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Isaiah 11:2

*“And the **Spirit of the LORD** will rest on Him— the **Spirit of wisdom and understanding**, the **Spirit of counsel and might**, the **Spirit of knowledge** and the **fear of the LORD.**”*

Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome on this Second Sunday of Advent. In this season we celebrate, with all who join us, the coming of Jesus Christ as the light of the world, and we pray for that light to be seen in us. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad.

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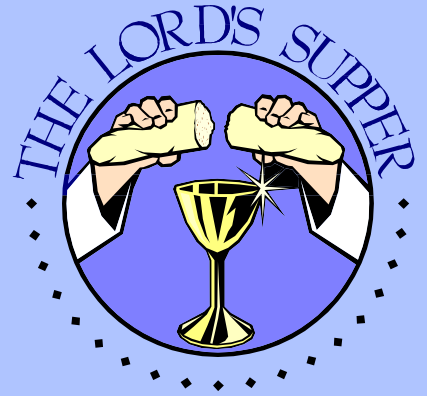
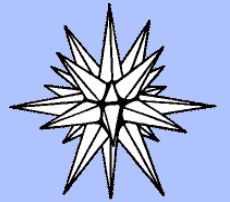
WATCHWORD: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

(Matthew 3:2)

Provincial Theme 2022: *“Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”*

Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;

Focus & Function; Total Transformation





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Welcome & Invitation to Worship (Psalm 136:1)

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving



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The Blessing
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Welcome & Invitation to Worship (Psalm 136:1)

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean

All standing.

Tune: ST. CECILIA – # 135

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

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

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

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

Lewis Hensley (1824 – 1905)

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

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

He was born of a woman.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All seated.

Let us pray:

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

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

Ian C. Hughes a. 2014

All standing.

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

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

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

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

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

This I most certainly believe.

By your atoning death
By your rest in the grave
By your glorious resurrection and ascension
By your sitting at the right hand of God
By your sending the Holy Ghost
By your ongoing intercession
By your holy sacraments
By your divine presence
By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you,

Bless us, gracious Lord and God.

Tune: BEVERLY – #546

Thou art coming, O my Saviour,
Thou art coming, O my King,
In thy beauty all-resplendent,
In thy glory all-transcendent;
Well may we rejoice and sing;

What an anthem that will be,
Music rapturously sweet,
Pouring out our love to thee
At thine own all-glorious feet!

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

Frances R. Havergal (1836 – 1879)

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

Amen.



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”* (Hebrews 13:16)

Offertory Hymn: 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!



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*)



Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1 – 10

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
2. And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
10. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1 – 12

1. In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
2. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
3. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
4. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
5. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,
6. And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.
7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
9. And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
10. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
12. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.



Choir Anthem – “Call To Praise Medley”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 50 –

Hark, the glad sound, the Saviour comes,
 The Saviour promised long;
 Let every heart prepare a throne,
 And every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
 In Satan’s bondage held;
 The gates of brass before him burst,
 The iron fetters yield.

He comes, from thickest films of vice
 To clear the mental ray,
 And on the eye, long closed in night
 To pour celestial day.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure;
And, with the riches of his grace,
To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.



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.



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.



347

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.



225

I love the Lord; he lent an ear,
When I for help implored;
He rescued me from all my fear,
Therefore I love the Lord.

Return, my soul, unto thy rest,
From God no longer roam;
His hand hath bountifully blest,
His goodness calls thee home.

What shall I render unto thee,
My Saviour in distress,
For all thy benefits to me,
So great and numberless?

This will I do, for thy love's sake,
And thus thy power proclaim,
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
And call upon thy name.

Thou God of covenanted grace,
Hear and record my vow,
While in thy courts I seek thy face,
And at thine altar bow.

Henceforth myself to thee I give,
With single, heart and eye,
To walk before thee while I live,
And bless thee when I die.



575

Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep, and know his voice;
He's a shepherd, kind and gracious,
And his pastures are delicious;
Constant love to me he shows,
Yea, my worthless name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
He will feed me with the treasure
Of his grace in richest measure;
When, athirst, to him I cry,
Living water he'll supply.

To be his such joy doth bring
That I here must ever sing;
And when these blest days are over
To the arms of my dear Saviour
I shall be conveyed to rest:
Yea, my lot indeed is blest.



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.



568

My Shepherd is the Lamb,
The living Lord, who died;
With all that's truly good I am
Most plenteously supplied.

He richly feeds my soul
With manna from above,
And leads me where the rivers roll
Of everlasting love.

My table he doth spread
With choicest fare, and I
Behold the Lamb, the living Bread,
And eat most joyfully.

He makes my cup run o'er,
Anointeth me with oil;

I shall enjoy for evermore
The merits of his toil.

Then I my Shepherd's care
Shall praise, and him adore,
And in his Father's house shall share
True bliss for evermore.



557

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As thou when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek,
That from thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by that word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

Then share with us in love divine,
Thy body and thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.



My heart is resting, O my God,
 I will give thanks and sing;
 My heart is at the secret source
 Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
 No hand but Thine shall fill;
 For the waters of the Earth have failed,
 And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
 And here all day they rise;
 I seek the treasure of Thy love,
 And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy
 That yet I must not see;
 The hand that bled to make it mine
 Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth
 To long loved music set:
 Glory to Thee for all the grace
 I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.
 Who hast made all things mine;
 O draw my captive will to thee,
 And make it one with thine.



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

And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

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

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

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



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 – 36

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive, and should prevail:

And that the higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
In man for man, the foe,
The double agony in man
For man, should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!



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 – 599

We covenant with hand and heart,
To follow Christ, our Lord;
With world and sin and self to part,
And to obey his word:
To love each other heartily,
In truth and in sincerity,

And under cross, reproach and shame,
To glorify his name.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome on this Second Sunday of Advent. In this season we celebrate, with all who join us, the coming of Jesus Christ as the light of the world, and we pray for that light to be seen in us. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad.



***Today: Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall, Daniel Jackman & Kaylah Watts
Advanced Mia Best & Carlos Depeiza (5th), Terry Applewhaite, Shirley
Blackman & Lorraine Holder (6th), Cerrie Rouse (7th), Annette Price (9th),
Margaret Best & Sheila Greenidge (10th)***



Flowers today were donated by Sis. Shirley Blackman and Sis. Margaret Best in celebration of their birthdays.

MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m.
- † This Week:
- † 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 – Online at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093. We are studying the community of the Church.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:30 a.m.



In the Month of December 2022:

- † 33rd Provincial Synod – Thursday, 8th, at 3:00 p.m.
- † Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 11th
- † Joint Board Planning Meeting – Tuesday, 13th, in sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Purple Sunday – 18th
- † Worship on Christmas Day – Sunday, 25th at 5:00 a.m.
- † Watch-Night Service – Saturday, 31st, 10:30 p.m.





Upcoming Fundraising Event:

‡ **Police Band Concert – Saturday February 11, 2023**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Provincial administration:

- ‡ The Chairman of the 33rd Provincial Synod has advised that the Constitution Committee has concluded its deliberations and is ready to report to the Synod. Therefore, the Provincial Board will reconvene the 33rd Provincial Synod on December 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Synodals are requested to read all the documents sent to them in preparation for our one-day session. Please keep the 33rd Provincial Synod in your prayers.
- 2. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
- 3. Our next Colour-Sunday, a Purple Sunday, is planned for the Third Sunday in December; when we invite attendees to wear purple and to present a walk-up offering of purple Barbados currency. We are seeking contributions towards repairs to our church building.
- 4. You are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.
- 5. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
- 6. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
 - ‡ We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women's Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
 - ‡ 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.
 - ‡ 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.

7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.

✝ 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.

✝ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.

✝ 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



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*

3. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

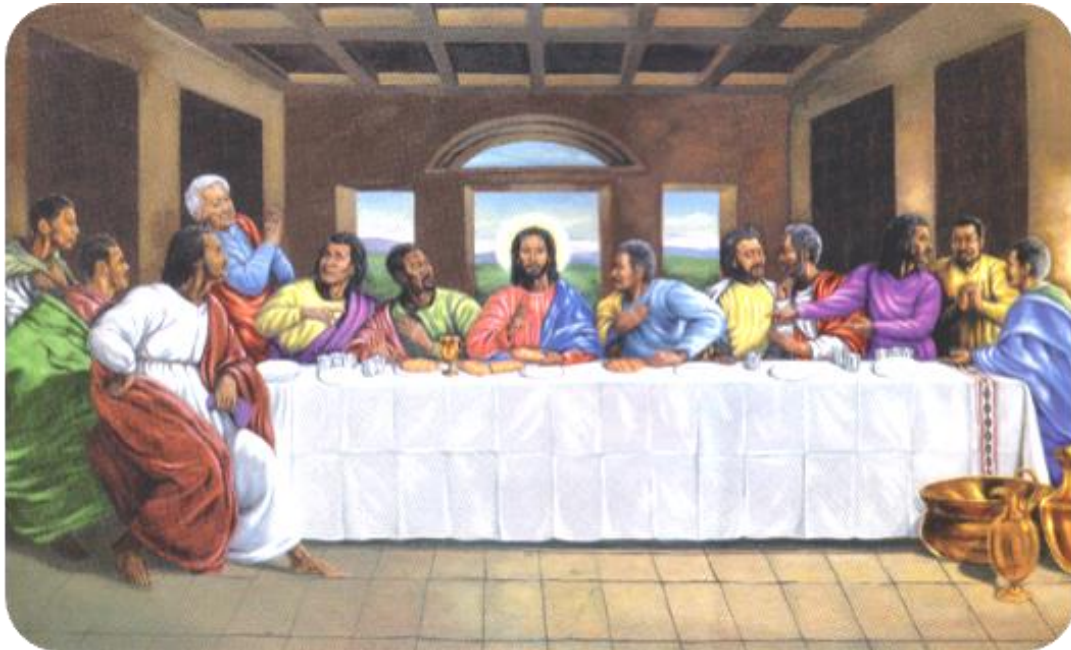
4. God’s covering during the Hurricane Season

5. World Peace



AVAILABLE:

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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.**





NOTICE



UPON ENTERING
PLEASE USE
HAND SANITIZER
HELP STOP THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19

Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:

1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.
2. Face masks are optional but recommended, given the singing and speaking that is engaged in during worship. Attendees are asked to be respectful of others in their choice to wear or not to wear a mask.
3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
4. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) 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 (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members
7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.
9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.

