

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

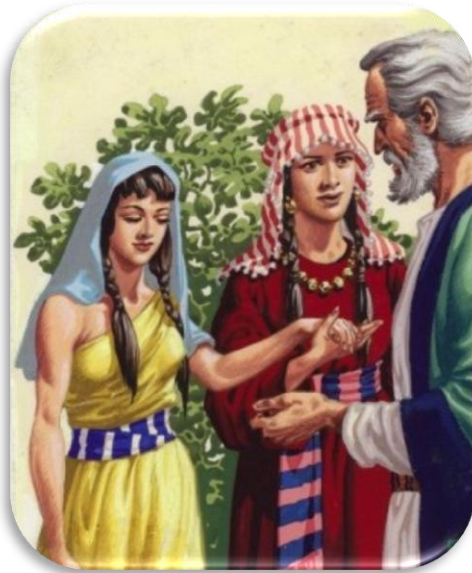
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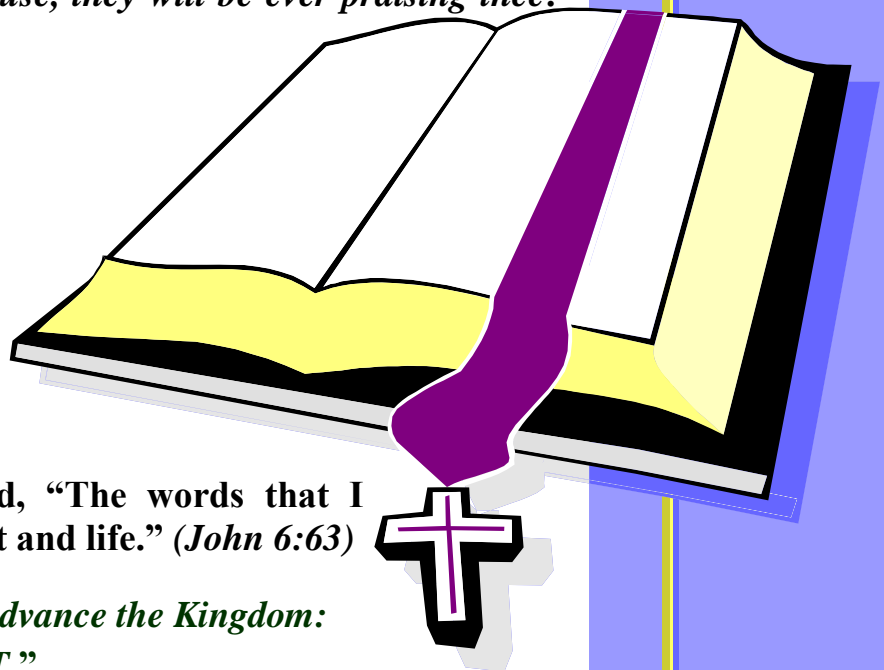
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A sincere welcome is extended to all today as we share in this service of worship. The psalmist declares, *“Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be ever praising thee.”* Let us give God the glory.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: Jesus said, “The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” (John 6:63)

Provincial Theme 2021: *“Advance the Kingdom:
S.H.I.F.T.”*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 377 – *“For All the Saints”*

The Fourth Order of Public Worship (p. 19 – CMP Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 16:1 – 13

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:21 – 33

Hymn of Preparation: 237 – *“Make me a Captive Lord”*

Sermon: Bro. Victor Hurdle

Hymn of Reflection: 397 – *“The Church Is One Foundation”*

Prayer of Commitment and Intercession

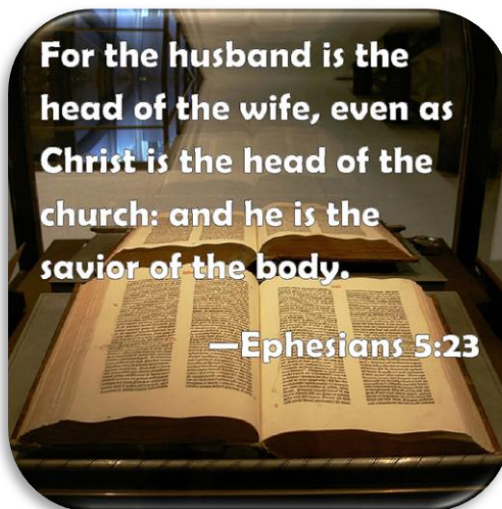
Closing Hymn: 460 – *“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”*

Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 377 –

**For all the 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!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array,
The King of glory passes on his way:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**



THE FOURTH ORDER

All standing, one or more of the following may be used:

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me;

Let them bring me to thy holy hill.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; honour and majesty are before him,

Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord;

Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.

Because they trust in thee.

Trust in the Lord for ever,

For in the Lord is everlasting strength.

A hymn may be sung

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God, and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace, and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being requires. Wherefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

O Lord, have mercy upon us,

And blot out our transgressions.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, may by thy merciful pardon be absolved; that being cleansed from all sin, we may be clothed in thy righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All standing.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely | are thy | dwellings :O | Lord | of | hosts!
2 My soul hath a desire and longing for the | courts • of the | Lord : My heart and my
flesh re- | joice• in the | living | God.
3 Yea the sparrow doth find a home, and the swallow a | nest for • her- | self (:) Where |
she may | lay her | young;
4 And I at thine altar, O | Lord of | hosts : My | King and | my | God.
5 Blessed are they that | dwell in • thy | house : They will be | ever | praising | thee.
6 Bless-ed is the man whose | strength is • in thee : In whose | hearts • are the |
highways • to |Zion.
7 Who passing through the vale of misery maketh it a | place of | springs : Yea the |
pools are | filled with | water.
8 They go from | strength to | strength :
Every one of them ap- | peareth be • fore | God in | Zion.
9O Lord God of hosts | hear my | prayer : Give | ear O | God of | Jacob.
10Behold O | God • our de- | fender : Look upon the | face of | thine an- | ointed.
11 Surely better is a | day in • thy courts : Than a | thousand | days | elsewhere.
12I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of • my | God : Than dwell • in the | tents
of | wickedness.
13For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give | grace and | glory : No good
thing will he withhold from | them that | walk | uprightly.
14O | Lord of | hosts : Bless-ed is the | man that | trusteth• in | thee.

Glory be the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy| Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be : world without | end. A- | -- | men.

*The readings with hymns or canticles may follow.
All standing, a Confession of Faith or Creed may be used.*

Let us pray.

O Lord, open thou our lips,
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Commit thy way unto the Lord.

And put thy trust in him.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author all godliness; hear we beseech thee, the prayer of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional prayer may be offered, continuing with:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men and women; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate (especially those for whom our prayers are desired); may it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, have mercy on all people,

And grant them thy salvation.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to set us before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn and benediction.



Welcome, Celebrations & Announcements



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 16:1 – 13

- 1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.
- 2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.
- 3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.
- 4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.
- 5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.
- 6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.
- 7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.
- 8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.
- 9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.
- 10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.
- 11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.
- 12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?



New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:21 – 33

- 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
- 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
- 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
- 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
- 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
- 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
- 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
- 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
- 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
- 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.



Hymn of Preparation: 237 –

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,

And strong shall be my hand.

**My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.**

**It cannot freely move
Till Thou has wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.**

**My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.**

**It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.**



Sermon -- Bro. Victor Hurdle



Hymn of Reflection: 397 --

**The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.**

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 460 –

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed;
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.



The Benediction



Organ Interlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: *Harriet Skeete*

Advanced: *Natalea Chandler & George Taylor (23rd), Patricia Maynard & Shaina Sandiford (24th), Daphne Lewis & Patterson Williams (25th), Shemar Adams (26th), Ione Jones, M’Akeda Mainarde & Alain Ramsay (27th), Nigel Codrington (28th)*

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

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. – Exchange of Pulpit
 - † Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We have begun repairs to the church Organ and the work is expected to take 6 – 8 weeks. During that time the Organ will not be usable. The estimated cost of repairs is \$11,440 and donations can be made to the Organ Fund to cover this cost.
2. Our Sunday School “Summer Sundays” continue at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. 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.
3. Training on the Steelpan has begun. Tuesdays: Youth – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. & Adults – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Thursdays: Youth – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
4. Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 2 – 30, 2021.
5. The Moravian Church Barbados Conference is holding another series of youth activities entitled “Touch and Go” via Zoom: Meeting ID: 861 9487 5529 | Passcode: 998226
 - ✠ Juniors (9 yrs & Under) – Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
 - ✠ Intermediates (10 – 12 yrs) – Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
 - ✠ Seniors (13 yrs & Over) – Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.Come, share and explore under the theme: “*It Takes Courage.*”
6. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✠ The Provincial family expresses condolences to the Rev. Erflin Browne on the death of his sister, Mrs. Almary Browne-Weekes. Sis. Browne-Weekes died in Antigua on August 11, 2021. Please pray for Bro. Erflin Browne and family as they journey through this time of grief and loss.
 - ✠ The Rev. J. Sean Roberts who serves as the pastor of the Bethany and Gracefield Congregations in Antigua, applied for and was granted furlough from September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Please keep Bro. Roberts and family in prayer.
 - ✠ Warm congratulations to the Rev. Jeremy Francis and Mrs. Rena Warner-Francis on the birth of their daughter, Jarena Jeriel Eliana Francis, on July 30, 2021. Both Sis. Rena and Baby Jarena are doing well. Let us keep the family in prayer in this time of joyful celebration.
 - ✠ The Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas who has been on secondment to the Moravian Church in North America, Southern Province since 2001, has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect from September 1, 2021.
 - ✠ The Rev. Eulencine Christopher, Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted Leave of Absence from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023.
 - ✠ The Rev. Dr. Errol Connor has been appointed Interim Superintendent of the Moravian Church Virgin Island Conference effective September 1, 2021.
Please pray for these members of staff and their families as they prepare to go on leave or to assume these calls.
7. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.

- † We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
- † Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
- † Those who are not back out to church as yet 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.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The people of the region as we have entered the Hurricane Season. Pray that we be spared from disaster.**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✚ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✚ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.

8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - ✝ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - ✝ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

