



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV



Sunday, August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We welcome each and everyone to worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We extend the love of God that changes hearts and increases our fellowship. May God richly bless us as we worship.

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WATCHWORD: Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.
(Proverbs 9:6)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call To Worship: Micah 6:8

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you

Congregation: *But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?*

Hymn 333 – “Walk In The Light: And Thou Shalt Own”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:9-14

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. – Psalm 29:2*

Offertory Hymn: 302 – “Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

† SS#529 – “Down in the Valley”

† “We Are Marching In Light Of God (Siyahamda)”

† “I Am A Warrior”

Ministry of the Written Word

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9:1 – 6

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5: 15 – 20

Hymn of Preparation: 305 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 339 – “When We Walk With The Lord”

Benediction



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: 333 –

Walk in the light: and thou shalt own
Thy darkness passed away,
Because that light hath on thee shone
In which is perfect day.

Walk in the light: and thou shalt find
Thy heart made truly his
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,
In whom no darkness is.

Walk in the light: and thou shalt know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow
Who reigns in light above.

Walk in the light: and e'en the tomb
No fearful shade shall wear;
Glory shall chase away its gloom,
For Christ hath conquered there.

Walk in the light: and thine shall be
A path, though thorny, bright;
For God, by grace, shall dwell in thee,
And God himself is light.



Responsive Reading – Psalm 34:9 – 14

9. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.
10. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.
11. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?
13. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
14. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.”* (Psalm 29:2)

Offertory Hymn: 302 –

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul’s shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven’s bright sun,

O grant me its joys, after victory won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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 –

Down in the valley with my Saviour I will go

Down in the valley with my Saviour I will go,
Where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow;
Everywhere He leads me I would follow, follow on,
Walking in His footsteps till the crown be won.

*Follow! follow! I would follow Jesus!
Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on!
Follow! follow! I would follow Jesus!
Everywhere He leads me I would follow on!*

Down in the valley with my Saviour I will go,
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;
With His hand to lead me I will never, never fear,
Dangers cannot fright me if my Lord is near.

Down in the valley, or upon the mountain steep,
Close beside my Saviour would my soul ever keep;
He will lead me safely in the path that He has trod,
Up to where they gather on the hills of God.



We Are Marching In The Light Of God

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, marching,

*O, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God.*

2. We are living in the love of God...
3. We are moving in the power of God...



I Am A Warrior

We are soldiers in the army
We have to fight or we have to die
We have to hold up the bloodstained battle
We got to hold it up until we die
We are soldiers in the army
We have to fight or we have to die
We have to hold up the bloodstained banner
We got to hold it up until we die

We are going up, we're going up together
We're going up to conquer
In the name of the Lord
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We're going up to conquer
In the name of the Lord

Don't talk no, no
Don't talk defeat to me
I am a child of God and I've got the victory
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Don't talk defeat to me
I am a child of God and I've got the victory

I am a warrior
I am a conquerer
I'm an overcomer
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Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9: 1 – 6

1. Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2. She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.
3. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
4. Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
5. Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.
6. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.



Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15 – 20

15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;



Hymn of Preparation: 305 –

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 Pilgrim through this barren land:
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 Hold me with thy powerful hand;
 Bread of heaven,
 Feed me now and evermore.

Open thou the crystal fountain,
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through;
 Strong deliverer,
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.



Sermon – – Rev. David Ince



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn of Reflection: 339 –

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Ajani Ifill & Anthony Ifill

Advanced: Marva Holder (19th), Arya Mainarde (20th), Xavier Archer & Fraulene Headley (21st), Harriet Skeete (22nd), Natalea Chandler (23rd), Patricia Maynard & Shaina Sandiford (24th)



Congratulations to Bro. George & Sis. Margaret Best who are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary today; Bro. Trevor & Sis. Una Campbell who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 19, 2024; Bro. Ranfield and Sis. Anne Reid who will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary on August 20, 2024.



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.

✠ Summer Sundays (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

† **THIS WEEK**

- † **Wednesday:** Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † **Saturday:** Prayer Meeting – First & Third Saturdays in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.
- † **Next Sunday:** Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Summer Sundays (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of August 2024:

- † Our Sunday School will be holding “Summer Sundays” at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: *Adventures on Promise Island*. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.
- † The Choir will be on break for the month of August.
- † The Women’s Fellowship will be on break for the month of August.
- † Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 06 – September 02, 2024.
- † Centenary Mission Festival – Sunday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m.
- † Mt. Tabor Mission Festival – Sunday, August 18th to 20th
- † A Concert featuring the Moramus Singers of Barbados and The Barbados Police Service Band – Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church. Presenting: “Come Let Us Worship”. All are invited.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:
 - † Tree Planting on Arbor Day – September 22, 2024
 - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024, at the Hilton. Dinner – \$200.
 - † Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024
 - † Planting of a Time Capsule – February 2025
 - † Closing Service – February 9, 2025
- † We will be ordering Dry-Fit Polo Shirts for our 225th Anniversary. The Shirts will be sold at \$50 each. We must make a minimum order of 50 shirts. Please see Sis. Heather Hunte to fit your shirt and to

make your order. Full payment will be required before the order is sent to the supplier.

- ✝ We have launched a “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.



2. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):

- ✝ The Provincial Board will meet in Tobago from August 15 – 21, 2024. Please pray for the Provincial Board as they seek to be faithful in their leadership of the Province at this time.
- ✝ The Rev. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, will proceed on furlough from September 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. During his absence, Rev. Adelyn Mgonela will serve as Acting Superintendent. Please pray for Bro. Warner and Sis. Mgonela and their families in this time of transition.
- ✝ The Rev. Dr. Anique Elmes-Matthew has accepted a call to serve as Minister of Christian Education in the Virgin Islands Conference. This call takes effect on September 15, 2024. Please pray for Sis. Elmes-Matthew and family as they move into this new season of their lives.

3. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New	Bro. Anthony Ifill

	Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	
3	Lower Jackson, 1st 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. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
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 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.
5. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - ✠ 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.
 - ✠ You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - ✠ 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.

6. 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.

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

✝ 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>).

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

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



The Past 225 Years



20. The Sharon church is located in an area where much flora and fauna of historical significance can be found: on the approach to the church, in Warrens, stands a huge Baobab tree with its massive girth, and one of only two on the island, while on the church's compound stand mahogany and sandbox trees - all protected by law.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2024 – 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 for 2024 – 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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“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

