

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

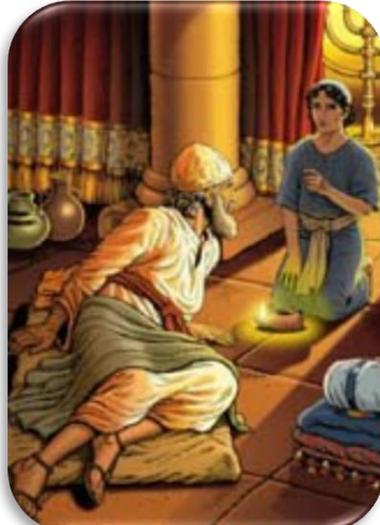
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Sunday, January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

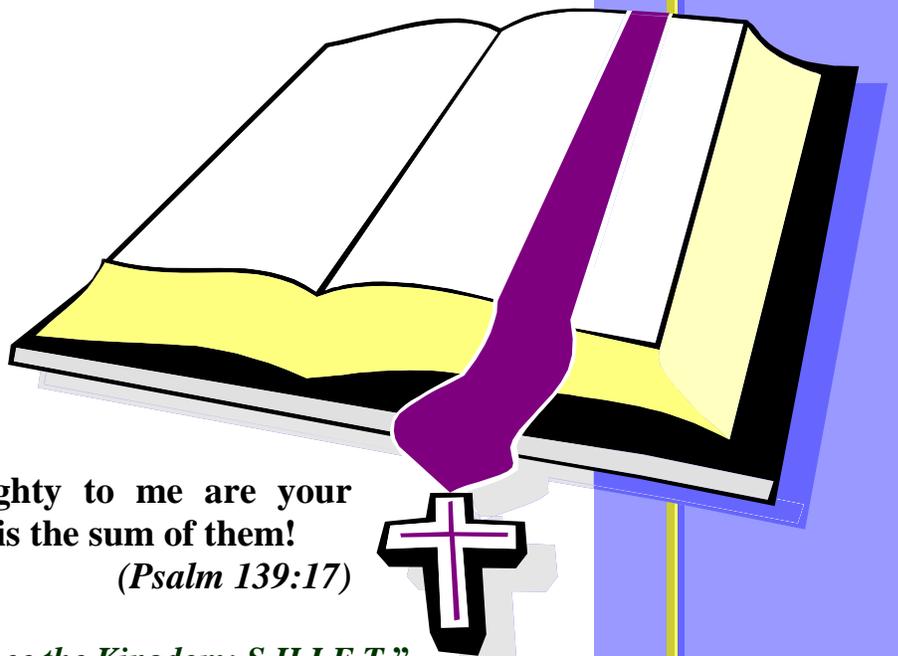
Welcome: Welcome; and we pray God to shine his light upon our lives and into our hearts, that we may know him and declare the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

(Psalm 139:17)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 38 – *“Immortal Invisible”*

A Reading from Psalm 139:1 – 14

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 259 – *“O What A Wonderful, Wonderful Day”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1 – 10

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:43 – 51

Hymn of Preparation: 186 – *“Jesus Calls Us; O’er The Tumult”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

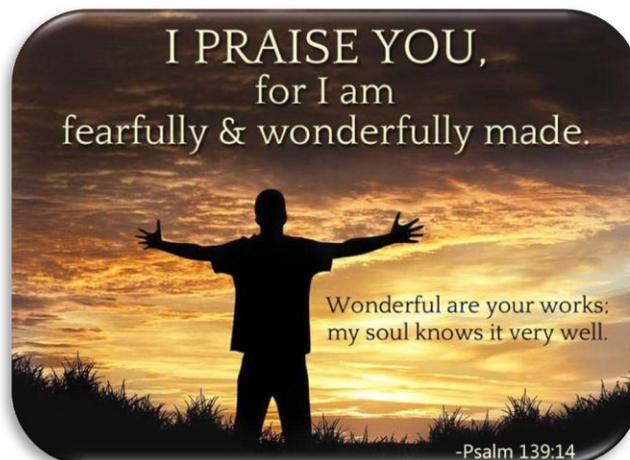
Hymn 474 – *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 38 –

Immortal, invisible
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,
To both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
The true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish;
But naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour
Of light hideth Thee.



A Reading from Psalm 139: 1 – 14

- 1 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



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O what a wonderful, wonderful day –
Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away,
Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend –
He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,

He made all the darkness depart.

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away –
And my night was turned to day –
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!*

**Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's fam'ly divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made
When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer –
He saved me, O praise His dear name!**

**Now I've a hope that will surely endure
After the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.**



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome; and we pray God to shine his light upon our lives and into our hearts, that we may know him and *declare the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*



Today:Maureen Nicholls & Gloria Sealy

**Advanced:Daphne Bispham (18th), Julia DePeiza (19th), Tracy Barker-Linton,
Elan Greenidge & Monica Maynard (22nd)**



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, 23rd at 6:00 a.m. on Zoom.
- † Moravian Disciples Concert – “Undeclared”– Saturday 23rd, streamed live on Youtube and Facebook at 6:00 p.m.
- † Annual Church Council – Postponed
- † Harvest Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 24th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Superintendent: As our nation continues to assess and address the recent increase of infections by the COVID-19 virus, the Moravian Church in Barbados will maintain the suspension of gatherings or assemblies through to January 31, 2021. Moravian church buildings will be closed to the general membership and the public, except for funerals, weddings and the livestreaming of services, which will be conducted according to the protocols published by the Government of Barbados.
 - † Please engage and maintain our community using our online social media pages. You can follow in worship as it is streamed to you on YouTube and Facebook from congregations in our Conference. Worship times are as follows:
 - † Calvary / Grace Hill / Fulnece Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sharon / Dunscombe Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 am.
 - † Bethlehem / Faith Pastorate – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
 - † Continue to follow the directives and recommendations of 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.
 - † *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)*
2. 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.

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*

The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for the family of Bro Merville Pilgrim on his passing*



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1 – 10

- 1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.
- 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;
- 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;
- 4 That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.
- 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.
- 6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.
- 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.
- 8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.
- 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- 10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.



Second Scripture Reading: John 1:43 – 51

- 43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.**
- 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.**
- 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**
- 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.**
- 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!**
- 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.**
- 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.**
- 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.**
- 51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**



Hymn of Preparation: 186 –

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me;'**

**As of old apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**

**Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
Saviour make us hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 474 –

**COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;**

Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!



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.

