

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Anniversary & Friendship Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad, on this day that we mark the beginning of another year of life and service here at Sharon. We celebrate the 254th Anniversary of the first baptism into this congregation and the 223nd Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon.

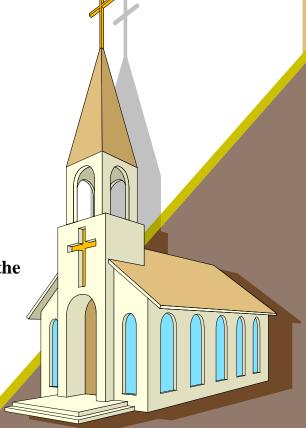
May you be blessed as we worship today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris (Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. (Jeremiah 17:7)

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing (Psalm 7:17)

praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" **Hymn 389**

Litany – New Year & Anniversaries (p. 200 – Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 17:5 - 10

"Love Is The Answer" Choir Anthem –

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17 – 26

Hymn 180 "Come Holy Spirit"

Sermon Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

"Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart" **Hymn 302**

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at http://sharonmoravian.info; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what's happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And it will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8

Call to Worship: I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High. (Psalm 7:17)



Hymn 389 -

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage –
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
Over self to reign as kings;
And as priests, his solemn praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joy and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.



NEW YEAR AND ANNIVERSARIES

All standing.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

TUNE: ST. ANNE

O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

All seated.

Let us pray:

God of mercy, as we mark this moment, we confess our weaknesses, failures and transgressions:

Our broken vows,

Our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity,

Our selfishness and our love of ease,

Our unkindness and indifference,

Our self-indulgence and our pleasures taken at the expense of others,

Our moments when we have not been true to ourselves,

Our lack of faith in your providence.

For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember in your presence our losses and griefs, our hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who are no longer with us and whose steps we shall hear no more. We pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and which prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering our hearts. Give us comfort and a deep sense of your goodness in every circumstance of life, and when, despite our good intentions, we fail, be our strength and stay.

Lord God Father, hear us as we pray.

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom The power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

TUNE: DISMISSAL

Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
May your presence, may your presence,
With us evermore, be found.

John Fawcett (1742 – 1817)

Lord Jesus, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever: your throne is established in righteousness, your compassion fails not, and your love endures from generation to generation. Lift the light of your countenance upon us, for we are exiles as our ancestors were. We thank you for all the ways by which you have led us in the past. Give us courage to set our faces toward the future. *Amen*.

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies.

For your grace given to us in days that are gone, For the blessings of life, seen and unseen, For the joy and peace of communion with you,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

For the sacraments of love and service which have made us conscious of your presence in our common life.

For the deeds we have been able to accomplish in the strength which you supply,

For the kindness of associates, the love of friends, and the fellowship of kindred souls,

We give you thanks, loving God.

For the disciplines which have enriched our living,

For your wisdom and gracious providence which we have recognized when you have denied our foolish requests,

For the faith which has guided us in days of trial,

We give you thanks, gracious God.

All standing.

God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

TUNE: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord and Precious,
Binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever
And her confidence alone.

John M. Neale Tr. (1818 – 1866)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Adoration in Songs & Choruses

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Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 17:5–10

- 5. Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
- **6.** For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.
- 7. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.
- **8.** For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
- 9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- **10.** I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.



Choir Anthem - "Love Is The Answer"



Scripture Reading: Luke 6: 17 – 26

- 17. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;
- 18. And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.
- **19.** And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.
- **20.** And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
- **21.** Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.
- **22.** Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
- **23.** Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.
- 24. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.
- **25.** Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.
- **26.** Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.



Hymn 180 -

Come, Holy Spirit, Like a dove descending, Rest thou upon us While we meet to pray; Show us the Saviour, His great love revealing; Lead us to him, The life, the truth, the way.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Every cloud dispelling;
Fill us with gladness,
Through the Master's name:
Bring to our memory
Words that he hath spoken,
Then shall our tongues
His wondrous grace proclaim.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Sent from God the Father –
Thou friend and teacher,
Comforter, and Guide –
Our thoughts directing,
Keep us close to Jesus,
And in our hearts
For evermore abide.



Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 302

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower, O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys, after victory won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



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<u>Today:</u> Carlyle Knight & Zaria Lashley <u>Advanced:</u> Aidan McClean & Tristan Whitehall (14th), Kyle Blackman-Gibbons (15th), Annetta Browne (17th), Cheryl Alleyne & William Ifill (18th)



Congratulations to Bro. Malcolm & Sis. Claudette Jones who will celebrate their 41st Wedding Anniversary on February 14, 2022.

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: Anniversary (223rd of Church Building) & Friendship Sunday **†** Divine Worship 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).
- **†** Tuesday: Women's Fellowship − Online at 6:00 p.m.
- ♥ Saturday: Women's Prayer-Fast Saturday, 19th, Online, 8:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 835 8607 4910 || Passcode: 806907.
- ₱ Next Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m.
 - ♥ Online Sunday School Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.



In the Month of February 2022:

- ₱ Harvest Festival at Calvary Sunday, 13th
- **♥** Superintendents Conference 15th & 16th
- **♥** Women's Prayer-Fast Saturday, 19th, Online, 8:00 a.m.
- **†** Harvest Festival at Dunscombe − Sunday, 20th, 8:00 a.m.
- ♣ Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill Sunday, 27th



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. On sale will be: Okras, Plantains, Water, Coconuts, Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, English Potatoes, Moringa Seeds, Spinach, Green Bananas, Green Pigeon Peas, Kale, Parsley, Oregano, Sweet Pepper, Sorrel and Soft Sugar Cane. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
- 2. Sharon's Joint Board and Delegates to Island Conference:

ELDERS	Appointed	STEWARDS	Elected
Sis. Diana Boyce	2021	Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle	2022
Sis. Shirley Cadogan	2017 / 20	Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton	2019 / 22
Sis. Hazel Carter	2022	Sis. Margaret Best	2019 / 22
Sis. Cora Cumberbatch	2022	Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall	2020
Sis. Carmel Downes	2020	Sis. Jennifer Clarke	2017 / 20
Sis. Merville Franklyn	2022	Sis. Sonia King	2022
Sis. Lelia Gibbs	2020	Sis. Evelina King-Harper	2022
Sis. Denise Grant	2020	Sis. Talya Layne	2020
Sis. Angelus Hurdle	2018 / 21	Sis. Monica Maynard	2019 / 22
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim	2022	Sis. Zenaida Ramsay	2019 / 22
Sis. Veronica Leacock	2020	Sis. Jacqueline Walrond	2018 / 21
Bro. Edwin Sandiford	2022	Sis. Orrin Williams	2021
Sis. Grace Sandiford	2018 / 21		
Sis. Ismay Straker	2017 / 20		

DELEGATES TO ISLAND CONFERENCE			
Sis. Margaret Best	2019 / 22	Sis. Orrin Williams	2020
Sis. Angelus Hurdle	2022	Sis. Marion Stanford (Alternate)	

- 3. The women of the Conference are invited to an online Women's Prayer-Fast on Saturday, February 19th, commencing at 8:00 a.m. The meeting is open to all women who desire to fellowship and pray together. Zoom Meeting ID: 835 8607 4910 | Passcode: 806907.
- 4. We are permitted eighty-two (82) attendees for in-sanctuary worship at Sharon, with a separation of six (6) feet between individuals or household groups. We have

- suspended registration for the time being. We will resume registration when our attendance approaches our limit.
- 5. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
- 6. Our Steelpan Ministry has resumed. Those who are interested should contact Sis Kristina Carter.
- 7. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - **♥** Sis. Marleen Browne who graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies on May 2021 will take up a special three-month assignment in the Antigua Conference from February 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022. Please pray for Sis. Browne and family as she continues to answer the call of God on her life.
- **♦** March 06, 2022 is Unity Sunday.
 - At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.
 - A special Unity offering will be taken in Moravian Churches worldwide on Sunday March 6, 2022. The Unity Prayer Day Offering will benefit "Support of refugee resettlement in North America", a work done by the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) together with congregations of the Moravian Church Southern and Northern Provinces, North America. The project assists refugees in their transition from their native homelands to their new homes in North America.
- **♥** Sunday March 20, 2022 is Theological Education Sunday.
 - Our focus on this Sunday is the call of God for people to dedicate themselves to gospel ministry. Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him to serve the kingdom. Are you among the called?
 - **♦** Special prayers are also requested for our Warden/Tutor at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Rev. Neilson Waithe.
 - If you sense God calling you to deeper service, continue praying about it and talk with your pastor or a mature Christian as to how you might respond to the prompting of God. The call to ministry has many facets. It may be within your congregation or in the Conference. It may be as a Missionary, in some Specialized Ministry, or at the Pastoral level. Be open for where the Holy Spirit is leading.
 - **♣** Last year you gave EC\$9,158 towards theological education. The Province spent about EC\$29,000. On March 20, 2022, a special offering will be received for theological education. Please give as the Lord provides.

- **♦** The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church.
 - The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight, April 03 Midnight April 17, 2022. Conferences are asked to observe the schedule the time for members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. The Barbados Conference will be responsible for April 09 11:59 p.m. to Midnight, April 12, 2022.
 - This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Spirit of God ignited a passion for prayer that gave birth to a prayer meeting that lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us keep that passion alive as we seek the face of God for direction for the Church, the world, and our lives.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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:
 - † Of our congregation: Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds.
- 3. The Bereaved: We express condolences and pray for Sis. Katrina Burley and family on the passing of her uncle Winslow Shorey
- 4. Our nation: for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.



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.
- Missionary Collection Boxes 2022 If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- **♦** Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos − \$30 / T-Shirts − \$15
- **♦** Copies of Sunday sermons on CD − \$2.00.
- † Books:
- Rev. Neilson Waithe: <u>Understanding the Caribbean Worker</u> \$25; <u>Provocation</u> \$20.
- Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: <u>Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914</u> \$50.
- Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: <u>Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water</u>—\$35.
- **†** Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC

Subject: 33rd Provincial Synod

Date: January 7, 2022

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Provincial Board has set the date for the 33rd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province for July 18-22, 2022. Living within this period of uncertainty necessitates that Synod be held using a hybrid/virtual model.

Mindful of the local pandemic protocols, each Conference in the Province is asked to prepare for the event by doing the following:

- 1. Elect Synod delegate(s) accordance to the provisions of the Book of Order paragraph 5.4.4.7
- 2. Submit the names of all delegates by March 31, 2022.
- 3. Prepare all reports for submission to the Provincial Office by April 29, 2022.
- 4. Prepare and submit to the Provincial Office all proposals to be considered at the 33rd Provincial Synod by April 15, 2022.

Information will be circulated later with pre-synod processes and procedures.

The Provincial Board has appointed Rev. Adelyn Mgonela to serve as the Synod Chaplain. The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis has been appointed Chairman of Synod. The Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner has been appointed Secretary of Synod.

One of the businesses of 33rd Provincial Synod is to approve the updated Book of Order 2020. This document has been circulated to Pastors for onward circulation to members for reflection, discussion, and amendments where needed. Please take time to review this document that governs our operations and share your feedback.

Making the SHIFT for the 33rd Provincial Synod means that we must reimagine Synod. The presentation of reports, Committee meetings, worship, elections, and participation of delegates and observers will be adjusted to suit the virtual platform. We have the benefit of learning from others who have gone this way before us.

Please add the 33rd Provincial Synod to your prayer list that God's will be done among us.









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

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.

