount of every blessing*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

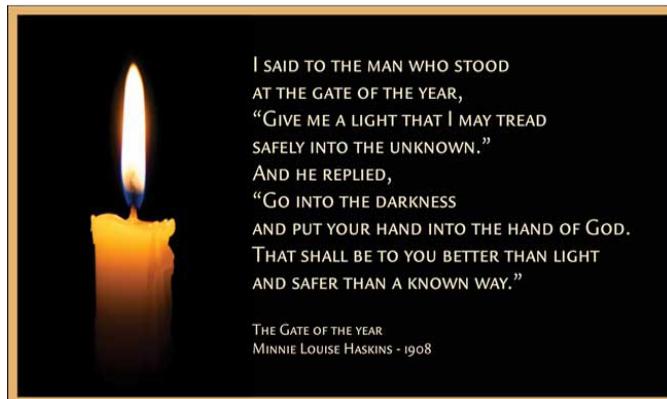
Choral Response – *Doxology*Hymn of Preparation: 228 – “*Hushed was the evening hymn*”**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**Hymn of Response: 339 – “*When we walk with the Lord ...*”

Prayer of Commitment & Rededication

Hymn of Affirmation: 343 – “*Is God my strong salvation*”

Ring in the New Year

Reading of the Daily Text – January 1, 2017

Closing Hymn: 621 – “*Standing at the Portal*”**The Benediction****Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their reports for 2016 and submit such to the Pastoral team by Saturday, December 31, 2016.
2. **Flowers are needed for our church!** You will find on the wall 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.
3. Sunday Morning **Bus Route to Sharon:** 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 a.m.), Sharon (9:05).
4. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
5. Remember the “**Basket of Hope**” ministry wherein you have opportunity to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which are distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made every Sunday, during the offertory hymn.
6. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

351 (CMP)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

339 (CMP)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

