

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**

- † **Today:** NEW YEAR'S EVE
  - † Watchnight Service at 10:30 p.m.
- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (D.C. Moore Centre.)
- † **Mon:** Public Holiday – New Year's Day.
  - † Sharon Prayer & Fasting – 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- † **Tues. – Fri.:** Sharon/Dunscombe Renewal & Prayer Services at 7:30 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.

**AVAILABLE:**

- † **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.

**In the Month of January 2018:**

- † **Sunday School Teachers' Workshop** — Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> at Sharon.
- † **Conference Youth Workshop** — Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>
- † **Moravian Disciples Concert** — Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>
- † **Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer** — Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>
- † **Annual Church Council** — Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>
- † **Harvest Festival at Centenary**— Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>
- † **Superintendents Conference** — 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> in Antigua.

**Prayer Needs:**

- † **Our Shut-ins:** Eunice Applewhaite, Aileen Bowen, Genetha Bryan, Royle Deane, Carl Forde, Clement Harper, Grace Lashley, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.
- † **The Sick/Recovering:** Cynthia Walrond
- † **The Bereaved:** We extend condolences and pray for: Sis. Zenaida Ramsay and family, and Sis. Mencha Collymore and family on the passing of their sister, Angela Alleyne in the USA; the family and friends of Sis Patricia Maynard on her passing.

Thanks to our readers, ushers, contributors to the Basket of Hope, our floral donors/arrangers, our sound technicians and visual aids technicians. Flowers today have been donated by Sis. Joan Lewis in celebration of her birthday on December 28, 2017.



- † **Today:** Xolani Archer, Kerry Headley & Wendy Cadogan-Hoyte
- † **Advanced:** Jason Lewis & Charlton Moore (4<sup>th</sup>), Martin Codrington & Kempton Whitehall (5<sup>th</sup>)



Congratulations to Bro. Richard & Sis. Christine Prescod who are celebrating their 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

It matters not how dark the way,  
How thick the clouds from day to day;  
God will direct in all we do  
If we take time to pray it through. – Mead.

**IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR GUIDANCE FOLLOW CHRIST AS YOUR GUIDE**

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

**PROVINCIAL THEME 2017:**

Advance the Kingdom – Use the Keys.



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.



# Worship



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

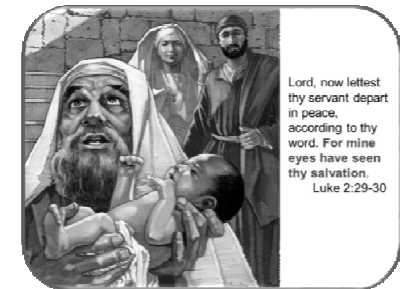
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**Sunday, December 31, 2017**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**New Year's Eve**

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** God, . . . Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son (Heb. 1:1-2). May we receive his message of love today and rejoice in God our Saviour. Welcome to all.

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Movelle Kellman

**Organist:**  
Bro. Carl Ifill

**WATCHWORD:** Paul wrote: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

(Galatians 4:4 – 5)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 95: 6 – 7)

**L:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel  
before the LORD our Maker.

**C:** *For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand.*

Opening Hymn: 58 (CMP) – “*Angels from the realms of glory*” (57)Litany – Christmas (*Leaflet/pg 100 Liturgy Book*)

Welcome, Celebrations &amp; Notices

Youth Hymn: 68 – “*Away In A Manger*” (669)

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence:** “*Verily,  
verily, I say unto you, He who believes on me, the works that I do  
he shall do also; and greater works than these he shall do*”

(John 14:12)

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 66 (CMP) – “*All poor men ...*” (64)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Doxology for Christmas II*”**Ministry of the Word:**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22 – 40

Choir Anthem – “*Westminster Carol*”**Sermon** – – **Rev. Ezra Parris**

Intercessory Prayers

Closing Hymn: 49 (CMP) – “*Go tell it on the mountain*”**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****In the Month of January 2018:**

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**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. You are invited to a **workshop on Sharing Your Faith** conducted by Bishop Sam Gray of the Moravian Church in North America on Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mount Tabor Moravian Church. The purpose of the workshop is to equip members and leaders to reach out to their communities and to members who are now dormant. Bring along a snack.
2. Please note that the **telephone number at the manse** has been changed to 246-546-0344. We had some disappointments with the previous service and decided to change. The Office number remains the same: 246-425-4011.
3. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their **reports for 2017** and submit such to the Pastoral team by Saturday, December 31, 2017.
4. The **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** will be held July 5 to 11, 2019. We invite members and friends of the Moravian Church to make weekly contributions of at least \$1.00 towards those costs for which this Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on the First Sunday of each month. Envelopes are available.
5. Our **Missionary ingathering for 2017** has to date realized \$17,409.90 towards our target of \$20,000. We say thanks to all who supported. Contributions can still be made until year end.
6. **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.
7. 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).
8. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.
9. 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.
10. **Moravian Radio Programme:** “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

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11. **Provincial Theme 2017: “Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys”** There are many keys but ONE door. By studying the many keys to the kingdom we will be brought to the knowledge that keys are accessible, available and ought be fully utilized: **The Key of Jesus** (Philippians 2:1-11, Revelation 3:7-13); **The Key of the Word** (John 8:31-36, Psalm 1, Luke 4:4); **The Key of Knowledge** (Proverbs 3:5-12); **The Key of the Holy Spirit** (Luke 4).

**CHORAL RESPONSE—*Doxology for Christmas II***(Tune: *The first Noel* — # 70)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!*  
*Born is the King of Israel!*

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*Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold, throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light:

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Saviour's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation,  
That blessed Christmas morn.