



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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*But my God shall supply all your need according  
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19 KJV*

## ***Romans 8:15-16***

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

***Welcome: In his presence there is fullness of joy. We gladly welcome everyone to this service of worship today – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. A special welcome to those who are here for the blessing of little Kenan. We seek the presence of God today to bless and sanctify our lives.***

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**WATCHWORD: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. *(Psalm 85:9)***

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

***"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"***

## ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 117):

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

**Congregation:** *For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!*

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 138

Prayer (Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving)

Hymn 198 – *“To God Be The Glory”*

Worship in Tithes & Offerings **(Including Brown & Green Offerings)**

Offertory Sentence: *“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Offertory Hymn: 464 – *“I’ll Praise The Lord With All My Heart”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song: 244 – *“Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It”*

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:9 – 17

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 6:14 – 29

Choir Anthem – *“Praise Ye Jehovah”*

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 543 – *“This Child We Dedicate to Thee”*

Blessing of an Infant

Hymn 546 – *“A Charge To Keep I Have”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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## Prelude

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### Hymn 485 –

Praise Him, praise Him – Jesus our blessèd 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 blessèd 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 blessèd 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.



## Responsive Reading – Psalm 138

1. I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
3. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
5. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.
6. Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
8. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.



### Prayer (Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving)



### Hymn 198 –

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:  
And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.



**Worship In Tithes & Offerings (Including Brown & Green Offerings):**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

**Offertory Hymn: 464 –**

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul and might;  
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,  
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise Him when the showers fall,  
And when the earth is dry;  
I'll praise Him when the flowers bloom,  
And when they fade and die.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
He gives me joy and peace;  
And even when my heart is sad,  
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise Him, my Deliverer,  
My Saviour and my Friend;  
Because for me He gave His life,  
I'll praise Him to the end.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
I'll bow before His face;  
I'll honour and adore my King,  
He gives me strength and grace.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
I'll praise His holy name;  
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,  
He is fore'er the same.



## Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

### *Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks*

*Thanks, thanks, I give You thanks  
For all You've done  
I am so blessed  
My soul is at rest  
O Lord, I give You thanks.*



## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



## Adoration in Song: 244 –

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty  
The King in whose law I delight;

Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps  
And giveth me songs in the night.



### **Ministry of the Word:**

#### **First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:9 – 17**

9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
12. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
15. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
16. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.



#### **Second Scripture Reading: Mark 6:14 – 29**

14. And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
15. Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.
16. But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17. For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.
18. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.
19. Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:
20. For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.
21. And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;
22. And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.
23. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.
24. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.
25. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.
26. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.
27. And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,
28. And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.
29. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.



### **Choir Anthem – “Praise Ye Jehovah”**





Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 543 –

This child we dedicate to thee,  
O God of grace and purity;  
Shield *him* from sin and threatening wrong,  
And let Thy love *his* life prolong.

O may Thy Spirit gently draw  
*His* willing soul to keep Thy law;  
May virtue, piety, and truth,  
Dawn even with his dawning youth.

We, too, O God, thy children are;  
And if our feet have wandered far;  
Recall us to our Father's home,  
And keep us that no more we roam.



Blessing of an Infant



Closing Hymn: 546 –

A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
A rest to gain on high:

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfil:  
O may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with watchful care,  
As in thy sight to live;  
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,  
And still on thee rely,  
And let me not my trust betray,  
But press to realms on high.



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



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Today: *Cynthia Eversley & Donna Lewis-Greaves*

Advanced: *Ashlee Brathwaite (15<sup>th</sup>), Mavis Nicholls (17<sup>th</sup>), Andrin King (18<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Adrian & Sis. Zelia Kellman who will celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 15, 2024; Bro. Sylvanus & Sis. Diana Boyce who are celebrating their 19<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 16, 2024.*



## 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: **BROWN & GREEN SUNDAY**

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

† THIS WEEK

† Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

† Wednesday: Bible Study ((The "I AM" saying of Jesus)) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

† Next Sunday: **LAITY 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 July 2024:

† Brown & Green Sunday – 14th. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building, we invite attendees to wear brown and green and present a walk-up offering of brown and green Barbados currency.

† Laity Sunday – July 21st.

† The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27th



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:

† Tree Planting on Arbor Day – September 22, 2024

† Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024 at the Hilton. Dinner – \$200.

† Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024

† Planting of a Time Capsule – February 2025

† Closing Service – February 9, 2025

† We have launched a "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.



**2. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):**

- ✠ The Rev. Erwin Warner, Superintendent of the St. Kitts Conference, will proceed on furlough from September 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. During his absence, Rev. Adelyn Mgonela will serve as Acting Superintendent. Please pray for Bro. Warner and Sis. Mgonela and their families in this time of transition.
- ✠ The appointment of Rev. Dr. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith as Superintendent of the Antigua Conference will conclude on July 15, 2024. Rev. Smith has faithfully served the Conference as Superintendent for the past eight years. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith for her dedicated service and commitment to God and His church. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Denise Smith Lewis has been appointed to serve as Acting Superintendent of the Antigua Conference, effective July 16, 2024. Please continue to pray for the Rev. Denise Smith and her family, Rev. Dr. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith and her family and the Moravian Church Antigua Conference in this time of transition.
- ✠ We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Marilyn William, former Treasurer of the Tobago Conference. Sister William passed away on July 5, 2024. The funeral service will be held on July 18, 2024, at the Spring Garden Moravian Church in Tobago. Please keep the William family in Tobago and the wider Tobago Conference in prayer in their time of grief and loss.

**3. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:**

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

**4. We are thankful for your financial support.**

- ✠ 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.
- ✠ You 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.

5. 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.
- ✝ We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
  - ✝ Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
  - ✝ You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)
  - ✝ Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



## The Past 225 Years



### 17. A tale of 2 sextons!

Every institution has special characters. Sharon is no different: There was Bro McCarthy (Mr Mac) – he rang the bell for 15 minutes straight - e.g. from 10.45 to 11.00 a.m. and started to close the church the minute the organ stopped at the end of service. And Bro Carter, who rang the bell 49 times, because the Bible speaks of 7 times 7!



## PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
  - ✝ **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We extend condolences to and pray for the family of Sis. Thora Moore who passed on July 5th. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, commencing at 2:30 p.m.*
4. **World Peace**



**AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):**

- † **Offering Envelopes for 2024** – 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.
- † **Missionary Collection Boxes for 2024** – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at 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.**



**Provincial Theme 2024:**

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

***“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC***

