

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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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.

Sunday January 4, 2026

Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday Closest to Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to this service of worship – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.

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WATCHWORD: Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
(Psalm 148:13)

Provincial Theme 2026:

***“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power –
Moving as One!”***

DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 29:1 – 2):

Leader: ¹ Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Congregation: ² *Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Invocation

Hymn 467 – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Litany For Epiphany (p. 106 – CMP Liturgy Book /Projected)

Worship In Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God, Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry.” (Psalm 147:7 – 9)*

Offertory Hymn: 69 – “As With Gladness Men of Old”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choral Response – *Doxology*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song – “Shine Jesus, Shine”

Ministry of the Word:

Scripture Reading: John 1:1 – 18

Choir Anthem – “The Adoration”

Sermon – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Rededication

Hymn 284 – “O Thou, Who Camest From Above” **Tune: Wilton - # 258**

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord’s Supper I (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 576 – “With Deep Devotion”

582 – “By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored”

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 153 – “Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”

162 – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 80 – “Immortal Love, For Ever Full”

Prayer of Thanksgiving



We have been sanctified
through the offering of the body
of Jesus Christ once for all.
Hebrews 10:10 ESV

Covenant Hymn: 595 – “We In One Covenant Are Joined”
The Blessing
Organ Postlude



Prelude

Introit – Choir

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Opening Hymn: 467 –

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;

Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.



EPIPHANY

p. 50 – Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book

All standing.

Tune: ST. GEORGE – # 593

*From the vast and veiled throng,
Round the Father's heavenly throne,
Swells the everlasting song:
Glory be to God alone!
Round Immanuel's cross of pain
Mortal men, in tribes unknown,
Sing to him who once was slain:
Glory be to God alone!*

*Blend ye raptured songs, in one,
Men redeemed, your Father own;
Angels, worship ye the Son:
Glory be to God alone;
Spirit, 'tis within thy light,
Streaming far from cross and throne,
Earth and heaven their songs unite:
Glory be to God alone!*

Hervey Ganse (1822 – 1891)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer:

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.*

Lord God, Son, thou Saviour of the world,
Be gracious unto us.

Lord God, Holy Ghost,
Abide with us forever.

This is a trustworthy saying and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;"

Of whom I am chief.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever.

Tune: CRÜGER – # 381

*Arabia's desert ranger
To him shall bow the knee;
The Ethiopian stranger
His glory come to see:*

*With offerings of devotion
Ships from the isles shall meet,
To pour the wealth of ocean
In tribute at his feet.*

*Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
For he shall have dominion
O'er river, sea, and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion,
Or dove's light wing, can soar.*

James Montgomery (1771 – 1854)

How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of the messenger who brings good news
– good news of peace and salvation.

Their message has gone throughout the earth, and the Word to all the world.

The Lord gives the Word:

And a great army brings the Good News.

Wake up and look around, the fields are already ripe for harvest.

The harvest is great, but the workers are few.

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into the field.

*The Lord says, O Jerusalem I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will
pray night and day continually; take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord.*

Look and see for everyone is coming home!

*Your sons are coming from distant lands; your little daughters will be carried
home.*

Arise, let your light shine for all to see;

For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you.

The same star that led the Wise Men to the Christ Child, similarly lingers before us to guide God's people to the Saviour of the world.

*May God's people, like the Wise Men, rejoice greatly when they see the star
and find the Saviour.*

For God has elevated him to the place of highest honour and given him the name above all other names.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.

Yes, let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET – # 41

*How bright appears the Morning Star
With mercy beaming from afar;
The host of heaven rejoices;
O righteous branch, O Jesse's rod,
Thou Son of man, and Son of God.
We too will lift our voices.
Jesus, Jesus,
Holy, holy, yet most lowly,
Draw thou near us;
Great Immanuel stoop and hear us.*

John C. Jacobi a. (1670 – 1750)

All seated.

Let us pray:

Bless, O Lord, ours and all other Christian congregations; keep them as the apple of your eye.

Let them be a light unto those who sit in darkness, and in the region and shadow of death.

Have mercy on your ancient covenant people; deliver them from their blindness, and bring all nations to your saving knowledge.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Let the wanderers come – from the West, and from the East.

And from the North, and from the South.

Thou Light and Desire of all nations, watch over thy messengers both by land and sea. Accompany the word of their testimony concerning thy atonement with demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Thou knowest where they dwell, and wherein they labour; and that they are keeping the word of thy patience. In the hour of temptation do thou keep them and let thy holy name be named upon them. Preserve them in times of danger and distress. Let them find comfort in the fellowship and intercession of the churches, which have sent them forth in obedience to thy call. May the fire of thy love awaken and preserve amongst us the

spirit of the great cloud of witnesses, who loved not their life unto the death. Bless us all, both them and us, and make of us a blessing. Amen.

All standing.

Tune: BISHOPGARTH – # 390

*Almighty Lord, whose sovereign right
Extends o'er every nation,
We bless thee for the gospel light
That brought to us salvation.
And unto thee we raise our prayer
For all in darkness dwelling;
That they with us thy light may share,
With us thy praise be telling.*

*And hear us as we call on thee
For all the truth possessing,
That they may ever ready be
To share the heavenly blessing;
To send to earth's remotest shore
The gladdening gospel story,
That all the nations may adore
Jesus, the King of glory.*

Evelyn R. Hasse (1855 – 1918)



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God, Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry.” (Psalm 147:7 – 9)*

Offertory Hymn: 69 –

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.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Doxology:

*Praise God for whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song

SHINE JESUS SHINE

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow,
Flood the nations with peace and mercy,
Send forth your word,
Lord and let there be light.*

Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadow into your radiance
By your blood I now enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick | 1987 Make Way Music



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading:

John 1:1 – 18

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.
15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
18. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.



Choir Anthem – “The Adoration”



Sermon – – Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris



Prayer of Commitment & Rededication



Hymn 284 –

O Thou, who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me;

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, ‘Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.’

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.***

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, '*Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.*'

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 576 –

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

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:

We feed
On everlasting bread.

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

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



Hymn 582 –

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead
We ‘take and eat’ – the living bread;
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,
His life blood shed for us, we see;
The wine shall tell the mystery
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last advent we unite
By one blest chain of loving rite,
Until He come.

O blessèd hope! with this elate
Let not our hearts be desolate,

But, strong in faith, in patience wait
Until He come.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.***



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, '*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 153 –

Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah, this
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus – what it is,
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.



Hymn 162 –

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave:

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:



Hymn of Thanksgiving – 80

Immortal Love, for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, forever whole,
A never ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came,
And comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down:
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And all is well again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame,
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

We faintly hear, we dimly see,
In differing phrase we pray;
But, dim or clear, we own in thee
The Light, the Truth, the Way!



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn: 595 –

We in one covenant are joined,
And one in Jesus are;
With voices and with hearts combined,
His praise we will declare:
In doctrine and in practice one,
We'll love and serve the Lord alone;
With one accord sound forth his praise,
Till we shall see his face.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations

Welcome: *A blessed New Year to one and all, and welcome to this service of worship – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our fears be dismissed and our hope revived as we worship God today.*



Today: Jason Lewis, Charlton Moore
Advanced: Alonna Goddard & Christina Joseph (7th), Sheridan Greaves
& Cynthia Waithe (10th),



Congratulations to Bro. Victor & Sis. Maria Carrington, who will celebrate their 9th Wedding Anniversary on January 9, 2026.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

This Week at Sharon:

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Monday to Friday: Week of Prayer and Renewal – “The Study Lab,” hosted by Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith and Rev. Hilton Joseph. – 6:30 p.m., online via Zoom. Theme for the week will be, “Engaging Scripture, Experiencing God.” Meeting ID: 844 4098 3858 // Passcode: 568430
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of January 2026:

- † Sharon & Dunscombe Week of Prayer & Renewal – Monday 5th to 9th
- † Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 24th
- † Annual Church Council – Sunday, 25th
- † Harvest at Centenary – Sunday, 25th
- † Superintendents Conference – 28th to 29th, Antigua.
- † Barbados Christian Council Annual Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, 31st, 8:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre. Tickets: \$50.

† Moravian Disciples Concert – Saturday, 31st, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Tickets: \$25 / \$30.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. For our Week of Prayer and Renewal at the opening of this year, you are invited to attend “The Study Lab,” hosted by Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith and Rev. Hilton Joseph, from January 5–9, 2026 beginning at 6:30 p.m. (Barbados Time) nightly, online via Zoom. Theme for the week will be, “Engaging Scripture, Experiencing God.” Join Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84440983858?pwd=ARnV40UWJ9IALmI1cR8QcyMhZQjafa.1>. Meeting ID: 844 4098 3858 // Passcode: 568430

Calvary
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You're Invited

Spring Gardens
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2. From the Superintendent re the Provincial Pension Plan:
 - 2.1. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has launched an appeal to heal the pension plan for Ministers of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.
 - 2.2. At the 34th Provincial Synod recently held in Trinidad in July 2025, delegates received an update on the serious condition of the Pension Plan. The PEC informed that “some pastors, having given over forty years of service, now face uncertainty about receiving a pension. Additionally, three of our pastors currently receive less than 50% of the pension due to them. Another six pastors have reached retirement age and are awaiting a response from the insurance company. This predicament leaves them not knowing if they will have any income for retirement. As a Church, we agree that all our ministers should retire with dignity and have the means to live in today’s economy.”
 - 2.3. By way of this appeal, we hope to bring relief to those currently receiving less than their due pension and to reduce the deficit of the Provincial Pension Plan.
 - 2.4. For this year, 2025, we are appealing to you make a contribution of \$100 on November 30, 2025. *(Thanks to all who responded to the Provincial Pension appeal; some \$2,600 were received at Sharon).*
 - 2.5. The appeal will continue in 2026 and will be maintained over a seven-year period, the proposal being a monthly \$10 donation or \$120 annually.
 - 2.6. Thank you for your assistance and your ongoing focused prayer regarding this matter.
3. From the Provincial Board:
 - 3.1. The Provincial family extends heartfelt condolences to Rev. Algernon Lewis, Rev. Dr. Nevin Lewis, and the entire Lewis family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather, Bro. Rufus Lewis, who died in Antigua at the age of 98 years. Bro. Rufus was a faithful member of the Cana Moravian Church. The funeral service will be held on Friday, January 9th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cana Moravian Church, Swetes Village, Antigua with the burial in the church cemetery.
 - 3.2. The provincial family is further advised of the funeral arrangements for Sis. Genevieve Smith, mother of Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis, Rev. Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith and the mother-in-law of Rev. Algernon Lewis who died on December 11, 2025, at the age of 91 years. The funeral service will take place, at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church on

Wednesday, January 7th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Floretta Gardens in Potters. “Teacher Gen” as she was affectionately called was a faithful member of the Potters Moravian Church.

3.2.1. We ask that you kindly keep Rev. Algernon Lewis, Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis, Rev. Dr. Ulston Patmore Smith, Rev. Dr. Nevin Lewis, and the entire Lewis and Smith families in your prayers as they walk through this season of grief and loss.

3.3. Rev. Erwin Warner who currently serves as the Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, Pastor of the Bethesda Moravian Church, and Minister of Christian Education for the St. Kitts Conference, has accepted an amended call to serve as Pastor of the Ebenezer Moravian Church in the St. Kitts Conference along with his current call. This call takes effect from February 1, 2025. Please pray for Bro. Warner and family and the St. Kitts Conference, particularly, the Bethesda and Ebenezer congregations, as they make this transition.

3.4. Hurricane Melissa:

3.4.1. The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and across several of our Caribbean neighbours are truly heartbreaking. Our support for the Jamaica Province is already underway. Rev. Neilson Waithe is currently in Jamaica providing counselling and logistical assistance.

3.4.2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is actively exploring additional ways to assist our sisters and brothers during this difficult time. Their needs will be many as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives. While we await a detailed assessment of the specific items required, we can already offer meaningful help through financial gifts.

3.4.3. As you are able and as the Holy Spirit leads, you may contribute through your congregation or Conference. All funds received will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Province to aid in the recovery effort. Monetary gifts of any size are deeply appreciated. Your generosity will serve as a tangible reminder to our Moravian siblings that they are not alone – we stand with them.

3.4.4. Let us continue to lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they navigate this season of loss and rebuilding.

3.5. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to

provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God's call on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.

4. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

5.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don't have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward

to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



6. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
7. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 7.1. 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.
 - 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 7.3. 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.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

8.1. 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.

8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

8.3. 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>).

8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

1.1. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves*

3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences to and pray for Bro. Ricardo Gibbs and family, the Gibbs, Brewster and Clarke families on the passing of Sis. Lelia Gibbs, wife of Bro. Ricardo. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life has been tentatively set for January 15, 2026, here at Sharon.*

4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through 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.



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Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power — Moving as One!”

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),
- Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),
- Be mobilized (Going in Power),
- Be united (Moving as One).



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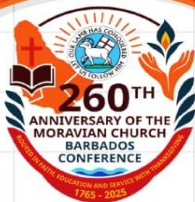
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**SATURDAY
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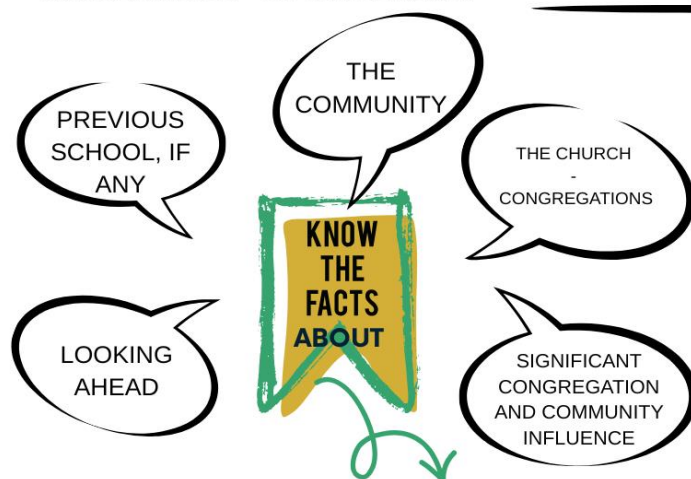
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CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| • NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | • MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
| • DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | • JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) |
| • JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) | • JULY - CALVARY (1834) |
| • FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | • AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| • MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | • SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
| • APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) | |

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