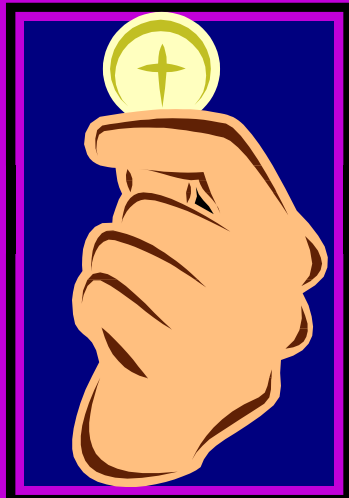


# Communion



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Be always on the watch,  
and pray that you may  
be able to escape all  
that is about to happen,  
and that you may be  
able to stand before the  
Son of Man."  
Luke 21:36

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** A warm welcome is extended to you today as we worship our creator and redeemer – whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ the Light and Saviour of the World. Welcome.

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**WATCHWORD:** *Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* (Luke 21:33)

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE



**Organ Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Sing O heaven, and be joyful, O earth, for the majesty and splendour of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

**Cong:** *Rejoice greatly! Celebrate, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, righteous and victorious!*

**Hymn of Praise 410 – “God of mercy, God of grace”**

**Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1 – 10**

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Sentence:** *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalm 103: 1 – 2*

**Offertory Hymn: 150 – “It may be at morn”**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory Doxology – “Give Thanks”**

**Welcome/ Celebrations/ Notices**

**Worship in Song: 351 – “Great is thy faithfulness”**

**Provincial Day of Prayer – Let us pray**

**First Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 33:14 – 16**

**Canticle 7 – “The Hosanna Anthem” p. 32 – CMP Hymnal**

**Second Scripture Reading – Luke 21:25 – 36**

**Choir Anthem – “Advent Prayer”**

**Sermon – Rev. David Ince**

**Hymn of Reflection: 259 – “O what a wonderful, wonderful day”**

**Prayer**

**Musical Interlude**

**Holy Communion (Lord’s Supper I – CMP Liturgy Book, p. 50)**

**Invitation**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Consecration of the Bread**

**Distribution Hymns: 555 – “Together with these symbols, Lord”**

**154 – “Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts”**

**Consecration of the Wine**

**Distribution Hymns: 588 – “For the bread and for the wine”**

**582 – “By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored”**



**Hymn of Thanksgiving: 465 – “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Covenant Hymn: 447 – “What brought us together”**

**The Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**



**Organ Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader: Sing O heaven, and be joyful, O earth, for the majesty and splendour of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.**

**Cong: *Rejoice greatly! Celebrate, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, righteous and victorious!***



**Opening Hymn: 410 –**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face;  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.



## Prayer & Lord's Prayer



### Responsive Reading:

### Psalm 25:1 – 10

1. Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
2. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4. Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
5. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.
7. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
8. Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
9. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.
10. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Offertory Sentence:** *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalm 103: 1 – 2*

### Offertory 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.”



### Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



### Offertory Doxology:

#### Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy  
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (repeat)  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done  
Give thanks. (repeat)*



### Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



### Worship in Song: 351 –

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,*

*“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



**Provincial Day of Prayer – Let us pray**



**Ministry of the Word**

**First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14 – 16**

- 14. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.
- 15. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- 16. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.



**Canticle 7 – “The Hosanna Anthem” pg 32 – CMP Hymnal**

**Canticle 7 – Hosanna Anthem (Matthew 21:9)**

*(The anthem is written for boys and girls to sing in alternate parts. It may, however, easily be sung according to any other responsive arrangement.)*

- B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
- G. . . . . | Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
- B. . . . . | Hosanna,
- G. Hosanna, –
- B. Hosanna, –
- G. Hosanna, –

B. Blessed is he that | comes!  
 G. . . . . | Blessed is he | that comes!  
 B. . . . . | he that comes in the Name | of the Lord!  
 G. . . . . | he that comes in the Name of the Lord!  
 B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!  
 G. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!  
 B. Hosan- | na,  
 G. . . . . | Hosan- | na,  
 B. . . . . | Hosan- | na,  
 G. . . . . | Hosan- | na,  
 B. . . . . | Hosan- | na,  
 G. . . . . | Hosanna in the high- | - - -  
 - - - - - | est.  
 B. . . . . | in the high- | est.  
 B. Hosanna, -  
 G. Hosanna, -  
 B. Hosan- | na,  
 G. . . . . | Hosanna in the highest, |  
 | Hosanna in the highest.  
 B. . . . . | Hosanna in the highest.



**Second Scripture Reading:**

**Luke 21:25 – 36**

25. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
26. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
27. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
29. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;
30. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
32. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
33. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.



### Choir Anthem – “Advent Prayer”



### Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



### Hymn of Reflection: 259 –

O what a wonderful, wonderful day –  
 Day I will never forget;  
 After I'd wandered in darkness away,  
 Jesus my Saviour I met.  
 O what a tender, compassionate friend –  
 He met the need of my heart;  
 Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,  
 He made all the darkness depart.

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,  
 When at the cross the Saviour made me whole;  
 My sins were washed away –  
 And my night was turned to day –  
 Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!*

Born of the Spirit with life from above  
 Into God's fam'ly divine,  
 Justified fully thru Calvary's love,



O what a standing is mine!  
And the transaction so quickly was made  
When as a sinner I came,  
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer –  
He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure  
After the passing of time;  
I have a future in heaven for sure,  
There in those mansions sublime.  
And it's because of that wonderful day  
When at the cross I believed;  
Riches eternal and blessings supernal  
From His precious hand I received.



## Prayer



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

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

*Amen.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lift up your hearts:

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

*It is meet and right so to do.*

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

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

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

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

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

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

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

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



*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.*



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Together with these symbols, Lord,  
Thy blessèd 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.



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.



*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.*



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For the bread and for the wine,  
For the pledge that seals Him mine,  
For the words of love divine,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,  
Bidding all our sorrows cease,  
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye  
To the cross of Calvary,  
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,  
Type of Him on whom we feed,  
Him who liveth and was dead;  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;  
As we at His table sup,  
Eye and heart are lifted up!  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



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



*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 – 465**

Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,

In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven;  
The one, eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.



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: 447 –**

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?  
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;  
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,  
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,  
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,  
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,  
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,  
He is our chief object by day and by night;  
This knits us together, no longer we roam,  
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



### ***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**





## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome: *A warm welcome is extended to you today as we worship our creator and redeemer – whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ the Light and Saviour of the World. Welcome.*



Today: *Annie Harris*

Advanced *Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall, Daniel Jackman & Kaylah Watts (4<sup>th</sup>), Mia Best & Carlos Depeiza (5<sup>th</sup>), Terry Applewhaite, Shirley Blackman, Seward Francis & Lorraine Holder (6<sup>th</sup>), Cerrie Rouse (7<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: **PROVINCIAL DAY OF PRAYER**

† 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 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. 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 3:00 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.

- † Thursday: Joint Board Planning Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Sharon Men Cooking at D.C. Moore Centre at 1:00 p.m.  
Admission \$25.00
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship – Nine Lessons & Carols – 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 2024:

- † Provincial Day of Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup>
- † Christingle 2024 – Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Clifton Hill. Admission – \$25.00.
- † Joint Board Planning Meeting – Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>, in sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.
- † Sharon Men Cooking – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00
- † Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Worship on Christmas Day – Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 a.m.
- † Watch-Night Service – Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 p.m.



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

1. Thanks to all who supported our Missionary Festival on October 27th. We raised so far \$14,229.15. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
  2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned include:
    - † Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024 – **Tickets are available.**
    - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025, at the Hilton. Dinner – \$200.
    - † Planting of a Time Capsule – February 9, 2025
    - † Closing Service – February 9, 2025
- † 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.



**3. From the Provincial Board: Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. The next Provincial Day of Prayer comes up on December 1, 2024. Given that this is Sunday, we are requesting that each congregation set aside an intentional time of prayer as we close the year. Please see suggested prayer points:**

- 1. Thanksgiving and praise to God for coming through the hurricane season**
- 2. Thanksgiving and praise for the journey through 2024**
- 3. The Eastern West Indies Province with challenges of staff shortages, declining membership, resolution of the pension plan, and financial need.**
- 4. The 34th Provincial Synod in 2025**
- 5. The Provincial Board**
  - All Ministers
  - People in crisis
  - The world in crisis

✠ Congregations are encouraged to listen for the Spirit’s prompting during the prayers.

**4. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.</b>	<b>Sis. Ismay Straker</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.</b>	<b>Bro. Anthony Ifill</b>

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. 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

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.

✠ 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

7. 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/](http://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](mailto: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.
8. The Board of Management of the Gracehill Moravian Preschool is seeking to employ a General Worker for the Preschool. The general worker shall:  
Sanitize and clean around the classrooms and other school areas in line with our policies and procedures • Assist in looking after all domestic duties to support the smooth running of the preschool • Assist in the daily cleaning of the kitchen • Follow a daily, as well as a weekly indoor cleaning regime, and deep cleaning regime to a high standard • Maintain a daily cleaning of the outdoors of the preschool • Sanitize and clean the bathrooms on a regular basis during the day • Ensure that all supplies required are there when needed; and manage stock levels • Adhere to all Health and Safety requirements as set out by the Ministry of Health. Applications are to be sent to: The Board of Management Gracehill Moravian Preschool, c/o Moravian Church Barbados Conference, D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon Complex, St. Thomas BB22136.



## The Past 225 Years

33. Do you know the meaning of the name ‘Sharon’? In Hebrew, it means ‘a fertile plain’. In the Bible, ‘Sharon’ refers to the flat land at the foot of Mt Carmel. In Barbados, here stands Sharon, 225 years after its establishment on this site, at the foot of the hill from where it first began.



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
† *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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**Provincial Theme 2024:**

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

*“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*



**The Moravian Church Barbados  
Conference**



presents

**Christingle**  
2024

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

featuring

*The Moramus Singers of  
Barbados*



**The Calvary Junior Choir  
Children of the Conference**

Sunday, 1st December, 2024  
5:00 p.m.  
at  
Clifton Hill Moravian Church  
Clifton Hill,  
St. Thomas.



**\$25.00**



**The men at Sharon  
Moravian Church –  
can they cook?**

**Find out on**

**Saturday December 7, 2024**

**when**  
**SHARON MEN**  
**COOKING!**

**\$25.00**

**Gets you a taste of their fare  
in the D. C. Moore Centre,  
Sharon, St. Thomas.**

**1:00 p. m. – 4:00 p. m.**

**Refreshments on sale!**