

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 24, 2021

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

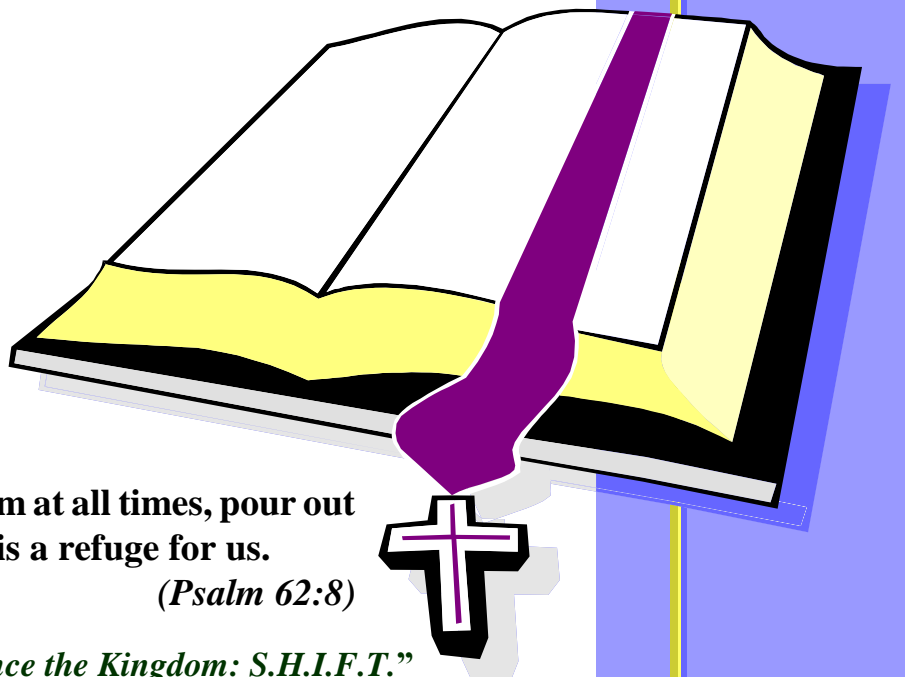
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Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

(Psalm 62:8)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!*

² *For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. (Psalms 47:1 –2)*

Hymn 495 – “*O Praise Ye The Lord!*” Tune: Laudate Dominum – # 461

A Reading from Psalm 30:1 – 12

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 232 – “*I Am The Way*”

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1 – 10

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14 – 20

Hymn of Preparation: 291 – “*I Lift My Heart To Thee*” Tune: Adsum – # 266

Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 290 – “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*” Tune: Hatherop Castle

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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



Hymn 495 –

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!



A Reading from Psalm 30:1 – 12

- 1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
- 3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
- 7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.
- 8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.
- 9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.
- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
- 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



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I am the way, the king of the victory
I am the truth, Lord of the Harmony
I am the light, light of the world to be
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend
Hosanna I give you strength my friend

**Hosanna to walk the seas my friend
We gonna sail to victory**

*Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing),
sailing cross the river sailing
Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing),
sailing cross the river sailing
Freedom (sister), freedom (brother),
freedom in the life of Jesus
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend
Hosanna I give you strength my friend
Hosanna to walk the seas my friend
We gonna sail to victory*

**I am the vine, you shall abide in me
I am the river, you shall be cleansed in me
I am the rock, you shall have life in me
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend.....**

**I am your God, rising in victory.
I am your brother, living in flesh with thee
I am your saviour, dying on Calvary
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend**



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Today: Jaylon Burke

Advanced: André Lewis (25th), Tyson Babb, Candace Barker, Kaneshia Greenidge & Nicholas Waithe (27th), Debbie Greaves (30th)



Congratulations to Bro. Lawrence & Sis. Esmay Walrond who will celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary on January 25, 2021; Bro. Victor Hurdle & Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on January 26, 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.



In the Month of January 2021:

- † Annual Church Council – Postponed
- † Harvest Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 24th

In the Month of February 2021:

- † Friendship Week – Sunday, 7th to Sunday 13th. Tell a friend about Sharon; Invite them to Subscribe to our YouTube Channel; Share our Facebook Livestream in your Facebook groups.
- † Men's Prayer Conference – Saturday, 13th online, 7:00 a.m. Theme: *“Come Out From Among Them! Lead By Example!”*
- † Anniversary & Friendship Sunday – February 14th, 9:30 a.m.
- † Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service – 17th
- † Superintendents Conference – 18th, 23rd, 23rd
- † Harvest Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 21st



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, 2020. 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 / Fulnec Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sharon / Dunscombe Pastorate – Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 - † 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.
 - ✝ 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.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

6. 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).
7. 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, Bro Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*

The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for the family of Erla Reid on her passing*



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1 – 10

- 1 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
- 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.
- 3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.
- 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.
- 5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
- 6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
- 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

- 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.
- 9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?
- 10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14 – 20

- 14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
- 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
- 16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
- 17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
- 18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.
- 19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.
- 20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.



Hymn of Preparation: 291 –

**I lift my heart to thee,
 Saviour divine,
 For thou art all to me,
 And I am thine:
 Is there on earth a closer bond than this,
 That my belovèd's mine and I am his?

 Thine am I by all ties,
 But chiefly thine,
 That through thy sacrifice**

**Thou, Lord, art mine:
By thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound
Around me, I to thee am closely bound.**

**To thee, thou dying Lamb,
I all things owe;
All that I have and am,
And all I know:
All that I have is now no longer mine,
And I am not my own; Lord, I am thine.**

**How can I, Lord, withhold
Life's brightest hour
From thee; or gathered gold,
Or any power?
Why should I keep one precious thing from thee,
When thou hast given thine own dear self for me?**

**I pray thee, Saviour, keep
Me in thy love,
Until death's holy sleep
Shall me remove
To that fair realm, where, sin and sorrow o'er,
Thou and thine own are one for evermore.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 290 –

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.**

O let me feel Thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.



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.

