



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 7, 2025

**Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome: Welcome is extended to all as we gather for worship on this Second Sunday of Advent – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We continue to celebrate the coming of the Christ, and we pray that as we worship, hearts will be warmed by the love of the Lord. Welcome.*

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**WATCHWORD:** *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!*  
(Matthew 3:2)

**Provincial Theme 2025:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***





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**Organ Postlude**



**Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

**Call to Worship:**



**Hymn 150 –**

It may be at morn, when the day is awaking,  
When sunlight through darkness and shadow is breaking,  
That Jesus will come in the fullness of glory,  
To receive from the world “His own.”

*O Lord Jesus, how long, how long  
E’re we shout the glad song?  
Christ returneth! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!*

It may be at midday, it may be at twilight,  
It may be, perchance, that the darkness of midnight  
Will burst into light in the blaze of His glory,  
When Jesus receives “His own.”

While its hosts cry Hosanna, from heaven descending,  
With glorified saints and the angels attending,  
With grace on His brow, like a halo of glory,  
Will Jesus receive “His own.”

Oh, joy! oh, delight! should we go without dying,  
No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying,  
Caught up through the clouds with our Lord into glory,  
When Jesus receives “His own.”



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean*

*All standing.*

*Tune: ST. CECILIA – # 135*

Thy kingdom come, O God;  
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
Break with thine iron rod  
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace  
And purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time  
That war shall be no more,  
And lust, oppression, crime,  
Shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
And come in thy great might;  
Revive our longing eyes,  
Which languish for thy sight.

*Lewis Hensley (1824 – 1905)*

I believe in the name of the one and only Son of God, by whom are all things. I believe that he was made flesh and made his dwelling among us in order to serve.

***Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity.***

He was born of a woman.

***And being found in appearance as a man, he was tempted in every way just as we are – yet he did not sin.***

He is the Lord, the Messenger of the Covenant, whom you desire.

***The Lord and his Spirit have sent him to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.***

He spoke of what he knew and what he had seen in heaven.

***To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.***

They were born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or anyone's will, but born of God.

***Out of his fullness we have all received grace and even more grace, gift after gift. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***

No one has ever seen God at any time, not so much as a glimpse.

***The one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.***

*All seated.*

Let us pray:

O God, we are thankful for this Advent season in which we celebrate the divine mystery – God becoming flesh! Open our hearts and minds to grasp this truth: in Christ, the invisible God became visible. As we embrace this revelation, may our lives be changed and transformed. Strengthen our resolve to declare the same to our world so that we will be faithful ambassadors of God’s Kingdom. May your Church throughout the world continue to be a visible representation of Christ, reflecting His love, grace and mercy to all people. With renewed commitment, we avail ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we declare to the world the glorious Advent message that the Prince of Peace has come. Help us to faithfully proclaim his return and the need to prepare for that second Advent. In the name of Christ we pray. ***Amen.***

***Tune: DARWALL – # 438***

When from his throne on high,  
That day he shall descend;  
And all eyes then shall see  
Him when the heavens rend;  
With saints and angels at His side  
He comes to take his precious Bride.

***Ian C. Hughes a. 2014***

*All standing.*

There is an interesting balance in this: since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

***For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.***

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

***For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.***

When everything and everyone is finally under God’s rule, the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, showing that God’s rule is

complete.

***This I most certainly believe.***

By your atoning death

By your rest in the grave

By your glorious resurrection and ascension

By your sitting at the right hand of God

By your sending the Holy Ghost

By your ongoing intercession

By your holy sacraments

By your divine presence

By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you,

***Bless us, gracious Lord and God.***

***Tune: BEVERLY – #546***

Thou art coming, O my Saviour,  
Thou art coming, O my King,  
In thy beauty all-resplendent,  
In thy glory all-transcendent;  
Well may we rejoice and sing;  
What an anthem that will be,  
Music rapturously sweet,  
Pouring out our love to thee  
At thine own all-glorious feet!

O the joy to see you reigning  
You my own beloved Lord;  
Every tongue your name confessing;  
Worship, honour, glory, blessing  
Brought to you with one accord!  
You my master and my Friend  
Vindicated and enthroned,  
Unto earth's remotest end  
Glorified, adored and owned!

***Frances R. Havergal (1836 – 1879)***

May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, put you together  
– spirit, soul, and body – and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.

***Amen.***





## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” (John 14:1)*

**Offertory Hymn: 730 –**

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,  
Should set his love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger was his only home,  
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
How he will claim his earthly heritage,  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour  
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:  
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!



## 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.*



### Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



### Adoration in Song

#### **I DON'T KNOW ABOUT TOMORROW**

I don't know about tomorrow,  
I just live from day to day.  
I don't borrow from its sunshine,  
For its skies may turn to gray.  
I don't worry o'er the future,  
For I know what Jesus said,  
And today I'll walk beside Him,  
For He knows what is ahead.

*Many things about tomorrow,  
I don't seem to understand;  
But I know who holds tomorrow,  
And I know who holds my hand.*

Every step is getting brighter,  
As the golden stairs I climb;  
Every burden's getting lighter;  
Every cloud is silver lined.  
There the sun is always shining,  
There no tear will dim the eye,  
At the ending of the rainbow,  
Where the mountains touch the sky.



I don't know about tomorrow,  
It may bring me poverty;  
But the one who feeds the sparrow,  
Is the one who stands by me.  
And the path that be my portion,  
May be through the flame or flood,  
But His presence goes before me,  
And I'm covered with His blood.



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading:

### Isaiah 11:1 – 10

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
2. And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
10. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.



### **Second Scripture Reading: Romans 15: 4 – 13**

4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
5. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:
6. That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.
8. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:
9. And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.
10. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.
11. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.
12. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.
13. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.



### **Choir Anthem – “Call To Praise Medley”**



### **Sermon – – Rev. David Ince**



### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANTS

Dearly beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, we welcome Angela Grazette who *has* already made a profession of faith in Christ and *has* been received into full communion with the Church *and* now *wishes* to become *a member* of this congregation.

*The minister says:* Angela Grazette do you reaffirm your faith in Christ and wish to worship and serve him in this congregation?

*Answer:*     **I do.**

*All: We rejoice to welcome and receive you into this congregation. May the blessing of God rest on all of us in our fellowship and service; may we help and enrich one another in love; may we live together in the spirit befitting the company of Christ's people, bearing witness to the strength and purpose of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*The minister and others so appointed give the right hand of fellowship to the new member during the singing of these verses.*

**TUNE: GÖRLITZ**

Here in the name of Christ our Lord,  
The Church's Head by all adored,  
With Christian love and purpose true,  
This Church in faith embraces you.

We welcome you among us here,  
With joy that God has brought you near.  
With heart and hand we pledge our love,  
And pray God's blessing from above.

The God of peace you sanctify  
And bless you richly from on high,  
That spirit, soul and body may  
Reflect God's presence every day.

*Moravian Book of Worship, 1995, anon.*

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## 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.*



### Hymn 555 –

Together with these symbols, Lord,  
Thy blessed self impart;  
And let thy holy flesh and blood  
Feed the believing heart.

Let us from all our sins be washed  
In thy redeeming blood;  
And let thy Spirit be the seal  
That we are sons of God.

Come, Holy Ghost, with Jesus' love

Prepare us for this feast;  
So shall we banquet with our Lord,  
And lean upon his breast.



*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 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.

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.

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



***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.***



***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 582 –

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,  
We keep the memory adored,  
And show the death of our dear Lord,  
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead  
We ‘take and eat’ – the living bread;  
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed  
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,  
His life blood shed for us, we see;  
The wine shall tell the mystery  
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night  
With the last advent we unite  
By one blest chain of loving rite,  
Until He come.

O blessed hope! with this elate  
Let not our hearts be desolate,  
But, strong in faith, in patience wait  
Until He come.



## 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.



*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 – 578**

According to thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will I do, my dying Lord,  
I will remember thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,  
My bread from heaven shall be;

Thy testamental cup I take,  
And thus remember thee.

Gethsemane can I forget?  
Or there thy conflict see,  
Thine agony and bloody sweat,  
And not remember thee?

When to the cross I turn mine eyes,  
And rest on Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,  
I must remember thee:

Remember thee, and all thy pains,  
And all thy love to me;  
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,  
Will I remember thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb,  
And mind and memory flee,  
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,  
Jesus, remember me.



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: 597 –**

We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our Love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride.

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the News  
that God is in our land.



### ***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: Welcome is extended to all as we gather for worship on this Second Sunday of Advent – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We continue to celebrate the coming of the Christ, and we pray that as we worship, hearts will be warmed by the love of the Lord. Welcome.*



Today: Cerrie Rouse



Advanced: Annette Price (9<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Best & Sheila Greenidge (10<sup>th</sup>),  
Tevye-Kaori Parris (11<sup>th</sup>), Caitlin Best (12<sup>th</sup>), Shauntelle Springer &  
Shakera Springer (13<sup>th</sup>)



## 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) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- ✠ Moramus Singers Christingle at Mount Tabor at 5:00 p.m.  
Admission – \$25.00.

## This Week at Sharon:

- ✠ 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. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
  - † Moravian FEST 260 – Unplug & Play at 6:00 p.m. at the Lester Vaughan School. An evening of fun, games and fellowship for ages 13 – 40 yrs. Wear your congregation's colour.
- † Saturday: Meeting of Island Conference at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship – Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### **Activities in the Month of December 2025:**

- † Christingle 2025 – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor, St. John. Admission – \$25.00.
- † Joint Board Planning Meeting – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>, in sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- † Moravian FEST 260 – Unplug & Play – 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lester Vaughan School. An evening of fun, games and fellowship for ages 13 – 40 yrs. Wear your congregation's colour.
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>
- † Worship on Christmas Day – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 a.m.
- † Watch-Night Service – Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 p.m.



### **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. Thanks to all responded to the Provincial Pension appeal last week; some \$1,600 were received here at Sharon.
2. We express thanks to all who supported Missionary Festival 2025. So far, we have raised \$16,084.40 which exceeds our target of \$13,000. However, we do not stop our ingathering until the end of our financial year and we will receive contributions until then. You can make contributions in envelopes marked “Missions” or by direct deposit to our bank account. 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.

**3. From the Superintendent re the Provincial Pension Plan:**

**3.1. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has launched an appeal to heal the pension plan for Ministers of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.**

**3.2. At the 34th Provincial Synod recently held in Trinidad in July 2025, delegates received an update on the serious condition of the Pension Plan. The PEC informed that “some pastors, having given over forty years of service, now face uncertainty about receiving a pension. Additionally, three of our pastors currently receive less than 50% of the pension due to them. Another six pastors have reached retirement age and are awaiting a response from the insurance company. This predicament leaves them not knowing if they will have any income for retirement. As a Church, we agree that all our ministers should retire with dignity and have the means to live in today’s economy.”**

**3.3. By way of this appeal, we hope to bring relief to those currently receiving less than their due pension and to reduce the deficit of the Provincial Pension Plan.**

**3.4. For this year, 2025, we are appealing to you make a contribution of \$100 on November 30, 2025. Special envelopes are available and you can simply use your own envelope, marked “My Pension Contribution.” Those who give to their congregation electronically can also give by that means, making sure to indicate by note or email the amount to be directed towards pensions.**

**3.5. The appeal will continue in 2026 and will be maintained over a seven-year period, the proposal being a monthly \$10 donation or \$120 annually.**

**3.6. Thank you for your assistance and your ongoing focused prayer regarding this matter.**

**4. From the Provincial Board:**

**4.1. Hurricane Melissa:**

**4.1.1. The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and across several of our Caribbean neighbours are truly heartbreaking. Our support for the Jamaica Province is already underway. Rev. Neilson Waithe is currently in Jamaica providing counselling and logistical assistance.**

**4.1.2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is actively exploring additional ways to assist our sisters and brothers during**

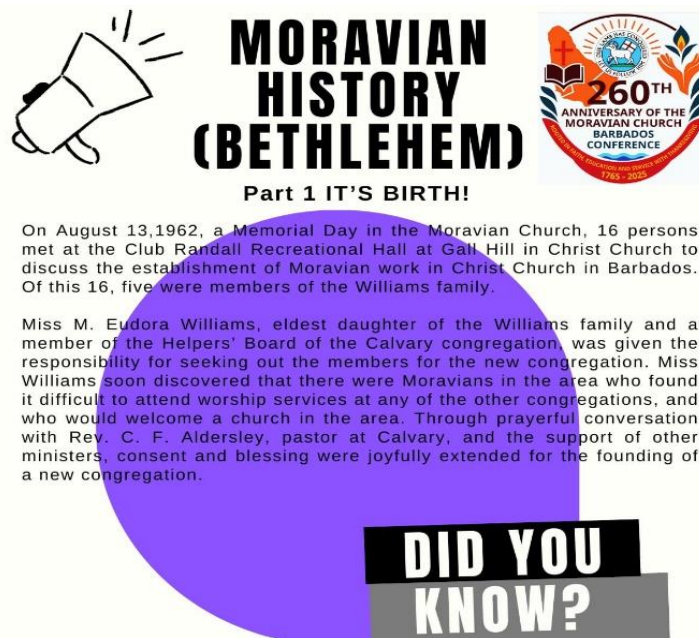
this difficult time. Their needs will be many as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives. While we await a detailed assessment of the specific items required, we can already offer meaningful help through financial gifts.

4.1.3. As you are able and as the Holy Spirit leads, you may contribute through your congregation or Conference. All funds received will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Province to aid in the recovery effort. Monetary gifts of any size are deeply appreciated. Your generosity will serve as a tangible reminder to our Moravian siblings that they are not alone – we stand with them.

4.1.4. Let us continue to lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they navigate this season of loss and rebuilding.

4.2. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God's call on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.

5. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



**MORAVIAN HISTORY (BETHLEHEM)**

**Part 1 IT'S BIRTH!**

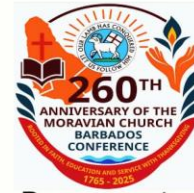
On August 13, 1962, a Memorial Day in the Moravian Church, 16 persons met at the Club Randall Recreational Hall at Gall Hill in Christ Church to discuss the establishment of Moravian work in Christ Church in Barbados. Of this 16, five were members of the Williams family.

Miss M. Eudora Williams, eldest daughter of the Williams family and a member of the Helpers' Board of the Calvary congregation, was given the responsibility for seeking out the members for the new congregation. Miss Williams soon discovered that there were Moravians in the area who found it difficult to attend worship services at any of the other congregations, and who would welcome a church in the area. Through prayerful conversation with Rev. C. F. Aldersley, pastor at Calvary, and the support of other ministers, consent and blessing were joyfully extended for the founding of a new congregation.

**DID YOU KNOW?**



# MORAVIAN HISTORY (BETHLEHEM)



## Part 2 Early Gatherings and Plans for a Permanent Home!

On November 13, 1962—another Moravian Memorial Day—a group of twelve individuals gathered at the home of Ms. P. Spencer in Top Rock, Christ Church, for a worship service. This assembly reflected the growing commitment among local Moravians to establish a congregation within Christ Church.

Shortly thereafter, on December 6, 1962, the Island Conference convened and resolved to raise funds for the purchase of land and the construction of a building dedicated to serving this emerging congregation in Christ Church. This decision marked an important step toward providing the group with a permanent home for worship and fellowship.

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

### 6. Our Board of Elders has been 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
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 Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
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
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7. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

7.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



8. 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.

9. We are thankful for your financial support.

9.1. 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.

9.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

- 9.3. 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
10. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 10.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- 10.4. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:
  - 1.1. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke on the passing of her brother, Leonard Foster.*
4. World Peace





**AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):**

- † 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.



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**Provincial Theme 2025:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

**The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.**

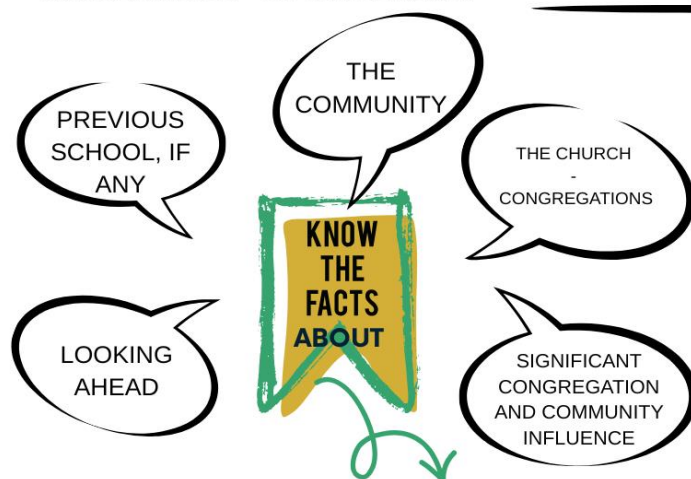
***“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC***



# CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



## MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

## MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| • NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)     | • MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)      |
| • DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | • JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)  |
| • JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)     | • JULY - CALVARY (1834)       |
| • FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)    | • AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| • MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)   | • SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)   |
| • APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)    |                               |

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# The Moravian Church Barbados Conference

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# Christingle

## 2025

featuring

***The Moramus Singers of  
Barbados***

**Hallelujah Dancers**

**Mount Tabor's Sunday School**

**Nerys Thorpe - Flautist**

**Sunday, 7th December, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

**at**

**Mount Tabor Moravian Church**

**St. John.**

**\$25.00**







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CELEBRATING 260 YEARS

**Moravian FEST 260**

# UNPLUG AND PLAY

**WEAR  
YOUR  
CONGREGATION  
COLORS**



**06 PM**  
to **11 PM**

An evening of fun, games and fellowship

**AGE 13 YRS - 40 YRS**

**Lester Vaughan School**



**DEC  
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