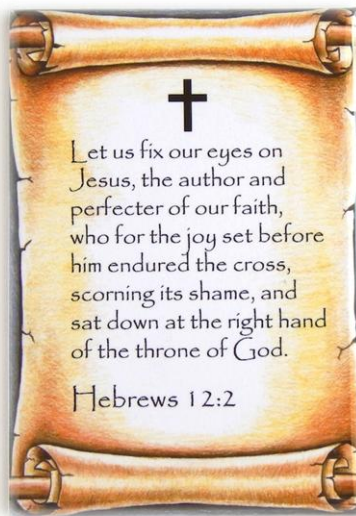




SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

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Sunday, August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Summer Sunday)

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *"Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"* With gratitude we gather for worship and we declare the praises of our God. We welcome one and all to worship today – Wherever you are at today, here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May the love of God and his joy fill our hearts as we worship. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince

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WATCHWORD: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
(Hebrews 12:2)

Provincial Theme 2025:

"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Psalm 145:1-3)

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name
forever and ever.

Congregation: *Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and
ever.*

All: *Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is
unsearchable.*

Opening Hymn: 485 – “Praise Him, Praise Him Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer!”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 82

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice
of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.” – Hebrews
13:15(NLT)*

Offertory Hymn: 212 – “All To Jesus I Surrender”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:23 – 29

Second Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

Hymn of Preparation: 272 – “My Faith Has Found A Rest Place”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 290 – “O Jesus I Have Promised”

Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and
subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect
to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the
church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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Opening Hymn: 485 –

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.
Hail Him, hail Him, highest archangel in glory;
Strength and honour give to His Holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His Excellent greatness:
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever.
Crown Him, crown Him – Prophet, and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 82

1. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
2. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? *Selah*.
3. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.
5. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.
7. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
8. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.



Prayer & Lord's Prayer



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.” – Hebrews 13:15(NLT)*

Offertory Hymn: 212 –

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow;

Worldly pleasures all forsaken –
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
Let the Holy Spirit witness;
I am thine and thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame;
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to His Name!



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & 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



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 23: 23 – 29

23. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
25. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
26. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;
27. Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
28. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.
29. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?



Second Scripture Reading – Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

29. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.
30. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.
31. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
32. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
33. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.
34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
36. And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
37. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
38. (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
39. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
40. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Hebrews 12

1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Hymn of Preparation: 272 –

My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed:
I trust the ever-living One –
His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;

A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.



Sermon – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 290 –

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,

The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

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Sharon:



Today: Kim Roberts

Advanced: Ajani Ifill & Anthony Ifill (18th), Marva Holder (19th), Arya Mainarde (20th), Xavier Archer & Fraulene Headley (21st), Harriet Skeete (22nd), Natalea Chandler (23rd)



Dunscombe:

Advanced: Junior Kirton (18th), Arthur Gilkes (20th)



Congratulations to Bro. George & Sis. Margaret Best who will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on August 18, 2025; Bro. Trevor & Sis. Una Campbell who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 19, 2025; Bro. Ranfield and Sis. Anne Reid who will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary on August 20, 2025.



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 at 9:30 a.m.

- † Youth Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:45 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.**
- † Missionary Festival at Centenary at 4:00 p.m.**

THIS WEEK

Office Hours for the Pastorate: Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

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- † 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 ("Faith – the Foundational Principle in the Believer's Life") – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**

NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Worship & Infant Baptism at 9:30 a.m.

- † Youth Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:45 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.**

✝ **Concert featuring the Band of The Barbados Police Service** at 5:00 p.m.



Activities in the Month of August 2025:

- ✝ **Our Sunday School** will be holding “**Summer Sundays**” at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: “*Mission: Possible*”. Bible Verse: “*I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*” (Phil. 4:13). Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. It is a good youth ministry opportunity. Register here:
<https://forms.gle/HGL6JYdM6GVMhh4z5>
- ✝ **Church-wide Summer Sundays** – Sunday 10th & 17th. Relax dress & worship. Invite a friend or a neighbour to join us for worship.
- ✝ **Missionary Festival at Centenary** – Sunday, 17th at 4:00 p.m.
- ✝ **Sharon Concert featuring the Band of The Barbados Police Service** – Sunday, 24th at 5:00 p.m. **Tickets are available.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. You can register for the September semester at The Moravian Institute. The following courses are available:
 - 1.1. Introduction to the New Testament II
 - 1.2. Introduction to Counselling II
 - 1.3. Mission & Evangelism I
 - 1.4. Introduction to Preaching - Level II
 - 1.5. Ministry and the Marketplace
 - 1.6. Register by contacting: WhatsApp: 1-868-702-2067; your Conference Representative (Sis. Sonjina Kirton); or Email: themoravianinstitute@gmail.com. The Fee is \$150 USD per course. Register and make your initial payment by July 31st to enjoy a 10% discount!
2. From the Provincial Board:
 - 2.1. The service of Consecration for Bishop Elect, Rev. Ezra Parris, will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer, and Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis of the Eastern West Indies Province, and Bishop Stanley Clarke of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province, will officiate. Please pray for Bro. Parris and family and the officiating Bishops as they prepare for this solemn and sacred moment.

- 2.2. Rev. Devon Mannix who currently serves as Pastor of the Grenada Mission, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect on September 21, 2025. The Grenada Mission will be supervised by the St. Kitts and Tobago Conferences, effective September 21, 2025. Please pray for Bro. Mannix and family, the Grenada Mission family, and the Gracebay and Urlings family as they make this transition.

3. 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 st 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

4. 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.

- 4.1. 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.



5. 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.
6. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 6.1. 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.
 - 6.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 6.3. 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.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

7.1. 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.

7.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

7.3. 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>).

7.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Bro. David King*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✚ Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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

✚ 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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“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





CENTENARY MORAVIAN CHURCH

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"Renewing Our Purpose and Reigniting Our Passion"

SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

4.00PM.



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on Sunday August 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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