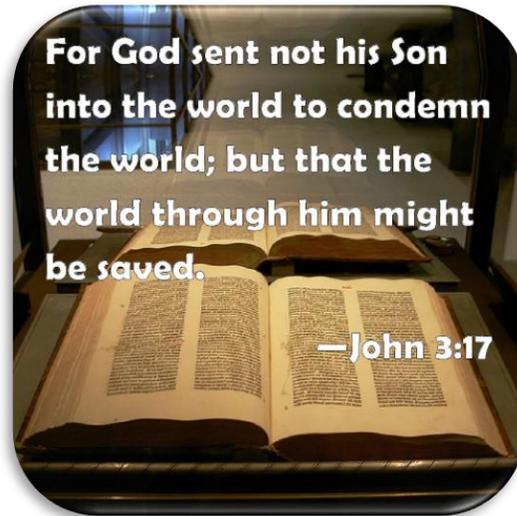




SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

**Beginning of the Unity of the Brethren in Bohemia –
March 1, 1457**

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad, as we celebrate 569 years since the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457). A special welcome to the Hon. Gregory Nicholls, MP for St. Thomas who is with us today. We give thanks to God for the call to faith and service, and for the mission of which we are a part today. We are glad you have joined us. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have everlasting life.
(John 3:16)

Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

SEASON OF
LENT

Create in me a clean
heart, O God,
and renew a right
spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10

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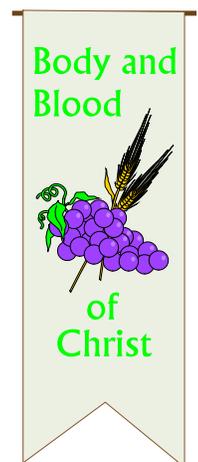
202 – *“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”*

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**Prelude
Introit – Choir
Call to Worship**



Litany for the Observance of Moravian Festivals

(Appropriate for usage on March 1, July 6 & August 13)

All standing

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God;

And a great King above all gods.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord;

And to sing praises unto your name, O most high.

To show forth your lovingkindness in the morning;

And your faithfulness every night.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Tune: OLD 124th

Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him,
With eagerness of heart and strength of limb,
Brave in endeavor, with young vision clear,
And high thanksgiving for God's purpose here –
Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow him.

In loving service may our lives be spent,
Finding in others' gladness sweet content,
Striving to show the brotherhood of man,

Of God's ordaining since the world began –
In loving service may our lives be spent.

1934. Dorothy A. Connor

Let us pray

(All seated)

Loving Lord, we worship and adore you, the source of our strength and our salvation. We praise and thank you for every blessing in this life. We recognize your goodness to us and give you thanks for your mercies which come to us afresh day by day. We acknowledge that, as the sheep of your pasture, we lack nothing. We thank you for walking with us all along life's way. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have taken your goodness for granted and have behaved as though we are masters of our own lives. Create new hearts within us, Lord, so that we may live according to your will for us. In your name, Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

You have given us life and provided all things necessary;
You have led us day by day and protected us from harm and danger;
You have given us strength to overcome temptation and victory over the power of the enemy.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You have given us the example of your disciples, who faithfully built your Church;
You have given us faithful leaders who followed your path even when it led to death;
You have given us ancestors who remained faithful to you in spite of the persecution they suffered.

Let us praise God for his goodness, and for his marvellous works to all his creatures.

You touched the disciples on the Day of Pentecost and anointed them to preach the Good News to every nation;
You touched our ancestors on that day of renewal, causing them to truly love, and to forgive each other;

Come, Holy Spirit, and touch us now.

You give us men and women in this day who serve you diligently;
You raise up young and old whom you have blessed to bless others;
You give to all people varied talents and skills which we may use for your honour and glory.

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are created!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end: they

are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

When to our golden heritage
We take another look;
We see our fathers living there
As one in unity,
Let us therefore seek to emulate
This great example set;
It's strength through unity.

*Rise up now all ye Moravians
Rise up now all ye Moravians,
Rise up now all ye Moravians
And fight for unity.*

Come let us make this pledge to God
And to our brothers all;
To give to God the glory
And our brother, sisters, love;
So the world shall be the richer and
His peace will flood our lives,
From strength through unity.

1980. Neilson Waithe

O God our loving Father, we thank you:
For the service of your servants, rendered in our church through the years.
For their commitment to service and their loyalty to you;
For their strength of character and their patience in tribulation;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Hus who bravely stood for honesty in service and integrity in witness;
For his boldness to stand in favour of the standards of God whilst standing against
the institutions of his day,
For his courage to face death by fire because of his Christian conviction;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For John Amos Comenius who assisted persecuted Christians in finding refuge;
For his prayer for the church that God might preserve a 'hidden seed to glorify his
name';

For that 'hidden seed' which sprung to life nearly a century later;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Christian David who continued the labour of finding refuge for our persecuted ancestors;

For his encounter with Count Zinzendorf and the Count's willingness to 'give these Christians land whilst Christ gave them rest';

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For Count Zinzendorf's encounter with the slave Anthony and his zeal in leading the Moravians into mission;

For the commitment of David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober, our first missionaries;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For the first missionaries to our islands and the many who followed to share the Good News;

For the early planters who gave of their land and support to this work;

We give you thanks; O Lord.

For these 569 years of worship, witness and work of the Moravian Church worldwide;

For the 294 years of missionary activity;

For the 294 years of service in our Province of the Moravian Church;

For the 261 years of existence of the Moravian Church in this country;

We thank you, O Lord, for your faithfulness to us through the years, and for the many who have labored faithfully throughout time and those who continue faithfully to do so today.

And now, O Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister: bless all those who follow in your steps. Give us each the courage to follow in their steps. Grant us zeal and patience to serve as following one Master and looking for one reward. Endue us with wisdom to pray, not for tasks equal to our strength, but rather for strength equal to our tasks. Lead us to the joy of service for the Master and loving commitment to his will. So may his duty be our delight. ***Amen.***

All standing

Tune: AURELIA

When time rolls on with purpose,
Yes, purpose and with goals,
Concealed, but not forgotten
Until this day unfolds,
And now we celebrate you,
Though struggles come with woes,
Abiding by your promise,
That where we go, He goes.

Sing praises to the Father;
Sing praises to the Son,
For past-time generations
And future souls to come;
O Lord of time and wonder,
We feel your presence here:
Release your power upon us
And give us hearts to care.

Sing Alleluia! Praise Him!
We raise our voices now:
We thank You, Holy Father
For missionaries' vows:
A loud Hosanna sing we
For what we are today;
For blessings past and present,
We now our homage pay.

Elva Kitson, d. 2011



Worship in Tithes & Offerings (including UNITY OFFERING)

Offertory Sentence: *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Pet. 4:10, NIV).*

Offertory Hymn: 399 –

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on many a page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness;
‘One Church, one Faith, one Lord.’

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King’s feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming

‘One Church, one Faith, one Lord.’

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded:

‘One Church, one Faith, one Lord.’

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so; in God’s deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
‘One Church, one Faith, one Lord.’

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
Thy victory shall be won;
And then by men and angels
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
‘One Church, one Faith, one Lord.’



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & 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



Greetings from the Hon. Gregory Nicholls, MP for St. Thomas



Notices



Adoration in Song



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: **Genesis 12: 1 – 4**

1. Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
4. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.



Second Scripture Reading: **John 3:1 – 17**

1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
11. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?
13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.
14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



Choir Anthem – “*We Will Remember You*”



Sermon – *Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



Hymn 192 –

‘Come unto me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.’
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love which cannot cease.

‘Come unto me, dear wanderers,
and I will give you light.’
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way,
But thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

‘Come unto me, ye fainting,
and I will give you life.’
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long,
But thou hast made us mighty,
And stronger than the strong.

‘And whosoever cometh
I will not cast him out.’
O welcome voice of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which calls us, very sinners,
Unworthy though we be
Of love so free and boundless,
To come, dear Lord, to thee!



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.*



Eucharistic Verse: 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.



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 560 –

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransomer from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



Hymn 165 –

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.



Hymn 390 –

Jesus, our best beloved friend,
Draw out our souls in pure desire;
Jesus, in love to us descend;
Baptize us with thy Spirit's fire.

On thy redeeming name we call,
Poor and unworthy though we be;
Pardon and sanctify us all;
Let each thy full salvation see.

Our souls and bodies we resign,
To fear and follow thy commands;
O take our hearts; our hearts are thine,
Accept the service of our hands.

Firm, faithful, watching unto prayer,
May we thy blessed will obey;
Toil in thy vineyard here, and bear
The heat and burden of the day.

Yet, Lord, for us a resting-place
In heaven, at thy right hand prepare;
And till we see thee face to face,
Be all our conversation there.



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.*



Eucharistic Verse: Hymn 566 –

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.



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 190 –

Thy life was given for me,
Thy blood, O Lord, was shed
That I might ransomed be,

And quickened from the dead:
Thy life was given for me;
What have I given for thee?

Thou, Lord, hast borne for me
More than my tongue can tell
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue me from hell:
Thou sufferedst all for me;
What have I borne for thee?

And thou hast brought to me
Down from thy home above
Salvation full and free,
Thy pardon and thy love:
Great gifts thou broughtest me;
What have I brought to thee?

O let my life be given,
My years for thee be spent,
World-fetters all be riven,
And joy with suffering blent:
Thou gav'st thyself for me;
I give myself to thee!



Hymn 202 –

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.



Hymn 166 –

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he would love
A child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful,
If he could die my love to win.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.



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 – 250

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first lovèd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



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: 447 –

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,
He is our chief object by day and by night;
This knits us together, no longer we roam,
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



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 to all our members and friends, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad, as we celebrate 569 years since the founding of the Moravian Church (March 1, 1457). A special welcome to the Hon Gregory Nicholls, MP for St. Thomas who is with us today. We give thanks to God for the call to faith and service, and for the mission of which we are a part today. We are glad you have joined us. Welcome.



Advanced: Cynthia Odle (2nd), Brenda Herbert (4th), Heather Beckles (5th), Carlos Knight & Chloris Hicks (6th)



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: **UNITY SUNDAY**

† Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

THIS WEEK

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † 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: Lenten Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Church Leaders Retreat at Sharon from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- † 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 March 2026:

- † Unity Sunday – 1st. No March of Witness. Postponed until later in 2026.
- † World Day of Prayer – Friday, 6th
- † Church Leaders’ Retreat – Saturday, 7th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., for the Joint Board and the leaders of our groups and organisations. The focus for our retreat will be the first pillar of our Provincial Theme: “*Grounded in Faith.*”
- † Harvest Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 8th
- † Mount Tabor Harvest Fair – Saturday, 14th, 11:30 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor – Sunday, 15th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 21st, 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Theological Education Sunday – 22nd.
- † Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday, 22nd, 3:30 p.m.
- † Women’s Fellowship Health Fair – Saturday, 29th
- † Moramus Singers Palm Sunday Production – 29th



The Church Choir is having a fish cake sale after church next Sunday. On sale will be fish cakes and bread & twos. Please support this fundraiser



Our annual Fish Fry will be held on Easter Monday – April 6, 2026. Tickets will soon be available. Donations are being accepted as usual.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. **Church Leaders Retreat 2026** – Our annual Church Leaders Retreat is slated for Saturday 7th March 2026, at the Sharon Moravian Church Complex, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Our Provincial Theme for this triennium is *“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”* and thus the focus for our retreat will be based on the first pillar *“Grounded in Faith.”*
 - 1.1. Pastor Dwight Saul of the Nazarene Church will present on the general theme *“Grounded in Faith”* from the perspective of the life of a Christian and Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris and Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith will present on the topic *“Grounded in Faith – as a Moravian.”* After lunch, we will end our time together by sharing in the Cup of Covenant.
 - 1.2. The registration link is attached below and should be filled out by Monday, 2nd March 2026. Also, the \$20.00 registration fee should be collected and brought to the Conference office no later than Wednesday, 4th March 2026.
 - 1.3. Let us all come with an open mind and an expectant heart to receive what God has in store for us, so that we can continue to serve God’s church and God’s people, fervently grounded in faith!
 - 1.4. Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/mM8772DVATTiQy2h7>
2. **Our Joint Board and Delegates to Island conference are as follows:**

Elders

Sis. Hazel Carter
Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
Sis. Merville Franklyn
Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
Sis. Waveney Hinds
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Bro. Victor Hurdle
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
Bro. Anthony Ifill
Bro. Steven King
Bro. Edwin Sandiford
Sis. Grace Sandiford
Sis. Ismay Straker

Stewards

Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Joy Best
Bro. Patrick Cadogan
Sis. Jennifer Clarke
Sis. Sian Cumberbatch
Bro. Darwin Dottin
Sis Charlene Ellis
Sis. Evelyn Greenidge
Sis. Sonia King
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Brenda Mascoll
Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard

Delegates To Island Conference

Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Margaret Best
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall (Alternate)

3. From the Provincial Board:

3.1. Sunday, March 1, 2026 will mark the 569th anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Unity. This church was born out of a need for renewal in the wider church at that time. As we celebrate another anniversary, may the Holy Spirit continue to renew and refresh us to serve this time and season.

3.2. The Unity Prayer Day Offering for 2026 will benefit the Moravian Unity Cultural Heritage Foundation (MUCHF). The purpose of MUCHF is supporting preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures considered cultural heritage, belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity.

3.3. March 1, 2026 is also Provincial Day of Prayer. It was March 1, 2020 that Provincial Day of Prayer came into being. As we begin our seventh year, let us be even more intentional to set aside time to pray together as a Province. These prayer points are suggested:

- † The Ministry of the Moravian Church in this Province**
 - † For people to answer the call to ministry**
 - † Moravian Institute**
 - † Project Eirene**
 - † The Grenada Mission**
 - † The Moravian Unity**
 - † Other prayer points may be added based on the local context.**
- Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord!**

4. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



MORAVIAN HISTORY CUSTOMS



The Moravian Church – March of Witness Part 2

The March of Witness is celebrated in Barbados and other Moravian conferences, particularly within the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP). The March is usually held on Unity Sunday, the 1st Sunday in March, celebrating the 1457 founding of the Unitas Fratrum.

Sunday March 1, will mark the 569th anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (Moravian Church). At this time, the Moravian Church will also honour its roots as the first Protestant denomination, established 60 years before the Lutheran Reformation. In the meantime, Barbados is celebrating 260 years of the Moravian mission in Barbados.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

5. 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.
 - 5.1. 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.



6. 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.
7. We are thankful for your financial support.
 - 7.1. 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.
 - 7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - 7.3. 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 for these details.
8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
 - 8.1. 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.

- 8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 8.3. 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>).
- 8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:
 - a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes.*
3. The Bereaved: *We extend condolences and pray for:*
 - † *Sis. Tracy Barker-Linton and family on the passing of her husband, Louis Linton*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Offering Envelopes for 2026 – 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.
- † Moravian Daily Text 2026: **SOLD OUT**
- † 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 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**

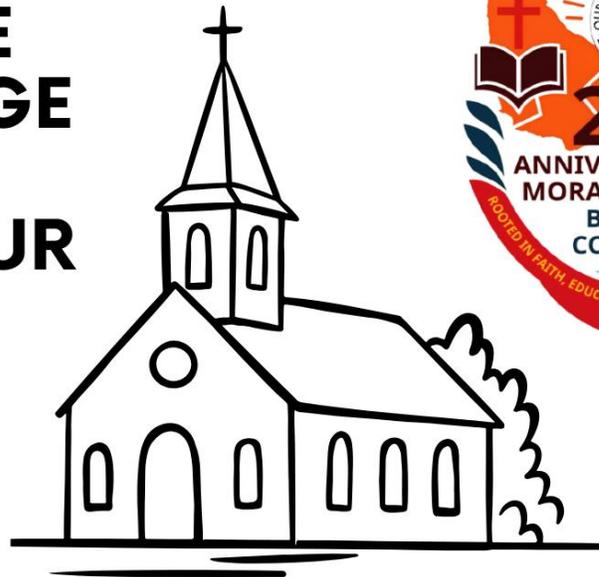
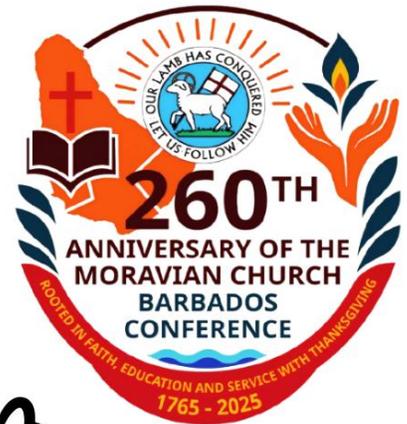


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MONTH OF OCTOBER

- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)	❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)
❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964)	❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)
❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)	❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834)
❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)	❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825)
❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)	❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)
❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)	

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