



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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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*



**Sunday, July 28, 2024**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** *“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”* (Gen. 28:17). Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May we so experience the presence of God that we count this place the gate of heaven.

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**WATCHWORD:** The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. *(Psalm 145:13)*

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call To Worship: Psalm 36:5, 6

Leader: Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Cong.: *Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep;*

All: *O Lord, You preserve man and beast.*

Hymn 484 – *“My God, how wonderful thou art”*

Opening Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:10 – 18

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.”* (Psalm 29:1, 2)

Offertory Hymn: 465 – *“Now thank we all our God”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

† *“God You are so Good (Amazing Love)”*

† *“Faithful, Faithful is our God”*

† *“Goodness of God (I love You Lord)”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:42 – 44

Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14 – 21

Hymn of Preparation: 201 – *“I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus”*

Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 183 – *“O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me”*

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.



## Prelude

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### Opening Hymn: 484 –

My God how wonderful thou art,  
Thy majesty how bright,  
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,  
In depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
By prostrate spirits day and night  
Incessantly adored!

O how I fear thee, living God,  
With deepest, tenderest fears,  
And worship thee with trembling hope  
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
Almighty as thou art,  
For thou hast stooped to ask of me  
The love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee;  
No mother, e'er so mild,  
Bears and forbears as thou hast done  
With me, thy sinful child.

How wonderful, how beautiful,  
The sight of thee must be,  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
And awful purity!



## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer



### Responsive Reading – Psalm 145:10 – 18

10. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.
11. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
12. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
14. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
15. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
17. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
18. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.



### Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.”* (Psalm 29:1, 2)

### Offertory Hymn: 465 –

Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven;  
The one, eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.



### 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 –

- ✠ “*God You are so Good (Amazing Love)*”
- ✠ “*Faithful, Faithful is our God*”
- ✠ “*Goodness of God (I love You Lord)*”



## Ministry of the Word:

### First Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42 – 44

42. And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.
43. And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.
44. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.



### Second Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14 – 21

14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.





## Hymn of Preparation: 201 –

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,  
Trusting only thee,  
Trusting thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon:  
At thy feet I bow,  
For thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting thee for power:  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which thou thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting thee for ever,  
And for all.



## Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## Hymn of Reflection: 183 –

O Jesus Christ, grow thou in me,  
And all things else recede;  
My heart be daily nearer thee,  
From sin be daily freed.

Each day let thy supporting might  
My weakness still embrace;

My darkness vanish in thy light,  
Thy life my death efface.

In thy bright beams, which on me fall,  
Fade every evil thought;  
That I am nothing, thou art all,  
I would be daily taught.

Make this poor self grow less and less,  
Be thou my life and aim;  
A make me daily, through thy grace,  
More worthy of thy name.

Daily more filled with thee my heart,  
Daily from self more free;  
Thou, to whom prayer did strengthen impart,  
Of my prayer hearer be.

Let faith in thee and in thy might  
My every motive move,  
Be thou alone my soul's delight.  
My passion and my love.



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



## Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

*“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” (Gen. 28:17). Welcome to all – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May we so experience the presence of God that we count this place the gate of heaven.*



*Advanced: Arthur Ramsay (29<sup>th</sup>), Evelyn Greenidge (30<sup>th</sup>), Winston Gibbs (2<sup>nd</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Deighton & Sis. Ketra Davis who will celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3, 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: 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" sayings of Jesus) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Thursday: Provincial Day of Prayer led by members of the Trinidad Conference at 5:30 a.m. via the Zoom platform.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. The Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region will be in attendance.
  - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



### Activities in the Month of July 2024:

- † Grace Hill Women's Fellowship 65th Anniversary Service – Sunday, July 28th at 4:00 p.m.
- † Faith Barbados Defence Force Concert – Sunday, July 28th at 4:00 p.m. at Faith. Tickets at \$25.

### Activities in the Month of August 2024:

- † Our Sunday School will be holding "Summer Sundays" at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: *Adventures on Promise Island*. Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend.

Parents and Guardians will find this to be a good youth ministry opportunity.

- † The Choir will be on break for the month of August.
- † Rev. Parris will be on vacation from August 06 – September 02, 2024.
- † Bethlehem's 60th Anniversary Service – Sunday, August 11th at 4:30 p.m.
- † Centenary Mission Festival – Sunday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m.
- † Mt. Tabor Mission Festival – Sunday, August 18th to 20th
- † A Concert featuring the Moramus Singers of Barbados and The Barbados Police Service Band – Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church. Presenting: “Come Let Us Worship”. All are invited.



## 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 will be ordering Dry-Fit Polo Shirts for our 225th Anniversary. The Shirts will be sold at \$50 each. We must make a minimum order of 50 shirts. Please see Sis. Heather Hunte to fit your shirt and to make your order. Full payment will be required before the order is sent to the supplier.
- † 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 next Provincial Day of Prayer will be August 1, 2024, led by members of the Trinidad Conference. Our prayer meeting begins at 5:30 a.m. via the Zoom platform. The link for our time of prayer will be sent in due course. Let us come together and intercede for the world, the church, our neighbours, and ourselves.
- ✝ The Rev. Erflin Browne has returned to the Trinidad Conference to take up his substantive appointment. Thanks be to God for grace and favour.
- ✝ The Provincial Board will meet in Tobago from August 15 – 21, 2024. Please pray for the Provincial Board as they seek to be faithful in their leadership of the Province at this time.
- ✝ Sis. Monique Richards, Lay Minister of Christian Education/Lay Pastor in the Virgin Islands Conference, has resigned her office, effective July 31, 2024. Sis. Richards has served in this capacity since March 2019. The Provincial Board expresses sincere thanks to Sis. Richards for her dedication and commitment to the work of ministry over many years. As Sis. Richards migrates, the Provincial Board wishes her well. May the Spirit of God order her steps.
- ✝ 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.

3. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

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

4. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.

5. 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.
6. 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



### 19. Did you know that ...

Counting both levels, there are 36 push-out arched windows within the building. Sharon has, through the years, still maintained the wooden frame of the original design, despite the repeated damage from the severe weathering to which the building is exposed.



## 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. 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***





# Certificate in **DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP**

## Target Audience

All levels of congregational leaders (including clergy)  
Information technology specialists within the congregation  
General church membership

**Date of Course**  
July 27 - August 31, 2024  
9:00AM - 12:00 PM  
**(Saturdays Only)**  
**Online Only**

**Early Bird Registration**  
JMD 18,000 or  
USD 115  
**Ends July 13, 2024**

**Regular Registraton**  
JMD 20,000 or  
USD 128  
**Ends July 24, 2024**



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featuring:*

*The Barbados Defence Force Band  
The Faith Moravian Choir  
& other specially invited performers*

**Sunday July 28th, 2024**  
4pm - 6 pm

**Admission**  
\$25

📍 Faith Moravian , Six Roads, St. Philip

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE**

*Please contact Sis. Dillis 572-1107 or Sis. Joanie 263-1240  
for further information*