

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**9:30 a.m.**

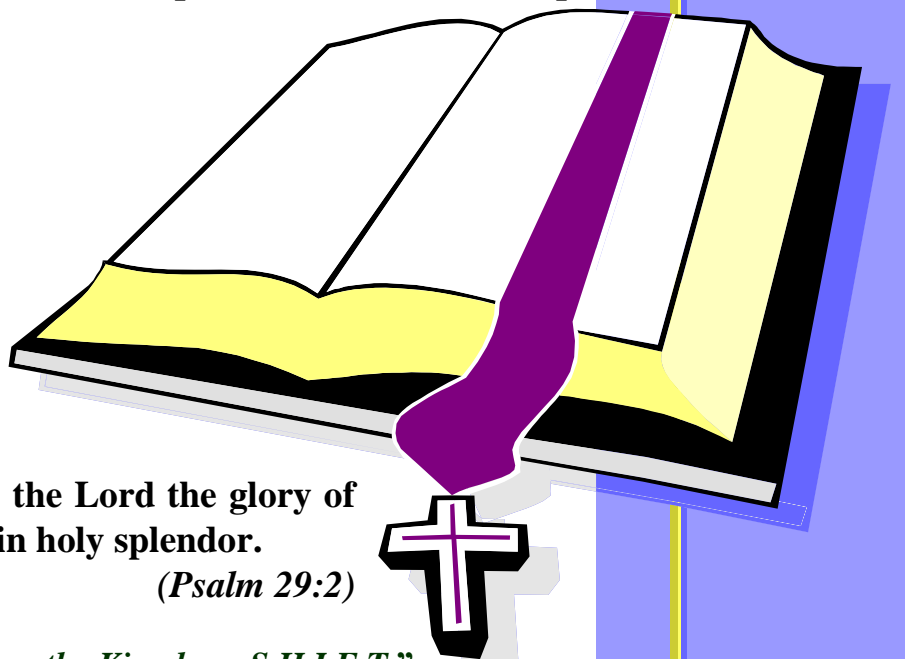
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***Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris***

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***Associate Pastor:***

***Rev. Movelle Kellman***



**WATCHWORD: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

***(Psalm 29:2)***

**Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: “. . . let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. 12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.”

Hymn 485 – “Praise Him, Praise Him – Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer”

A Reading from Psalm 29

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 270 – “He Pardoned My Transgressions

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1 – 7

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4 – 11

Hymn of Preparation: 329 – “O For A Closer Walk With God”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 333 – “Walk In the Light”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 485 –

**Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,  
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.  
Hail Him, hail Him, highest archangel in glory;  
Strength and honour give to His Holy name.  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long:**

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His Excellent greatness:  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

**Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,  
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;  
He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.**

**Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessed Redeemer,  
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring,  
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever.  
Crown Him, crown Him – Prophet, and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.**



**A Reading from Psalm 29**

- 1 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.**
- 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.**
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.**

- 8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.
- 10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
- 11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.



**Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving**



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**He pardoned my transgressions,  
He sanctified my soul,  
He honours my confessions  
Since by His blood I'm whole.**

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!  
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!  
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!  
Glory to His Name.*

**He keeps me every moment  
By trusting in His grace;  
'Tis through His blest atonement  
That I may see His face.**

**He brings me through affliction,  
He leaves me not alone;  
He's with me in temptation,  
He keeps me for His own.**

**He prospers and protects me,  
His blessings ever flow;  
He fills me with His glory,  
He makes me bright as snow.**

**He keeps me firm and faithful,  
His love I do enjoy,**

For this I shall be grateful,  
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing  
Which we receive on earth  
That does not come from heaven,  
The source of our new birth.



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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*Today: Sheridan Greaves & Cynthia Waithe*

*Advanced: Lorna Bryan (11<sup>th</sup>), Florina Scantlebury, Sheila Small & Mauricia Springer (12<sup>th</sup>), Tiandra Gill & Elsie Phillips (13<sup>th</sup>), Joy Best & Rhys Hoyte (14<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Haynes (15<sup>th</sup>), Louis Adams, Ashley King & Godfrey Walcott (16<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Calvison & Sis. Dawn Maynard who are celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 12, 2021; congratulations to Bro. Lawrence & Sis. Cynthia Moore who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 14, 2021.*



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

Today: Divine Worship – 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).

✠ Wednesday Bible Study – 7:30 p.m. online via Zoom.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY Worship – 9:30 a.m.



## Activities in the Month of January 2021:

- † Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- † Moravian Disciples Concert – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>
- † Annual Church Council – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>
- † Harvest Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. From the PEC: The Provincial family rejoices with the Rev. Kevin St. Hill and wife, Dr. Shanele Chase-St. Hill, on the birth of their daughter Patience Kaiya Sadie St. Hill. The birth took place on January 5, 2021 in Barbados. Both mother and baby are doing well. Please keep the St. Hill family in your prayers.
2. From the Superintendent: Greetings Brothers and Sisters. As a result of recent COVID-19 related developments, the Government of Barbados has asked religious groups to suspend gathering or assembling for two weeks.
  - † Please note therefore that in compliance, Moravian church buildings in Barbados will be closed to the general membership and the public, except for funerals, weddings and the livestreaming of services, from January 3, 2021 to January 14, 2021. Specific guidelines have been given for these exceptions.
  - † As permitted, some of our sanctuaries will be used to livestream weekly worship as led by select teams. Members and the public are invited to gather virtually and worship via livestream of the Sharon / Dunscombe Pastorate on their YouTube and Facebook pages. These can be found by a web search. The worship time is Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
  - † I call on our membership to follow the directives and recommendations our public health officials and agencies, that we may do our part in maintaining the health of our community and fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - † Although we are off to a rough start, I pray God's blessing and restoration for us all in the year ahead. We still serve a God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (Ephesians 3:20).
3. 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

4. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!
  - ✝ Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for the weekend of June 12 – 13, 2021.
  - ✝ The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.
5. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
7. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).
8. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route on Sundays. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 a.m.), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



#### PRAYER NEEDS:



**Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.*

**The Sick / Recovering:** *Bro Sydney Gibson*



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** We acknowledge a gift of Communion Wafers from the Maynard family of Shop Hill.



## Adoration In Songs & Choruses



### Ministry of the Word

#### First Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1 – 7

- 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
- 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
- 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
- 7 And all the men were about twelve.



#### Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4 – 11

- 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
- 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;
- 7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.
- 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.
- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.
- 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:



11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



**Hymn of Preparation: 329 –**

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew,  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and his word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,  
How sweet their memory still;  
But they have left an aching void  
The world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Dear messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from thy throne,  
And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.



**Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Closing Hymn: 333 –**

**Walk in the light: and thou shalt own  
Thy darkness passed away,  
Because that light hath on thee shone  
In which is perfect day.**

**Walk in the light: and thou shalt find  
Thy heart made truly his  
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,  
In whom no darkness is.**

**Walk in the light: and thou shalt know  
That fellowship of love  
His Spirit only can bestow  
Who reigns in light above.**

**Walk in the light: and e'en the tomb  
No fearful shade shall wear;  
Glory shall chase away its gloom,  
For Christ hath conquered there.**

**Walk in the light: and thine shall be  
A path, though thorny, bright;  
For God, by grace, shall dwell in thee,  
And God himself is light.**



**Benediction**



**Organ Postlude**



**AVAILABLE:**

- ✠ **Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24**
- ✠ **Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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**
- ✠ **On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- ✠ **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.**
- ✠ **Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.**

The Book, 'Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*' written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



### **Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020**

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 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 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 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, Dedication, 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.

