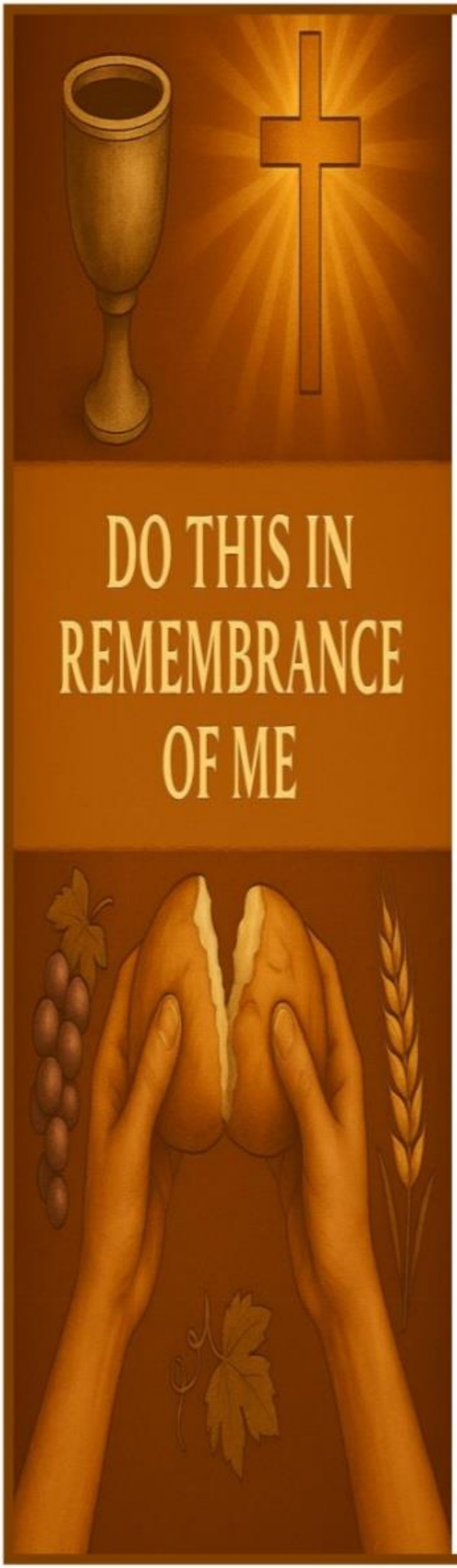
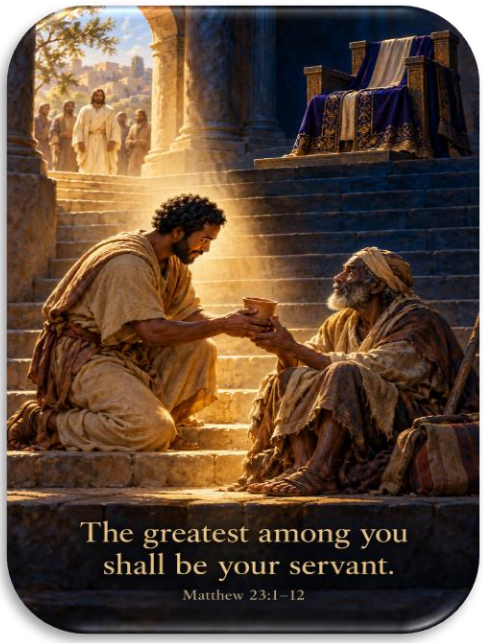


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Sunday, November 1, 2026

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: **God is both creator and sustainer of life. We stand amazed in God's presence and at his glorious work. Welcome, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us online, at home or abroad. With others through the ages we declare, *All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King*.**

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris
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Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince

WATCHWORD: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me. ***(Psalm 43:3)***

Provincial Theme 2026:
"Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!"

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Introit – Choir
Call to Worship (Psalm 107:1 – 3):
Leader: **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.**
Congregation: ***Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.***
Litany: In Memory of Martyrs and Saints p. 160 – Liturgy Book / Projected
Worship in Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Sentence: ***Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine*****. (Proverbs 3:9, 10).**
Offertory Hymn: 439 – *"Facing A Task Unfinished"*
Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings
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HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Eucharistic Prayer
Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 1 – *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*
Consecration of the Bread
Distribution Hymns: 154 – *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*
576 – *"With Deep Devotion"*
201 – *"I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"*
Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 2 – *"Let Us Drink Wine Together"*
Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: **202 – *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"***
203 – *"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"*
719 – *"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"*
Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – *"We Bless Thee For Thy Peace, O God"*
Prayer of Thanksgiving
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The Blessing
Organ Postlude



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IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS AND SAINTS

All standing.

TUNE: BEDFORD

Glory to God whose witness train,
Those heroes bold in faith,
Could smile on poverty and pain,
And triumph e'en in death.

God whom we serve, our God can save,
Can damp the scorching flame,
Can build an ark, can smooth the wave,
For such as love his name.

Lord, if thine arm support us still
With its eternal strength,
We shall o'ercome the mightiest ill,
And conquerors prove at length.

Nicolaus L v. Zinzendorf (1700 – 1760)

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation, and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

These are they of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake. They were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. These are they that came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple.

They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.

And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

TUNE: SINE NOMINE

For all thy saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight:
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

William W. How (1823 – 1897)

All seated.

Let us pray:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we offer unto thee our hearty thanks and praise, for the holy lives of all thy servants, the prophets, apostles and martyrs, who have shone forth as lights in the world, and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith. We thank thee for the blessed communion of all thy saints in glory.

We remember before thee all who have departed this life in the true faith, and especially those most dear to us. We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, our abiding hope, and the promise of future joy.

Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we, with patience, run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; and obtain an entrance into the everlasting kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

All standing.

TUNE: LANCASHIRE

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
And all the sacred throng
Who wear the spotless raiment,
Who raise the ceaseless song;
For those passed on before us,
Saviour, we thee adore,
And walking in their footsteps,
Would serve thee more and more.

Horatio Nelson (1823 – 1913)

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,
For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

This is the message from the One who is the Amen – the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation: If you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us – who made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father – be ascribed all glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

TUNE: ALFORD

Ten thousand times ten thousand,
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates
And let the victors in!

Bring near thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain!
Fill up the roll of thine elect;
Then take thy power, and reign!
Appear, desire of nations;
Thine exiles long for home,
Show in the heavens thy promised sign:
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!

Henry Alford (1810 – 1871)



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: ***Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine*****. (Proverbs 3:9, 10).**

Offertory Hymn: 439 –

Facing a task unfinished,
That drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished,
Rebukes our slothful ease,
We, who rejoice to know thee,
Renew before thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe thee
To go and make thee known.

Where other lords beside thee
Hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied thee
Defy thee still today,
With none to heed their crying

For life and love and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying,
And pass into the night.

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition,
To Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us
To labour for thy sake.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Offertory Doxology:

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks
For all you've done
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
O Lord, I give you thanks.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Micah 3: 5 – 12 – *Bro. Steven King*

5. Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

8. But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9. Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

12. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 23: 1 – 12 – *Sis. Angelus Hurdle*

1. Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2. Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3. All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6. And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7. And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

11. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.



Choir Anthem – *"Consecration"*



Sermon – – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 162 –

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. ***AMEN.***



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 154 –

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.



Hymn 576 –

With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace
The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,
His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



Hymn 201 –

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,
Trusting only thee,
Trusting thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon:
At thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting thee for power:
Thine can never fail;
Words which thou thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall;
I am trusting thee for ever,
And for all.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 202 –

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.



Hymn 203 –

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me, –
How he left the realms of glory
For the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me, –
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost: but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me,
Back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;
But his presence still is with me;
By his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then he'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me, –
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.



Hymn 719 –

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave,
Our God is marching on.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:



Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 –

We bless thee for thy peace, O God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea,
Which falls like sunshine on the road
Of those who trust in Thee.

We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward rest,
If we may have through all life's woes
Thy peace within our breast;

That peace which suffers and is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,

Deems not the trial way too long,
But leaves the end to thee;

That peace which flows serene and deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure keep –
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

O Father, give our hearts this peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall cease,
And we go home to thee.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us …. Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ……. Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn: 599 –

We covenant with hand and heart,
To follow Christ, our Lord;
With world and sin and self to part,
And to obey his word:
To love each other heartily,
In truth and in sincerity,
And under cross, reproach and shame,
To glorify his name.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. **AMEN.**

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations

Welcome: God is both creator and sustainer of life. We stand amazed in God's presence and at his glorious work. Welcome, whether you are here in the sanctuary or you are joining us online, at home or abroad. With others through the ages we declare, *All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King*.





Today: ***Beverley Clarke, Dayana Crookendale & Cherry-Ann Ince***
Advanced: ***Keith Hope (2nd), Gregory Nicholls & Asher King (3rd), Althea Hazzard (4th), Thalia Knight, Dominic Lynch & Tracy Nicholls (5th), Coral Holder & Michelle Reece-Herbert (6th)***



Belated Congratulations to Bro. Carl & Sis. Yvette Gibbs who celebrated their 17th Wedding Anniversary on October 31, 2026.



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:** Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
  - Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore

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).**
- **Tuesday:** Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. *(Topic – Walking In Our Blessing – A Study of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians)*. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- **Friday:** Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- **Next Sunday:** Divine Worship & Harvest at 9:30 a.m.
  - Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore



Activities in the Month of November 2026 –

- **Missionary Festival at Grace Hill – Sunday, 8th, 8:00 a.m.**
- **Harvest Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 8th, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 8th, 10:00 a.m.**
- **Installation of Pastors to Sharon, Clifton Hill, Dunscombe & Centenary – Friday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. at Clifton Hill.**
- **Grant's Preparatory School Thanksgiving – Sunday, 15th, 9:30 a.m. at Sharon**
- **Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.**
- **Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 15th, 3:30 p.m.**
- **Rev. Parris on Vacation – 16th – 27th**

- ✞ **Clifton Hill Fish-Fry – Saturday 21st**
- ✞ **Sharon Independence Luncheon – Sunday, 29th, at 1:00 p.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **We say "Thanks" to all who supported our Missionary Festival last week. We collected $10,696.13 on our way to the target of $15,000. You are reminded that if you have not done so as yet, you can return your Missionary Collection Boxes and Missionary Envelopes. Contributions can also be made on behalf families and in memory of loved-ones. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.**
2. **You are invited to a grand Independence Luncheon in Celebration of Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence and our 5th Anniversary as a Republic on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at the D. C. Centre, Sharon; under the patronage of the Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P. Contribution: $60 for Adults and Children under 12 are $30.**
3. **We have resumed the "Basket of Hope" ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.**
4. **We are thankful for your financial support.**
   - 4.1. **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.**
   - 4.2. **You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.**
   - 4.3. **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.

5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
   - 5.1. 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.
   - 5.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
   - 5.3. 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).
   - 5.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



Our Elders were assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (West – West of Quarry Road to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Road, Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Brittons Hill, Christ Church.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. Thomas, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Waveney Hinds
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Road to Downes Gap.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Grace Sandiford
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Angelus Hurdle
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Road, Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts

12	**Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.**	**Sis. Cora Cumberbatch**
13	**Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.**	**Sis. Hazel Carter**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- **BUILDING FUND Envelopes – We have commenced work on our Bell Tower Roof and it is proving to be challenging. We are in need of financial assistance, particularly to cover equipment costs. Envelopes have been prepared and are available at the main entry.**
- **Missionary Collection Boxes 2026 – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.**
- **Offering Envelopes for 2026 – 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.**
- **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.**



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** ***Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.***
2. **The Sick/Recovering:** ***Sis. Shanna King (USA), Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Violet Ellis.***
3. **The Bereaved:** ***We extend condolences to and pray for: Sis. Sheila Small and the Grimes family on the passing of a relative, Glenora Grimes.***
4. **World Peace**



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Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province Mission Report 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

Missions is a part of the DNA of the Moravian Church. Over the years, however, mission drift and immediate concerns have caused the church to dilute its focus on the mission of God. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment remain the mandates to which the Church must respond. As we refocus on missions in this season, let us be intentional about how the mission of the Moravian Church can serve our communities and point people to Jesus.

As a part of the Unity family, the Eastern West Indies Province contributes to missions locally and internationally. A portion of your missionary gifts supports the expansion of the Moravian witness and makes a real difference in people's lives. In addition to new mission areas in the Motherland, there is emerging work in Brazil, Peru, Korea, Bangladesh, Bolivia, and Panama. The ministry at the Star Mountain Rehabilitation Centre in Ramallah, Jerusalem continues despite political and economic challenges. Beyond medical services, the Centre provides educational, rehabilitation, vocational, inclusion, family support, youth, and community-based programmes.

Closer to home, congregations within the Province have been doing their part to touch lives in meaningful ways. Commendations are extended to our communities of faith that have been God's hand extended to neighbours in need. Based on reports reaching the Provincial Office, there has been significant ministry to preschools, primary schools, daycare centres, nursing homes and other vulnerable groups. When we adopt this missional posture and look beyond ourselves, we follow the example of Jesus.

Since the last missions report, the Unity relieved the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province and the Eastern West Indies Province of responsibility for the

mission in Haiti. The demands of Haiti are well beyond our capacity to oversee meaningfully. We continue to pray for the mission, believing God for a breakthrough for both the church and the nation.

With limited staff, the ministry on Tortola has been without a resident pastor since 2024. Let us pray that God will raise up leaders with His heart and passion to grow the membership and complete the sanctuary.

The Grenada Mission is in transition. With the departure of Bro. Devon Mannix in 2025, the Mission was served by visiting clergy and local leadership. In August 2026, a special back-to-school fair was held in the Mount Tranquil area, the home of the Mission. The event was hosted in collaboration with Scrub Life Cares, a charity focused on menstrual health, led by Sis. Tanya Ambrose of the Cana congregation in Antigua. This missional initiative made an important statement about our commitment to the area and its people. Bro. Daniel Mark, who consistently visited the Mission, was assigned its leadership from September 2026.

This work was possible because you gave. Conferences reported receiving EC$58,151.98. A portion of this sum reaches the Provincial Office to support various ministries. May God continue to bless your resources.

Looking ahead, we trust God to raise up people to do the work of ministry. Perhaps God is already speaking to your heart about how you may play a greater role in the mission of God in the world through the Moravian Church. You are invited to speak with your pastor or someone who can help you discern your next steps.

May our passion for souls and the mission of God continue to live on.

Rev. Algernon Lewis
Chairman of PEC
September 25, 2026



PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing*. Nehemiah 13:2

Provincial Theme 2026:

"*Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!*"

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion.*

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God's purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. **Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)**

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.
Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. **Community Engagement**

Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. Sustainability

Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. Asset Utilization

Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



IN CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION MONTH



MORAVIAN HISTORY GRACE HILL

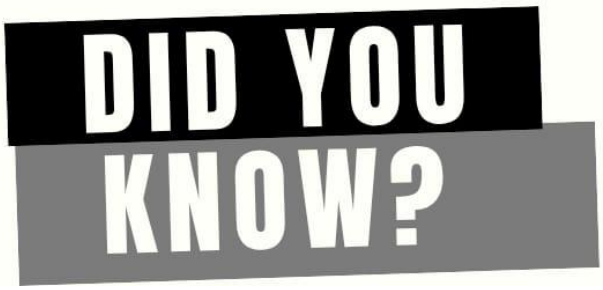
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1765 - 2025

Grace Hill Moravian Preschool Part 1

Overview
Grace Hill Moravian Pre-school, located at Spooner's Hill in St. Michael, is an early-childhood institution operated under the educational ministry of the Moravian Church in Barbados.

Historical Background
Since arriving in Barbados in 1765, the Moravian Church has played a leading role in educating the nation's children. It established schools at Mt. Tabor in St. John; the Ragged School, which later became Roebuck Boys' School on Roebuck Street in the City; Hindsbury Girls' School on Hindsbury Road; Edghill Memorial in Cave Hill; Montgomery; Buxton; Sharon; Grace Hill; and Clifton Hill—all in areas where slavery was predominant.

After the Government of Barbados assumed management of these schools in the 1980s, building new schools in some areas and amalgamating others, the Church retained several buildings that became underutilized.





MORAVIAN HISTORY GRACE HILL

Grace Hill Moravian Preschool Part 2

Renewed Focus on Early-Childhood Education

The Church also recognized that Christian values were not being sufficiently emphasized in the school system. Under the leadership of the then Superintendent, Rev. Errol Connor, it therefore set out to re-establish a nursery school, with the hope that this would eventually lead to the return of a primary school. A survey of the surrounding districts found sufficient numbers of children, as well as young people of childbearing age, to support the proposed day-care facilities.

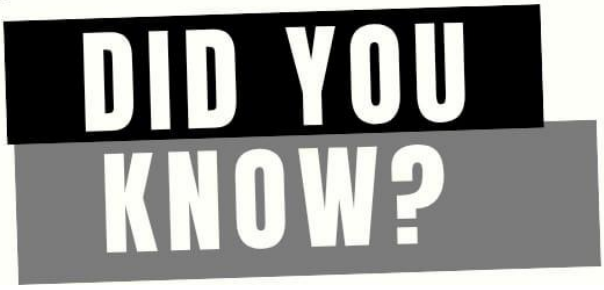
Re-establishment Project

The proposal to re-establish schools at Grace Hill, Sharon, and Mt. Tabor required furnishings for each location and funding for the first six months of operations. Assistance was secured from the Canadian International Development Agency, and several churches within the Conference also contributed.

The project was planned in three phases:

1. Grace Hill — September 1997
2. Sharon — January 1998
3. Mt. Tabor — September 1998

Grace Hill was expected to open with at least 12 children and reach a maximum enrolment of 40 by 1998.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR INDEPENDENCE LUNCHEON

Item	Target		
	#	In hand	Balance Required
Cakes	25		
Bread Pudding			
Other Dessert (Fruit Salad)?			
Dinner mints/sweets	5		5
Ice	13		13
Plates (large)	200		200
Plates (Children)	50	60	-10
Plates (Dessert)	200		200
Large take away containers	200	200	0
Small take away containers	200	97	103
Cups + (50 - 12oz lids)	600	294	306
Wine glasses	100		100
Garbage Bags	20	15	5
Plastic Bags for Take-Aways	200	27	173
Paper Towels	6	6	0
Foil	2		2
Foil (Wide Roll)	1		1
Pre-Wrapped Forks & Knives	400	201	199
Pre-Wrapped Forks	400		400
Spoons	400	250	150
Napkins	1000	400	600
Service Gloves	200	500 lg	
			0
Disposable Hats	30	90	-60
Aprons	30	74	-44
Plastic Table Cloths	10	1	9
Tickets	2	2	0


OUR LAMB HAS CONQUERED
LET US FOLLOW HIM
CELEBRATING
BARBADOS at 60
Gathering in Gratitude & National Pride
The Pastor and Members of the Sharon Moravian Church
invite you to share in an
INDEPENDENCE LUNCHEON
in celebration of
Barbados' 60th Anniversary of Independence,
Under the Distinguished Patronage of The Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P.
on Sunday, November 29, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Venue: D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas
Contribution: $60.00
Children under 12: $30.00