



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;  
The righteous run to it and are safe.  
Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)*



**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** We greet each other in the name of Christ today, and we rejoice in the knowledge of God our Saviour. Welcome, on this Second Sunday of Advent, whether you are here in the sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream. May the light of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts as we worship.

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**WATCHWORD:** He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom. *(Isaiah 40:11)*

**Provincial Theme 2023:**

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



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Organ Prelude

Call to worship



Hymn 61 –

*Solo*

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby,  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

*Choir Only*

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

*Congregation joins*

And through all his wondrous childhood,  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly mother,  
In whose gentle arms he lay.  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern:  
Day by day like us he grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless;  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high,  
When like stars his children, crowned,  
All in white shall wait around.



## 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



## Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

**Offertory Sentence:** *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD. (Psalm 4:5)*

## Offertory Hymn: 730 –

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!



### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

#### **Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks**

*Thanks, thanks, I give You thanks  
For all You've done  
I am so blessed  
My soul is at rest  
O Lord, I give You thanks.*



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### **Anthem – “Advent Prayer” (Choir)**

**Lesson 1 – Genesis 3: 8 – 15, 17 – 19** *(God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.)*

– *Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard*

8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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



**Lesson 2 – Genesis 22: 15 – 18** (*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations on earth be blessed.*)

– *Sis. Wendy Davis*

15. And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
16. And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
17. That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

**Hymn 143 – “O come, O come, Immanuel” (Congregation)**

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them victory o’er the grave.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai’s height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*



**Lesson 3 – Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7** (*The Prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.*)

– **Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts**

2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**Solo – Bro. David Greenidge – “Christmas Lullaby”**



**Lesson 4 – Isaiah 11: 1 – 3a, 4a, 6 – 9** (*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*)

– **Sis. Margaret Best**

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.
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.

**Solo – Sis. Evelina King-Harper – “*Mary Did You Know?*”**



**Lesson 5 – Luke 1: 26 – 35, 38** (*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*)  
– **Bro. Kyle Blackman-Gibbons**

26. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
28. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
34. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
35. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
38. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.



**Anthem – “*Gabriel's Message*” (Choir)**

**Lesson 6 – Luke 2: 1, 3 – 7** (*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*)

– *Bro. Dominic Holloway-Yearwood*

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Hymn 68 – “Away In A Manger” (Congregation)**



**Anthem – “One Small Child” (Choir)**

**Lesson 7 – Luke 2: 8 – 16** (*The Shepherds go to the manger.*)

– *Sis. Charlene Ellis*

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

**Hymn 48 – “*While Shepherds watched ...*” (Congregation)**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he, – for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind –  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day  
Is born of David’s line  
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, and thus  
Addressed their joyful song: –

“All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace:  
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.”



**Lesson 8 – Matthew 2: 1 – 12** (*The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*)

– *Sis. Hazel Carrington*

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.
12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

**Hymn 69 – “*As with gladness men of old*” (Congregation)**

As with gladness, men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,

Leading onward, beaming bright, –  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore, –  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At thy manger rude and bare, –  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There for ever may we sing  
Hallelujahs to our King.



**Lesson 9 – John 1: 1 – 14** (*St. John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.*)

– *Rev. Ezra Parris*

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**Hymn 46 – “*O come all ye faithful*” (Congregation)**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;  
*O come, let us adore Him,*  
*O come, let us adore Him,*  
*O come, let us adore Him,*  
*Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
‘Glory to God  
In the highest’  
*O come, let us adore Him,*  
*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given,  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing,  
*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*



## Notices



## Closing Hymn: 53 –

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
 Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings,  
 Risen with healing in his wings.  
 Mild he lays his glory by,  
 Born that man no more may die,  
 Born to raise the sons of earth,  
 Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the newborn King!"*



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

We greet each other in the name of Christ today, and we rejoice in the knowledge of God our Saviour. Welcome, on this Second Sunday of Advent, whether you are here in the sanctuary or connecting by way of our livestream. May the light of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts as we worship.



Today: Margaret Best & Sheila Greenidge

Advanced: Teyye-Kaori Parris (11<sup>th</sup>), Caitlin Best (12<sup>th</sup>), Shauntelle Springer & Shakera Springer (13<sup>th</sup>), Glendene Harris (14<sup>th</sup>), Richard Lewis (15<sup>th</sup>)



*Flowers today were donated by Sis. Margaret Best in celebration of her birthday.*

## 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: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at 9:30 a.m.
  - ✝ Adventures in Worship (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- ✝ 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 – First & Third Tuesdays: In the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online at 6:00 p.m.
- ✝ Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- ✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Sunday School Christmas Celebration at 9:30 a.m.



### Activities in the Month of December 2023:

- ✝ Sunday School Christmas Celebration – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ 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. We have collected so far, \$10,578.60 on our way to our target of \$13,000 for 2023. If you have not made your contribution as yet or returned your collection box, you can still do so. Direct contributions can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. 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. February 10, 2024 will be Sharon's 225th Anniversary of the first laying of a cornerstone here at Sharon. Once the Kingdom does not come, the historic point should not pass without a celebration.
3. The PEC (Provincial Board) announces:
  - ✝ On behalf of the Provincial family, warm congratulations are extended to the following members of the Tobago Conference: (1) The Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts, Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference, who was awarded the Tobago Medal of Honour, Silver, for long and meritorious service in Education, Religion, and Culture. (2) Mrs. Deborah Moore-

Miggins, Lay Member of the Provincial Board, who was awarded the Tobago Medal of Honour, Gold, for Public Service, Community Development, and Culture. These awards were given by the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) for Tobago Day 2023.

- ✝ The Provincial family expresses condolences to Rev. Vera Waithe and family of the Barbados Conference on the death of her brother Feliston Gilkes. Bro. Gilkes died on Sunday, December 3rd in Canada after a brief illness. He was 56 years old. Please remember the family in prayer, especially his wife Sandra and their sons Kofi and Kymani.
  - ✝ The Provincial family extends congratulations to Sis. Evelina King-Harper J.P. of the Sharon Congregation in Barbados on being awarded the Barbados Service Medal on Independence Day 2023; for her dedicated community service and activism for the rights of those with learning disabilities and her commitment to volunteerism in support of the Association for the Correction of Learning Disabilities (The Learning Centre) and several church organisations.
  - ✝ We have learned of the passing to the more immediate presence of God on December 4, 2023, of the Rev. Peter Madsen Gubi, M.A. at the age of 93. The son of Bishop Peter Madsen Gubi and Mrs. Maud Gubi. He was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on May 3, 1930. Bro. Gubi lived as a child in St. Thomas, Antigua, and Barbados attended the Antigua Grammar School and Harrison's College in Barbados. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1953 by Bishop Herbert Connor and marked the 70th anniversary of ordained ministry earlier this year. Bro. Gubi served the Cedar Hall congregation in Antigua; Zion, Bethesda, and Bethel in St. Kitts in two terms – 1954 – 1956 and 1961 – 1964. He served in Barbados in two terms, 1956 – 1961 and 1967 – 1975. Following the devastation in Tobago by Hurricane Flora in 1963, Bro. Gubi was called to Tobago and was largely responsible for designing Moriah and other churches and rebuilding some of the churches there. In 1975 the Gubis relocated to the British Province and served several congregations there before his retirement. Bro. Peter Gubi was predeceased by his elder brother, John, and a sister. Sister Joyce Gubi predeceased him several years ago, but he is survived by a daughter, Anne, and a son the Rev. Professor Dr. Peter Madsen Gubi as well as a sister, and a brother, retired Moravian minister, the Rev. Paul Gubi.
4. 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.
- 5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on 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.
- † 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)



### **Provincial Theme 2023:**

***“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***



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Lelia Gibbs*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences to and pray for: *Sis. Carmel Downes and the entire Gilkes family on the passing of her brother, Bro. Feliston Gilkes.*
4. God's covering during the Hurricane Season.
5. World Peace



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✠ Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25
- ✠ Offering Envelopes for 2023 – 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.





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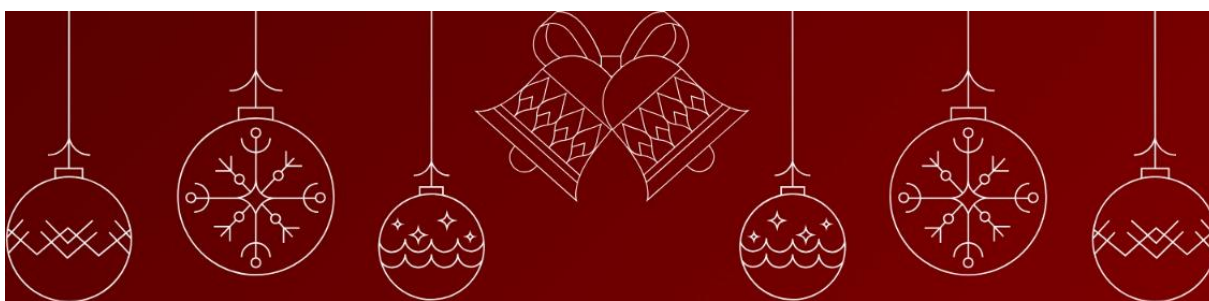
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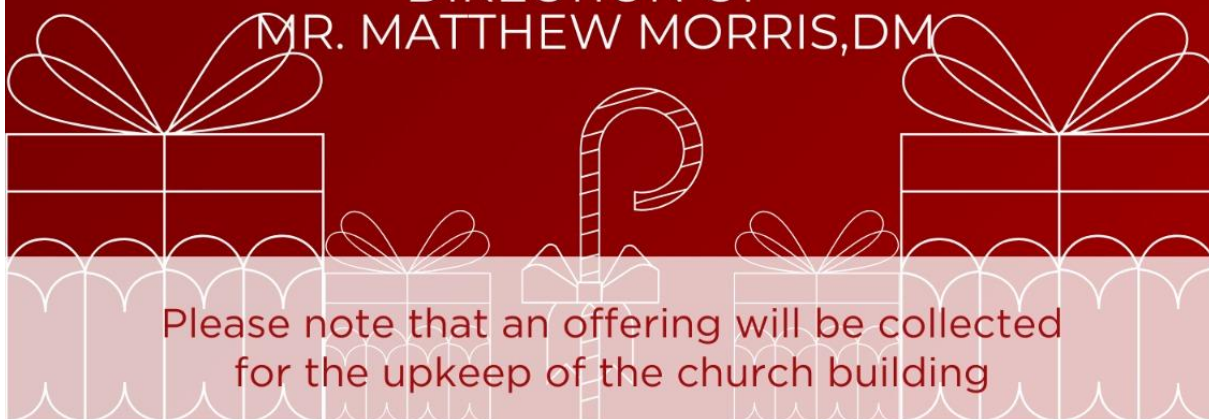
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Choir

# *Christmas* Music Recital

17 | 4:30  
DEC | PM

**Fulnec Moravian  
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Lebanon (1838) Enon (1817)  
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Gracefield (1839) Bethany (1870)  
Cedar Hall (1822) Cashew Hill (1993)  
Gracehill (1773) Cana (1863)  
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Sharon (1768) Dunscombe (1860)  
Mount Tabor (1825) Penuel (1914)  
Calvary (1834) Gracehill (1882) Fulnec (1894)  
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Estridge (1839)  
Zion (1777) Bethel (1832)  
Lay Pastor  
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Nisky (1771)  
Memorial (1843)  
Faith (1999)  
Friedensberg (1771)  
Friedenthal (1755)  
Friedensfeld (1801)  
New Herrnhut (1737)  
Emmaus (1783) Bethany (1754)  
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Memorial (1983)  
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Buccoo (1996)  
Montgomery (1790) Minister of Christian Edu.  
Bon Accord (1861) Black Rock (1869)  
Evangel (1989)  
Moriah (1840) Minister of Christian Edu.  
Treasurer



### GRENADA MISSION

Rev. Devon Mannix



### TRINITY MORAVIAN

Rev. Erflin Browne

## 2023 CALENDAR

"SHIFT: Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, and Re-igniting our Passion"

### JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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01 - New Year's Day 06 - Epiphany						

### MAY

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18 - Ascension Day 28 - Pentecost						

### SEPTEMBER

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19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence 24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses						

### FEBRUARY

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07 - Grenada's Independence 22 - Ash Wednesday						

### JUNE

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04 - Trinity Sunday						

### OCTOBER

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31 - Reformation Day						

### MARCH

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05 - Unity Sunday 26 - Theological Education Sunday 31 - USVI Transfer Day						

### JULY

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01 - Territory Day of BVI Day						

### NOVEMBER

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01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence 13 - Chief Elder Festival 30 - Barbados Independence						

### APRIL

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07 - Good Friday 09 - Easter Sunday						

### AUGUST

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31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence						

### DECEMBER

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25 - Christmas Day						

### MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

Mar 1: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Ulitz, Bohemia, 1457.  
Mar 26: The election of the first Minister of the Unitas Fratrum, 1467. The Sun-day nearest March 26 is observed as a day of Prayer for Theological Education.

May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which marked the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Herrnhut, Saxony, 1727.  
Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722.  
Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415.

Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut, 1727.  
Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707.  
Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1732.

Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. This date is observed as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant with God and with one another.  
Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)  
Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V.I., 1732.