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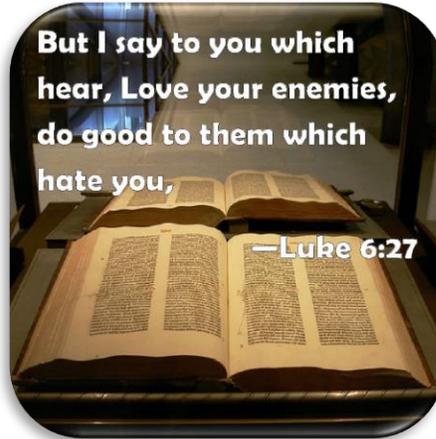
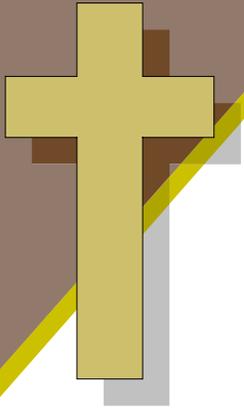
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Sunday, February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With joy we give thanks for God's love and his grace extended towards us. Welcome all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad who join us at this hour. May God's precious Holy Spirit be upon us. Welcome!

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."
(Luke 6:36)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:11 – 14 (NIV)

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Congregation: ¹² *Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.*

Leader: ¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Congregation: ¹⁴ *Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*

Hymn 351 – “Great is Thy faithfulness”

Confession of Faith II (Pages 242 – 243 – Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Scripture Reading – Psalm 37:1 – 12; 39 – 40

Choir Anthem – “O Love of God”

Scripture Reading – Luke 6:27 – 38

Hymn of Preparation – “Way Maker”

Sermon – – Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 356 – “You have all my future in your hands”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 351 –

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
“Great is Thy faithfulness”, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



CONFESSION OF FAITH II

There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.

Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten from the Father.

In Him we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins.

Now has Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep.

You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.

There is one body and one spirit; one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Now you are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof.

One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

The God of all grace who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that you have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, stablish and strengthen you.

To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Scripture Reading: Psalm 37:1 – 12; 39 – 40

1. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
3. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4. Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
6. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
7. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
10. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
11. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
39. But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
40. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.



Choir Anthem – “O Love Of God”



Scripture Reading: Luke 6:27 – 38

27. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,
28. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
29. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.
30. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.
31. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.
32. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.
33. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.
34. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
35. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:
38. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.



Hymn of Preparation – “*Way Maker*”

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
That is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

[Bridge]

*You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart
You're the answer to it all, Jesus
You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart
You're the answer to it all, to it all, Jesus... yeah*



Sermon – – *Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 356

You have all my future in Your hands, in Your hands
I bid you take over all my life, Lord.
My dreams, aspirations, all my best Jesus Lord.
My hopes, my fears, in Your Hands

*In your hands, Lord, I place today, tomorrow.
In your hands, Lord I surrender all.
In your hands, I commit my joys, my sorrows;
In your hands, Lord, I surrender all.*

Keep walking beside me every night, every day
And giving me courage for the fray, Lord.
I need You to guide me every step of the way,
Forsake me not, Lord I pray.

You place many duties in my hands, in my hands;
And shaping my future is my task, Lord
On You I depend, Lord, for the power; this I ask;
That all make sense in Your hands.

So Lord I am trusting everything to Your hands,
And then I keep praying for our land, Lord.
To labour with others for the best, Jesus Lord,
Our all I place in Your hands.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Ashley Marshall & Jaaziel Parris

*Advanced: Keandra Eversley, Simone Jean-Marie & Roseann Lewis (21st),
Felicia Best & Ebony Knight (24th), Norma Meek (26th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Ricardo & Sis. Lelia Gibbs who will celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 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: 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.

† 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: 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 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. There will be an Annual General Meeting of Island Conference on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Duncan C. Moore Centre, Sharon, St. Thomas, commencing at 10:00 a.m.
3. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight, April 03 – Midnight, April 17, 2022.
 - † Sharon and Dunscombe have been given responsibility for Tuesday April 12, 10.00 a.m. — 12:00 Midnight [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for a half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.

- ✠ 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.
4. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
- ✠ 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.
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 branded cloth masks are all sold out. We take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the project, either by purchasing or through donations.**

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. 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: 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.**



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 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.
 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.

