

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**Praise you the LORD. I
will praise the LORD with
my whole heart, in the
assembly of the upright,
and in the congregation.**

—Psalm 111:1

Sunday, January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: As we worship today we are reminded that “in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are victorious both in this world and in the world to come.” So we rejoice, we give thanks and sing; for we serve a great God. May his name be praised. Welcome to all.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Rev. Movelle Kellman



WATCHWORD: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

(Psalm 111:10)

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. (Psalms 95:6 – 7)*

Hymn 485 – *“Praise Him, Praise Him”*

A Reading from Psalm 111

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Hymn 191 – *“I’ve Found A Friend; O Such A Friend”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Hymn of Preparation – *“As The Dear Panteth For The Water”*

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 325 – *“Jesus, My Strength, My Hope”*

The Benediction



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Opening 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 111

- 1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.**
- 2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.**
- 3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.**
- 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.**
- 6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.**
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.**
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.**

- 9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Hymn 191 –

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He loved me ere I knew him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus he bound me to him;
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am his, and he is mine,
Forever and forever.

I've found a friend; O such a friend!
He bled, he died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But his own self he gave me.
Nought that I have mine own I call,
I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all
Are his, and his forever.

I've found a friend, O such a friend!
So kind, and true, and tender!
So wise a counselor and guide,
So mighty a defender!
From him who loves me now so well
What power my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No! I am his for ever.



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

As we worship today we are reminded that “in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are victorious both in this world and in the world to come.” So we rejoice, we give thanks and sing; for we serve a great God. May his name be praised. Welcome to all.



Today: *Trevor Campbell*

Advanced: *Muriel Moore (Feb. 1st), Leila Bernstein, Heather Greenidge, Carl Ifill, Sandra Maynard & Maggie Phillips-Brewster (2nd), Ciauné Barker & Cynthia Waldron (3rd), Gloria Ifill (5th), Shada Applewhaite (6th)*



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 – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

✝ NEXT SUNDAY Worship – 9:30 a.m.



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, 8:30 am. Theme: “*Come Out From Among Them! Lead By Example!*”

✝ Anniversary & Friendship Sunday – February 14th, 9:30 am.

✝ Pastorate Joint Ash Wednesday Service – 17th

✝ Superintendents Conference – 18th, 23rd, 23rd

✝ Harvest Festival at Dunscombe – Sunday, 21st



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the PEC:

† The Rev. Liselle Roberts returns to the Province on February 1, 2021 after one year of leave of absence. Rev. Roberts has been called to serve as a Minister of Christian Education in the Tobago Conference. This appointment takes effect from March 1, 2021. Please keep Sis. Roberts in prayer as she continues to serve the people of God.

† The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is *“He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth”* (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.

2. 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 / Fulnek 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)

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 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!
5. 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.
- ✝ 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, 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. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life is tentatively planned for Friday, February 5, 2021 here at Sharon, to commence at 3:00 p.m.*



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21 – 28

- 21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.
- 22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
- 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
- 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.
- 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
- 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.
- 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.
- 28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.



Hymn of Preparation – *As the Deer Panteth*

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield.
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend, and You are my brother
Even tho' You are a King.

**I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 325 –

**Jesus, my strength, my hope,
On thee I cast my care,
With humble confidence look up
And know thou hear'st my prayer.
Give me on thee to wait,
Till I can all things do;
On thee, almighty to create,
Almighty to renew.**

**I want a sober mind,
A self-renouncing will,
That tramples down and casts behind
The baits of pleasing ill;
A soul inured to pain,
To hardship, grief and loss,
Bold to take up, firm to maintain
The consecrated cross.**

**I want a godly fear,
A quick discerning eye,
That looks to thee when sin is near,
And sees the tempter fly;
A spirit still prepared,
And armed with jealous care,
For ever standing on its guard,
And watching unto prayer.**

**I want a true regard,
A single, steady aim,
Unmoved by threatening or reward,
To thee and thy great name;
A jealous, just concern
For thine immortal praise;**

A pure desire that all may learn
And glorify thy grace.

I rest upon thy word;
The promise is for me;
My succor and salvation, Lord,
Shall surely come from thee:
But let me still abide,
Nor from my hope remove,
Till thou my patient spirit guide
Into thy perfect love.



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.**

