



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday)**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** With joy we gather and celebrate the grace of Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our hearts and minds be lifted heavenward as we worship.

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**WATCHWORD:** *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!*  
(Psalm 97:12)

**Provincial Theme 2025:**

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

A Litany for Ascension (Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!” – Psalm 98:4*

Offertory Hymn: 141 – *“Crown Him with many crowns”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

Provincial Day of Prayer – *Let us pray*

- ✙ The 34th Provincial Synod in general and the business of Synod in particular to include the election of a bishop.
- ✙ For safety and protection during the upcoming hurricane season.
- ✙ For students and teachers during the exam season.

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16 – 34 – Bro. Victor Hurdle

Second Scripture Reading: John 17:20 – 26 – Bro. Shamar Watson

Choir Anthem – *“Lord of All”*

Sermon – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Musical Interlude / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

### HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn: 571 – *“My God, And Is Thy Table Spread”*

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 566 – *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*  
561 – *“I Am The Bread Of Life”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 558 – *“We Come Now To You Table Lord”*  
579 – *“Communion Of My Saviour’s Blood”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 588 – *“For The Bread And For The Wine”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving



**Covenant Hymn: 597 – “We Are One In The Spirit”**  
**The Blessing**  
**Organ Postlude**



**Organ Prelude**  
**Introit – Choir**  
**Invitation to Worship**



## **LITANY FOR ASCENSION**

*All standing.*

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors;  
*The King of glory shall come in.*

Who is this King of glory?  
*The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.*

Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift them up, O everlasting doors;  
*The King of glory shall come in.*

Who is this King of glory?  
*The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens,  
*And his kingdom rules over all.*

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;  
*To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever: Amen.*

**Hymn # 136**

**C.M.D.**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.  
Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;

Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.

2 Ye prophets who our freedom won,  
Ye searchers, great and small,  
By whom the work of truth is done,  
Now crown him Lord of all.  
Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.

3 Bless him, each poor oppressèd race  
That Christ did upward call;  
His hand in each achievement trace,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthrall:  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all.

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The Father of glory has raised Christ from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also that which is to come. He has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

***We see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels, who suffered and died, now crowned with glory and honour.***

By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

***Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.***

Jesus said: In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

***If we be risen with Christ, let us seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.***

O most merciful Saviour, as you have risen from the dead:

***May we also rise to newness of life.***

As you have ascended to the Father:

***May we set our affections on things above.***

As you are seated at the right hand of God:

***May we be confident of final triumph.***

As you are our Intercessor:

***May we rejoice in forgiveness and peace.***

As you sent the Comforter:

***May we, led by him, follow in your footsteps.***

And when you appear in glory:

***May we see you as you are, and enter into your joy.***

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing.

***Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.***

### **Blessing And Honour, Glory And Power**

Blessing and honour, glory and power

be unto the Ancient of Days.

From every nation, all of creation

bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in Heaven and Earth shall declare your glory,  
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship.

You will be exalted, O God,  
and your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.

Blessing and honour...

Bridge:

*Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days;  
for none can compare to your matchless worth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.*

Every tongue in Heaven and Earth...





## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS INCLUDING

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!” – Psalm 98:4*

### **Offertory Hymn: 141 –**

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne:  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love:  
Behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace:  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years:  
The potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.



## Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



### Offertory Doxology:

**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



### Provincial Day of Prayer – Let us pray

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## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading: Acts 16: 16 – 34 – Bro. Victor Hurdle

16. And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
17. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.
18. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
19. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20. And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,
21. And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.
22. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.
23. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:
24. Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
26. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
27. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.
29. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
32. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
34. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.





## Second Scripture Reading: John 17: 20 – 26 – Bro. Shamar Watson

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.
26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.



## Choir Anthem – “Lord of All”



## Sermon – – Rev. David Ince



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



## The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.* *Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.* *Amen.*

*A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:*

Lift up your hearts:

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst

make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**AMEN.**



## Hymn 571 –

My God, and is Thy table spread?  
And does Thy cup with love o'erflow?  
Thither be all Thy children led,  
And let them all its sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,  
Rich banquet of His flesh and blood!  
Thrice happy he who here partakes  
That sacred stream, that heavenly food.

O let Thy table honoured be,  
And furnished well with joyful guests;  
And may each soul salvation see,  
That here its sacred pledges tastes.

Refresh thy thirsting people, Lord,  
And bid our drooping graces live;  
And more, that energy afford  
A Saviour's love alone can give.



*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, '*Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.*'

*The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.*



### **Hymn 566 –**

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.



### **Hymn 561 –**

'I am the bread of Life', our Saviour said.  
Feed on Him, and your souls for e'er shall live;  
Drink freely from His fountain, sweet and pure,  
And dwell in bliss with Him forevermore.

‘I am the Shepherd-Good’, our Saviour said.  
Safe and secure He’ll keep you in His fold;  
Be not afraid when danger cometh nigh,  
Your caring Shepherd will defend your cry.

‘I am the Way, the Truth, I am the Life’ –  
Proclaimed our loving Saviour, God’s dear Son;  
Walk in His footsteps, His true Word believe,  
And by Your faith, the light of life, receive.

‘I am the resurrection and the Life’ –  
Declared our mighty Saviour, and our Lord;  
He’ll raise you from a state of helplessness,  
To live with Him in peace and righteousness.



***All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.***

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ’s body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:***

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,  
Have mercy, O Lord.***



***All stand***

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*’

***The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.***



## Hymn 558 –

We come now to your table Lord,  
You are the Living Bread.  
We come now to your table Lord,  
Let every soul be fed.  
You are the Living Bread,  
Let every soul be fed,  
And now may every soul be fed,  
With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us  
Your sacred blood was shed,  
We drink the cup, it was for us  
You suffered pain and bled;  
Your sacred blood was shed,  
You suffered pain and bled;  
We drink the cup, it was for us  
Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us,  
The sacred Bread and Wine,  
A holy feast transforming us,  
That makes our lives divine;  
The sacred Bread and Wine,  
That makes our lives divine;  
A holy feast transforming us,  
This Bread and Wine.



## Hymn 579 –

Communion of my Saviour's blood,  
In him to have my lot and part,  
To prove the virtue of that flood  
Which burst on Calvary from his heart;  
  
To feed by faith on Christ, my bread,  
His body broken on the tree,  
To live in him, my living Head,  
Who died and rose again for me;



This be my joy and comfort here,  
This pledge of future glory mine;  
Jesus in spirit now appear,  
And break the bread, and pour the wine.

From thy dear hand may I receive  
The tokens of thy dying love;  
And, while I feast on earth, believe  
That I shall feast with thee above.



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*



### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 588**

For the bread and for the wine,  
For the pledge that seals Him mine,  
For the words of love divine,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,  
Bidding all our sorrows cease,  
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye  
To the cross of Calvary,

Bidding us in faith draw nigh,  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,  
Type of Him on whom we feed,  
Him who liveth and was dead;  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;  
As we at His table sup,  
Eye and heart are lifted up!  
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.*



## Covenant Hymn: 597 –

We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our Love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride.

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the News  
That God is in our land.



### *The Blessing:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

*In the name of Jesus. AMEN.*

*All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.*



### Organ Postlude



## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome: With joy we gather and celebrate the grace of Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May our hearts and minds be lifted heavenward as we worship.



Sharon:

Belated: *Lorenzo Carmichael (29<sup>th</sup>)*

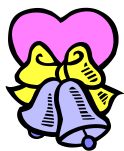
Today: *Sharon Greaves*

Advanced *Wendell Brathwaite & Kareem Forde (5<sup>th</sup>), Emelda Charles-Clarke (6<sup>th</sup>), Christopher Greenidge & Athelstan Lawrence (7<sup>th</sup>)*



Dunscombe:

Advanced *Donte Legall (7<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Richard & Sis. Marcia Coombs who will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 4, 2025.*



## 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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

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

### This Week at Sharon:

✝ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

✝ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

✝ Wednesday: Bible Study (Forgiveness) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

✝ Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

✝ Saturday: Reaffirmation of Baptism – 8:00 a.m. Batts Rock Beach.

✝ Next 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 June 2025:

✝ Grace Hill's Annual Barbados Police Band Concert: *A Musical Celebration of Hope and Praise* – Saturday, 14th. Tickets - \$30.

✝ Father's Day – 15th

✝ A Service of Appreciation for Sis Corlette Garnes – Sunday, 22nd, Clifton Hill Moravian Church at 4:00 p.m.

✝ Exchange of Pulpit – Sunday, 29th



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

### 1. From the Provincial Board:

1.1. The next Provincial Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, June 1, 2025. Pastors are asked to set aside time during worship for intentional prayer. In addition to the general prayer points, please pray intentionally for: (1) The 34th Provincial Synod in general and the business of Synod in particular to include the election of a bishop. (2) For safety and protection during the upcoming hurricane season. (3) For students and teachers during the exam season.

1.2. Pastor Chioma Henry, who recently graduated from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has accepted a call to serve as the Minister of Christian Education in the Barbados Conference. This

call takes effect on August 1, 2025.

- 1.3. Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference and Pastor of Nisky Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted furlough from July 26 – November 25, 2025. During his absence, Rev. Dr. Jeremy Francis, Pastor of the Friedensberg Moravian Church, will serve as Acting Superintendent.
- 1.4. Rev. Dr. Bonnie Smith, Interim Pastor of the Cana Moravian Church and Minister of Christian Education in the Antigua Conference, requested and was granted furlough from July 31 – November 30, 2025.
- 1.5. Rev. Kirk Barker, Pastor of the New Herrnhut Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands Conference, was granted special leave from June 9, 2025 – August 10, 2025.
- 1.6. Lay Pastor Ivyn Williams officially retires as a Lay Pastor of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on May 31, 2025. Lay Pastor Williams was commissioned on April 12, 1998. Before his commissioning, he gave dedicated service to the St. Kitts Conference over many years in various capacities. As Bro. Williams proceeds to official retirement, the Provincial Board expresses profound thanks for his commitment and dedication to God and the church.
- 1.7. The Provincial Board shares the sad news of the death of a colleague and brother, Rev. Dr. Frank Barker. Bro. Barker died in Miami, Florida on May 29, 2025 – Ascension Day. Bro. Barker was a native of Barbados and candidated for pastoral ministry in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province from the Clifton Hill Moravian congregation in 1959. He was ordained to Word and Sacrament on August 15, 1963. He served the St. Kitts (1963-1966), Antigua (1966-1971) and Barbados (1971-1975) Conferences. He served the Moravian Church in North America from 1978-2005. After retirement, he served as the Moravian Tutor and Warden at United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica from 2006 – 2012. Bro. Barker gave himself extensively for the cause of Christ and the gospel and touched many lives. The Provincial family expresses sincere condolences to his wife, Sis. Gloria Barker, their children, and the extended family. Let us pray for the family as they journey through this place of grief and loss.
- 1.8. The Provincial family extends condolences to Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts on the death of her brother, Wayne Moore of Tobago, on May 30, 2025 at age 65 years.
- 1.9. We also extend condolences to Rev. Dr. Errol Connor on the death of his aunt, Clarian Connor of Anguilla, at age 95 years.



**1.10. The Provincial Board invites all members of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province to pray for the election of a Bishop during the in-person sessions of the 34th Provincial Synod – July 10-16, 2025. Let us pray that the will and purposes of God are accomplished in this election process and in all matters at Synod. The Book of Order chapter 10.3.b states, “The office of a Bishop in the Moravian Church is spiritual. He/she is Pastor Pastorum. A Bishop must be one of experience, who enjoys the confidence of the ministerial staff. A Bishop has no power by virtue of his/her office, but may obtain such power from the Provincial Synod or the P.E.C.” May the Spirit of God grant us the discernment needed in this moment.**

**2. Synod Advisory:**

**2.1. Bishop Conrad Spencer has been requested to ordain Pastor Marleen Browne to the diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of ordination will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad. Please pray for Sis. Browne as she prepares to take her vows.**

**2.2. The Opening Service for the 34th Provincial Synod, will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad at 9:00 a.m. The service will be streamed live.**

**2.3. The Closing Service for the 34th Provincial Synod will take place on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad. This service will be streamed live.**

**2.4. Please continue to pray for the 34th Provincial Synod that the purpose of God is established.**

**3. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts 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. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.</b>	<b>Bro. Victor Hurdle</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>

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 closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

4.1. We are still open to contributions under our “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.



5. 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.
6. We are thankful for your financial support.
  - 6.1. 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.
  - 6.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - 6.3. 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.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
  - 7.1. 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.
  - 7.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
  - 7.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](https://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
  - 7.4. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## PRAYER NEEDS:



### 1. Our Shut-ins:

1.1 Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

1.2. Dunscombe: *Sis. Carmen Harper*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Bro. David King (QEH – B5)*

3. The Bereaved: *Sis. Shelah Clarke-Parris and family on the passing of her daughter, Jennifer.*

4. World Peace



## AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† **Offering Envelopes for 2025** – 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 2025** – 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.



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## Provincial Theme 2025:

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

The focus for 2025 will be: **Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.**

***“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***

