

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT**

- † **This Week:**
- † **Office Hours:** Tuesdays & 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.
- † **Tues.:** Women's Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Wed.:** Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- † **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.

**AVAILABLE: Offering Envelopes for 2017** — 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; **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 November 2017:**

- † **Provincial Hymnal Workshop:** November 27<sup>th</sup> — December 1<sup>st</sup> at Sharon

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- † The Moramus Singers of Barbados annual **Moravian Christingle** — Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. Tickets are available for Adults at \$20; Children can pay \$10 at the door.
- † **Joint Board Planning Meeting** — Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Women's Fellowship Carolling / Christian Kindness** — 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
- † **Men's & Women's Fellowship Christmas Social & Gift Exchange** — Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>
- † **Sunday School Christmas Candle-Light Service** — Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>
- † **Sharon Carol Singing** — Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Worship on Christmas Day** — Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 a.m.
- † **Watch-Night Service** — Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 p.m.

**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:** Patricia Maynard, Cynthia Walrond, Ansonia Cox-Burgess
- † **The Bereaved:** We express condolences to and pray for: Relatives and friends of Bro Douglas Taylor who passed on Wednesday. A date and time for a Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be announced.

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

**Today:** Kemar Turton

**Advanced:** Marcia Carrington, Philmore Davis & Denzil Holder (27<sup>th</sup>), Tara Blackman, Diana Cox & Yvonne Martindale (28<sup>th</sup>), Ken Adams, Marcia Coombs, Athelstan Headley & Ingrid Ibrahim (29<sup>th</sup>), Ricardo Carter, Thora Moore & Ismay Straker (30<sup>th</sup>), Annie Harris (Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>), Stephanie Mayers (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Congratulations to Bro. Gregory & Sis. Neshia Nicholls who are celebrating their 12<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today; Bro. Athelstan & Sis. Fraulene Headley who will celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 29, 2017; Bro. Michael & Sis. Jan Lewis who will celebrate their 27<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 29, 2017

**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**

Wait on the Lord from day to day,  
Strength He provides in His own way;  
There's no need for worry, no need to fer;  
He is our God who is always near. — *Forina.*

THOSE WHO LET GOD PROVIDE WILL BE SATISFIED.

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<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, November 26, 2017**  
**Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)**  
**Sunday Before Independence Day**

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** A sincere welcome is extended on this Sunday on which we celebrate Jesus Christ as King. As it is the Sunday before Independence Day, we also give thanks for the blessings we enjoy in this nation of Barbados. A special welcome to the members of Twin Gym as they celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Welcome to all.

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

**Associate Pastor:**  
**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**Organist:**  
**Bro. Carl Ifill**

**WATCHWORD:** God says, I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak. (Ezekiel 34:16)

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude**

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 95: 1 – 3)

**L:** O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**C:** *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*Opening Hymn: 480 (CMP) – “*The Lord is King ...*” (449)Litany for National Occasions (*Leaflet/pg 182 Liturgy Book*)

Welcome, Celebrations &amp; Announcements

Greetings from Twin Gym

Greeting Song: 594 – “*Let Us Share True Peace*” (x4)

Choruses

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings: Offertory Sentence:** “*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*”

(2 Cor. 9:7 - NIV)

Tithes/Offertory Hymn: 718 (CMP) – “*We give thee ...*” (678)

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – “*Give Thanks*”**Ministry of the Word:**

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24

Youth Hymn: 722 (CMP) – “*I vow to thee my country*” (683)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31 – 46

Choir Anthem – “*Bless This Land*”**Sermon** – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment &amp; Intercession

Closing Hymn: 731 (CMP) – “*Lift every voice and sing*”**The Benediction & Organ Postlude****NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The Ministers of Music serving within the Province will be meeting in Barbados from November 26 – December 1, 2017. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to continue the work on the music edition of the **Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal**.

† As part of these meetings, choir members, musicians and other interested members are invited to meet at their local congregations, as coordinated by their choir directors, to sing through portions of the hymnal. Since this activity is part of the ongoing editorial process for the music edition, participants will be asked to pay attention to the melodic and harmonic accuracy of the music that has been scored.

**NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

† Those who will participate are asked to contact the Conference Office to have emailed to them, a digital copy of the booklet containing the hymns that will be reviewed. Limited copies of the booklet containing the selected hymns will be available.

† Let's play our part in assisting the production of the musical edition of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal.

2. The Fulnec congregation will host a **Thanksgiving Service in tribute of the late Bro. Lisle Brathwaite and Bro. William Jones**, both of whom served faithfully at Fulnec and in the wider Barbados Conference. The service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Conference are invited to attend.

3. The Moravian Cooperative Credit Union announces the availability of **Christmas Loans** of \$500 to \$2,500. Please see the flyer on the Notice Board for further details.

4. The PEC in consultation with the Superintendents across the Province has decided to postpone the **32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province** for one (1) year, until July 5 to 11, 2019. This is to allow those Conferences in the North which were affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria to recover. The full announcement from the PEC can be found on the Notice Board. The Barbados Conference therefore has a bit more time to prepare for the Synod and we ask members and friends of the Moravian Church to continue with their weekly contributions 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. We express thanks to those who prepared for, contributed and supported our **Annual Fish Fry** in April. Receipts totaled \$17,581.45 and our Expenses \$4,797.18, giving a **surplus of \$12,784.27**. Thanks for your continual support.

6. The **Liturgy Book**, the companion to our Caribbean Moravian Praise hymnal is now available to those who already own a hymnal. You can collect a copy from the Church Office. For those who have ordered a copy of the hymnal, please note that the second printing of the hymnal has been delayed while typographical errors in the first printing are corrected.

7. Our **Missionary Festival at Sharon** was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. We gathered \$13,635 towards our target of \$20,000. Contributions can still be made until year end.

8. Groups and Organizations are requested to prepare their **Calendar of Events for 2018** and submit such to the Pastoral team by Sunday, November 26, 2017.

9. **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.

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10. 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).

11. **Bus Fund** — Contributions for the up-keep of the Bus can be made making use of brown envelopes which are available from the vestry.

12. 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.

13. **Moravian Radio Programme**: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

14. **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 to 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).

**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.