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Behold, I am going to send
My messenger, and he will
clear the way before Me.
And the Lord,
Whom you seek, will suddenly
come to His temple; and the
messenger of the covenant
in whom you delight

Malachi 3:1

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9). Today we rejoice over the blessing and the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Welcome to all as we worship, both you in this sanctuary and you who join by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. *(Luke 1:68)*

Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



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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.

Tune: DARWALL – # 438

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.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1 – 4

1. Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
2. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:
3. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.



Choir Anthem – – *“Light A Single Candle”*



Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1 – 6

1. Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,
2. Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
3. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
4. As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;
6. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



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.



With deep devotion
 We in Christ's sufferings trace
 The unfathomed ocean
 Of his abounding grace;
 He gave
 Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
 Upon the shameful cross,
 As he hath spoken,
 Was given to death for us:
 We feed
 On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
 Let us to meet him haste;
 He comes to cheer us,
 His flesh is our repast,
 His blood
 Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
 With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
 And holy union
 With all who love his name
 May we
 Abide continually.



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.



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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I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me, –
How he left the realms of glory
For the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me, –
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost: but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me,
Back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;
But his presence still is with me;
By his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then he'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me, –
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.



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 – 588

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.



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 – 596

We who here together are assembled,
Joining hearts and hands in one,
Bind ourselves with live that's undissembled,
Christ to love and serve alone:
O may we our imperfect songs and praises
Be well-pleasing unto thee, Lord Jesus:
Say, 'My peace I leave with you:'
Amen, Amen, be it so.



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



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Today: Mia Best & Carlos Depeiza

Advanced: Terry Applewhaite, Shirley Blackman, Seward Francis & Lorraine Holder (6th), Cerrie Rouse (7th), Annette Price (9th), Margaret Best & Sheila Greenidge (10th), Tevye-Kaori Parris & DeLisle Phillips (11th)

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.**

† **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).**

† **Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

† **Thursday: Strategic Thinking Workshop – 7:00 p.m.**

† **NEXT SUNDAY – Divine Worship (Nine Lessons & Carols) at 9:30 a.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **Our Annual Joint Board Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **The number we have been permitted for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon has been increased to forty-two (42), which means that, deducting those who support the livestreaming of our services, only twenty-two (22) more can be accommodated. Those who desire to attend should register by calling the Church Office (425-4011) on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first twenty-two (22) will be accepted. To avoid confusion, registration will only be by direct conversation with the Office Assistant by telephone, for the coming Sunday. Please seek to attend at the most every-other week, to give others an opportunity.**
3. **As part of a fundraising project, we have church branded cloth masks on sale at a cost of \$15 each and they are available in black, burgundy and navy.**



4. A follow-up session to the Provincial Engagement & Empowerment Workshop which was held October 25 – 28, 2021 will be held on Thursday, December 9th, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Present will be Beth Lewis (of the USA), who held the initial session on October 25th and her husband, Rev. Rick Rouse. They will be reviewing the results of the listening and planning exercise being carried out across the Province. Your pastors will be soliciting responses from you on how we can strengthen our church and on opportunities for ministry in our community. Your feedback and input would be of much assistance and would be greatly appreciated.
5. From the P.E.C.:
- † Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ: our Comforter, Counsellor and Chief Elder.
 - † Condolences: The PEC invites your prayers for the Rev. Rowan Simmons and family. His mother, Sr Bell Christopher, transitioned to the nearer presence of God on Monday, November 22. The funeral service will take place on Monday, December 6, 2021, in Antigua. Bro Rowan Simmons currently serves as the Pastor of the New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto, Ontario. Please keep the family and all who mourn in your prayers.
 - † Building Dedication: The Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad will be dedicating its new church building on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. This is a significant achievement, as the work so far completed is sufficiently advance to warrant the dedication. The PEC joins in extending congratulations to the Trinidad Conference and the Memorial congregation in particular. Bishop Kingsley A. O’R. Lewis has accepted to do the dedication in the name of Christ and to the glory of God. May God’s favour continue.
 - † Condolences: The Moravian Church Provincial family expresses condolences to Sis. Joan Thomas on the death of her sister-in-law, Condace Loretta Lola Thomas, who passed into the nearer presence of God on November 08, 2021 in Antigua at the age of 72 years. A service of thanksgiving celebrating her life was held on December 02, 2021. Please pray for and with the Thomas family as they bear the pain of grief and loss.
 - † Congratulations: On a more joyful note, we extend congratulations and offer an adoring salute to our Brothers and Sisters – the Government and People of Barbados. On November 30, 2021, Barbados celebrated its 55th Anniversary of Independence, and transitioned from a Constitutional Monarchy to become the newest Parliamentary Constitutional Republic. Congratulations! God who has been our peoples’ guide through the years of plantation slavery and colonialism, statehood and independence, will continue to guide and graciously provide for

all time to come. We are governed by His wisdom, love, and providence. To God all praise and glory!

† On behalf of the Provincial Board, I wish us all a blessed and spiritually invigorating Advent Season! Maranatha!!

6. 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.

7. 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 Sick/Recovering: *Ruth Bishop, Andilla Haynes & Sis. Margaret Haynes*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: *Bro. Victor Bedford and the Bowen family on the passing of his sister Coral Bowen. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 commencing at 3:00 p.m.; The Holder and Price families on the passing of Collis Holder; Sis Daphne Alleyne and family on the passing of her daughter Yvonne Alleyne.*



4. Our nation, for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.



AVAILABLE:

- ✝ 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 (6) 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 six (6) 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 six (6) 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. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the 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.

