



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



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

Philippians 4:19 KJV

FOR HE SAYS: "IN THE TIME OF
FAVOR I HEARD YOU, AND IN THE
DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU."

BEHOLD, NOW IS THE TIME OF
FAVOR; NOW IS THE DAY OF
SALVATION!

- 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2



Sunday, June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: O for a thousand tongues to sing [our] dear Redeemer's praise. We blend our voices today and we sing of the goodness of God. Welcome to this service of worship – whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May hearts be refreshed as we worship. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. *(Psalm 107:1)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation To Worship (Psalm 145:1):

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Congregation: *Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.*

All: *Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.*

Hymn 461 – “Let All The World In Every Corner Sing!”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1 – 3, 23 – 32

Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

Offertory Hymn: 464 – “I Will 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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Job 38:1 – 11

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1 – 13

Choir Anthem – *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Sermon – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 282 – *“Mighty God, We Humbly Pray”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Hymn 461 –

Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’

Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’



Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1 – 3, 23 – 32

1. O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
24. These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.
25. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.
28. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32. Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.



Prayer & the Lord's Prayer



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

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

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



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Job 38: 1 – 11

1. Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
2. Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
3. Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
4. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
5. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
6. Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
7. When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8. Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?
9. When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,
10. And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,
11. And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?



Second Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13

1. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
2. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)
3. Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:
4. But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5. In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;
6. By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,
7. By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,
8. By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;
9. As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;
10. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.
11. O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.
12. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.
13. Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.



Choir Anthem – “Now Thank We All Our God”



Sermon – – Rev. David Ince



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 282 –

Mighty God, we humbly pray,
 Let thy power so bear the sway,
 That in all things we may show
 That we in thy likeness grow.

Grant that all of us may prove,
 By obedience, faith, and love,
 That our hearts to thee are given,

That our treasure is in heaven.

May it in our walk be seen,
That we have with Jesus been,
That as King o'er us he reigns,
And unrivalled sway maintains.

Then shall we in every state,
Soul and body dedicate
Unto him who for us died,
Till with him we're glorified.



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Advanced: John Chandler (24th), Tahlia Miller (25th), Mavis Sandiford (26th), Marcia Springer (27th), Danielle Greenidge-Griffith, Carol Martindale, Lawrence Moore {95yrs.} & Philippa Smith (28th)



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 Minor Prophets) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.

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

† Next Sunday: COME BACK SUNDAY

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Activities in the Month of July 2024:

† Annual Convention – Sunday, 7th, 9:30 a.m. at Sharon.

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

† The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. 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.

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

† “Come Back Sunday” – Sunday June 30, 2024. For all who ever visited or attended Sharon; all who were baptized, married, attended Sunday School, VBS, Primary School or were associated with Sharon in any way. We would be happy to welcome you.

† Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024. The cost is \$200.

✝ We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars 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.



3. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
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 st 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 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 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/) 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

✝ 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



16. The garden on the western side of the sanctuary was originally in the shape of the map of Barbados, with the north pointing down the gap. The bathroom end, however, has been redesigned. The Rose of Sharon tree is planted in the center – symbolic of the parish of St Thomas, where the church is located.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
† **Of our congregation:** *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA).*
3. **The Bereaved:** *We express condolences and pray for Sis. Shirley Cadogan and family on the passing of her mother, Corline Jordan. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens on Thursday, June 27, 2024 commencing at 2:00 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.



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“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

