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Sunday, December 11, 2022
The Third Sunday of Advent
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

9:30 a.m.

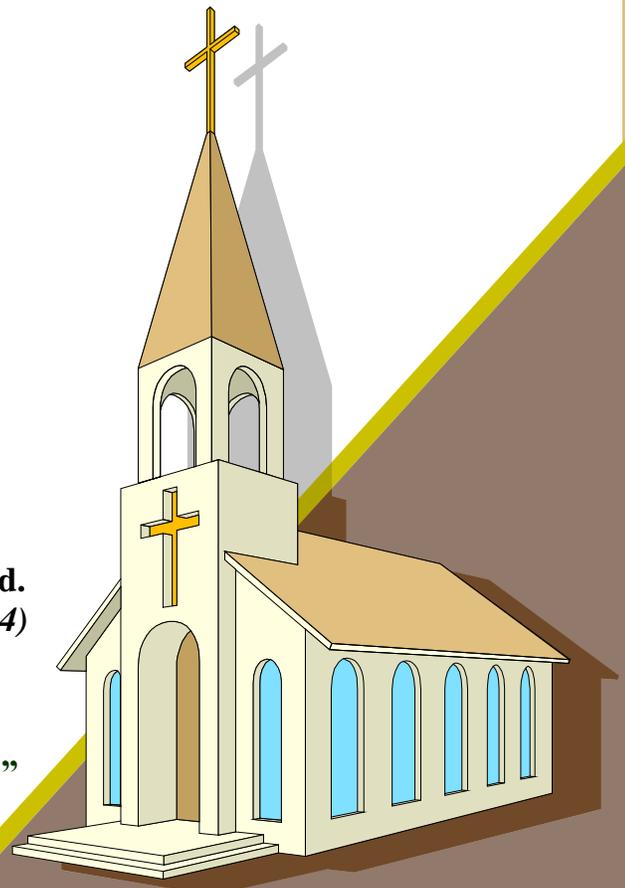
Welcome: Welcome on this Third Sunday of Advent, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today we worship in a service of nine lessons and carols. May we receive the message of salvation and hope as we listen to the scriptures and sing. Welcome.

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Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
(Isaiah 35:4)

Provincial Theme 2022: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”
Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;
Focus & Function; Total Transformation





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Organ Prelude
Introit



Hymn 61 –

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.

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.

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 feelth 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean, p. 92.

All standing.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to praise him for his grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Indeed, God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

Those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already. He came to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.

His Divine Power has given us everything needed for life and godliness.

As a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Tune: Londonderry – # 693

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 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.

William Y. Fullerton (1857 – 1932)

All seated.

The Lord became flesh and lived among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Today the scripture has been fulfilled. He has given us a garland for ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Wherever he went, into villages, cities or farms, people at once recognised him, and brought the sick on mats and laid them in the market place.

They begged that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak and all who touched it were healed.

Tune: Ellacombe – # 261

And lo! your touch brought life and health,
Gave hearing, strength, and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Owned you, the Lord of light:
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as of yore,
In crowded street, by restless couch,
As by Gennesaret's shore.

Edward H. Plumptre (1821 – 1891)

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, Creator of heaven and earth: to you belong all praise and glory. We thank you for your unspeakable gift of grace and for the lifelong example of our Saviour's obedience. He showed obedience by the things he suffered, and through his death he made eternal life available to all believers. Merciful Father, as we celebrate

his Advent, and as we live in expectation of his second coming, grant that he may be born anew in our hearts, to the praise and the glory of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Holy Child of Bethlehem, you are Lord. We worship and adore your name. You came as a babe in a manger but you are King of all ages. May your pure and blameless existence be the test and aim of our lives. You, O Lord, were born of a woman, and yours was a full, devoted and consecrated life, surrendered in love to the Father. As you sought only the peace of the Father; as you grew in favour with God and humanity, grant us the will to surrender our own lives in love and through faith to be as devoted. Grant us the power through your Holy Spirit for your Name's sake. *Amen*

All standing.

In confessing our sins in true repentance,
We learn that we are saved by grace through faith.

In dying to self and worldly passions,
We learn that life in all fullness is hidden in God in Christ.

In our willingness to forgive the wrongs of others,
We learn to cherish the reality of sins forgiven and are assured of God's forgiveness.

In being led by the Spirit of God,
We learn to discern the will of God and experience a foretaste of the life to come.

In being faithful to our earthly calling and the sovereign rule of God,
We learn patience through suffering and rejoice in hope of the surpassing glory of heaven.

In being born of God,
*We learn to overcome the world through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Tune: Blauenwern – # 175

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all your grace receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore your temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray and praise you without ceasing,

Glory in your perfect love.

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely and may your spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Offertory Sentence: *“Forget not to be kind and liberal; for with that sort of sacrifice God is well pleased”* (Hebrews 13:16).

Offertory Hymn: 54 –

Come, thou universal blessing,
Thou, the woman’s promised seed;
Perfect peace and joy unceasing
Through the ransomed nations spread.
Selfish pride and brutal passion
Far from every heart remove,
Visit us with thy salvation,
Bless us with thy heavenly love.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring;
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



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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. Cherylann Hope-Greenidge*

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 – “When Will The Little King Come?” (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. Carmel Downes*

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.)

– *Bro. Andrew Lowe*

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 – “Come Lord Jesus”



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

– *Bro. Darwin Dottin*

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.

Anthem – “In The Bleak Mid-Winter” (Choir)



Lesson 5 – Luke 1: 26 – 35, 38 (The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.)
– *Sis. Jennifer Clarke*

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.

Solo – “What Child Is This?” – Jane Small



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

– **Sis. Thalia Knight**

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.

Selection – “Away In A Manger” – Erin Hazelwood



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

– **Sis. Margaret Best**

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.”



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

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

– *Sis. Hazel Carter*

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.*)

– *Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*

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



Selection – “*Never A Baby*” (Choir)



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!”*



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome on this Third Sunday of Advent, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Today we worship in a service of nine lessons and carols. May we receive the message of salvation and hope as we listen to the scriptures and sing. Welcome.

Today: Tevye-Kaori Parris

Advanced: Caitlin Best (12th), Shauntelle Springer & Shakera Springer (13th), Glendene Harris (14th), Richard Lewis (15th), Judy Dear & Pauline Stevenson (16th), Alvin Maynard & Amani Millar (17th)



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: The Third Sunday of Advent
 - † Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – 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 – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
 - † Joint Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 - † 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.
 - † Saturday: Meeting of Island Conference at 10:00 a.m. at the D.C. Moore Centre
- † Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 - † Divine Worship (Purple Sunday) – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of December 2022:

- † 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. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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. The Bereaved: *We express condolences and pray for Bro. Lawrence Moore and family on the passing of his nephew, Everton “Puggy” Moore.*



4. God’s covering during the Hurricane Season

5. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

✝ **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.



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.

