

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- † **Today:** Barbados' 50th Anniversary Service at Kensington at 4:00 p.m.
- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Mondays & Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (D.C. Moore Centre.)
- † **Mon.:** Touch of Love Ministry at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** INDEPENDENCE DAY.
- † **Fri.:** New Generation Ministries at 6:30 p.m.
† Church Choir Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m.
- † **Sat.:** Prayer Meeting at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sun.:** Christian Education Hour: Adults – 8:00 a.m., Youth — 9:30 a.m.
† Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
† **Conference Christingle** at 5:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor. Adult Tickets - \$20; Children - \$10 at the door. Proceeds go to the Conference.



AVAILABLE:

- † **Offering Envelopes for 2016**— 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.
- † 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.


GREETING SONG —


*Let us share true peace with one another
Shake another hand, shake another hand
Let us show our love for each other
Shake another hand, shake another hand
Let us show true unity, equality, solidarity
Shake another hand, shake hands with me.*

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:** Gretel Smith, Ernesta Marshall-Jemmott

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Some of the flowers today have been donated by Bro. Louis & Sis. Joyce Adams in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

-  **Today:** Philmore Davis & Denzil Holder
- Advanced:** Tara Blackman, Diana Cox & Yvonne Martindale (28th), Ken Adams, Marcia Coombs, Athelstan Headley & Ingrid Ibrahim (29th), Ricardo Carter, Thora Moore & Ismay Straker (30th), Annie Harris (Dec. 1st), Stephanie Mayers (2nd), Nevel Maynard (3rd)

-  **Congratulations to Bro. Athelstan & Sis. Fraulene Headley who will celebrate their 39th Wedding Anniversary on November 29, 2016; Bro. Michael & Sis. Jan Lewis who will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on November 29, 2016.**

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

**It's always easy to complain
And say that's government's unfair,
But God's Word says we should give thanks
And lift our leaders up in prayer. — Hess —**

**THROUGH PRAYER, THE PUBLIC BUSINESS OF THE NATION CAN
BECOME THE PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE CHRISTIAN.**

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<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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Barbados
PRIDE & INDUSTRY
1966 - 2016

Sunday, November 27, 2016

**First Sunday of Advent
Sunday Closest to Independence**

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *Welcome to all on this First Sunday of Advent which is the Sunday closest to the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of our nation, Barbados. We celebrate 50 years of God's sustaining grace and we commit to walking in His light in the onward journey as a nation. Welcome.*

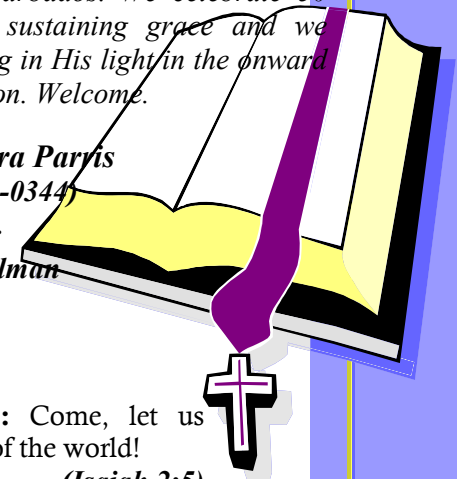
Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-425-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

Organist:
Bro. Carl Ifill

WATCHWORD: Come, let us
walk in the light of the world!

(Isaiah 2:5)



ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 135:1, 3)

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD;
Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD!

C: *Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to
His name, for it is pleasant.*

Litany – National Occasions (*projected*)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Greeting Song: 594 – “*Let us share true peace*” (x4)

Choruses

Worship in Tithes & Offerings. Offertory Sentence: “*Blessed
be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.*” (Psalm 68:19)

Tithes/Offerory Hymn: 722 (CMP) – “*I vow to thee ...*” (683)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Give Thanks*”

Song of Praise by the Youth Choir

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

Canticle 7 – “*The Hosanna Anthem*” (pg 32: front of CMP)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 24: 36 – 44

Church Choir Anthem – “*Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us*”**Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**Hymn of Response: 729 (CMP) – “*Christ is the World’s true light*”

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

The National Anthem of Barbados

Closing Hymn: 731 (CMP) – “*Lift Every Voice And Sing*”**The Benediction****Organ Postlude****In the Month of December 2016:**

† **Sharon Lighting & Carol Singing** — Wednesdays of Advent,
commencing the 7th at 7:30 p.m.

† **Joint Board Planning Meeting** — Thursday, 8th at 7:30 p.m.

† **Men’s & Women’s Fellowship Christmas Social & Gift
Exchange** — Friday, 16th

† **Sunday School Christmas Candle-Light Service** — Sunday,
18th

† **Women’s Fellowship Carolling / Christian Kindness** — 20th
& 21st

† **Worship on Christmas Day** — Sunday, 25th at 5:00 a.m. and
9:30 a.m.

† **Watch-Night Service** — Saturday, 31st, 10:30 p.m.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. We express our **appreciation** to all who contributed to the **celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Independence** of our nation here at Sharon. Special thanks to Sis Joy Best for conceptualizing and coordinating the effort; Sis Cora Cumberbatch for the Barbados Flag; Sis Keisha Franklyn for providing the bunting; Sis Margaret Best and Cheryl-Ann Hope-Greenidge for the floral arrangements; Our nurturing/ fellowship groups for mounting the displays reflecting our national and cultural heritage. A job well done.
2. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their Calendar of Events for 2017 and submit such to the Pastoral team by Sunday, November 27, 2016.
3. Thanks to all who have supported our **Missionary** fundraising effort for 2016. Thus far we have raised **\$17,014.80**. If you have not yet made your contribution you can still do so and help us to our target of \$20,000 by the end of the year. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organizations of the Moravian Church.
4. The **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** is scheduled to be held in Barbados from July 6-14, 2018. The Barbados Conference has begun to make preparations for this event, including fundraising. Members and friends of the Moravian Church are asked to make a weekly contribution of at least \$1.00 towards those costs for which the Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on the First Sunday of each month. Envelopes are available.
5. **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.
6. 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).
7. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
8. 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.
9. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
10. **Provincial Theme 2016: Fulfilling the Mandate—Advance the Kingdom!** The theme emphasizes the mandate of Developing God’s Church – Teaching, Reprimanding and Empowering God’s people.

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The foundation texts are Acts 1:8, Matthew 28: 16-20;
Romans 15:20; 2 Timothy 4:2.

729 (CMP)

Christ is the world’s true light, its captain of salvation,
The day-star clear and bright of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes, where’er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare bear the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

731 (CMP)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.