

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



Sunday, November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

HARVEST SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With grateful hearts we raise our voices in worship and thanksgiving. *To God be the glory, great things he has done.* Welcome to all, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

(Psalm 146:8)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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





ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 34:3):

Leader: *O magnify the Lord with me;*

People: *And let us exalt his name together.*

Hymn 495 – “*O Praise Ye the Lord!*”

Litany: Harvest p. 163 – CMP Liturgy Book /Projected

Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Now, our God, we give you thanks, and we praise your glorious name. Yet . . . I cannot really give you anything, because everything is a gift from you, and we have only given back what is yours already” (1 Chron. 29:13 –14, TEV).*

Offertory Hymn: 641 – “*O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration In Song: Hymn: 634 – “*Come Ye Thankful People, Come*”

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:8 – 16

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38 – 44

Choir Anthem – “ ”

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 326 – “*O For A Heart to Praise My God*”

Tune: Richmond – # 368

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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People: *And let us exalt his name together.*



Opening Hymn: 495 –

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured

All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!



HARVEST



All standing

Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim His greatness, tell the world what He has done for us daily.

We will sing praises to the Lord as we worship today.

O give thanks to the God of gods.

For his mercy endures forever.

Praise God; sing praises to Him always.

Our God deserves our praise, we will adore, worship and give Him thanks today.

Tune: NIAGARA – # 449

Yes, God is good; in earth and sky,
From ocean depths and spreading wood,
Ten thousand voices ever cry,
God made us all, and God is good.'

Yes, God is good, all nature says,
By God's own hand with speech endued;
And man, in louder notes of praise,
Should sing for joy that God is good

For all thy gifts we bless thee, Lord,
But chiefly for our heavenly food,
Thy pardoning grace, thy quickening word;
These prompt our song, that God is good.

John H. Gurney (1802 – 1862)

In the beginning when the earth was formless and void

God created the heavens and the earth.

Creator God, you said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruits after their own kind with seed in them, on the earth."

And it was so.

Let us pray:

God of creation, for our world we are thankful.

You have made a varied yet beautiful world.

For the beauty of the world and the glory of the skies;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For the mountains which stand in grandeur;

For the running streams which refresh the valleys;

For the trees and grass which protect our environment;

God of splendour, may we daily appreciate your created beauty.

For the peculiar beauty of our Caribbean lands and their peoples;

For miles of inviting beaches;

For the warmth and beauty of the sunshine;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the tropical birds, decorative shrubs and trees;

For the flowers that give testimony to the glory of God;

For the numerous fruits that bedeck the landscape – citrus, mangoes, pears, bananas, to name just a few;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

Tune: LUCERNA LAUDONIAE – # 459

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835 – 1917)

For each day that you lend us life;

For the love and care of family and friends;

For food, shelter, and clothing;

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For darkening the night, enabling necessary rest and sleep after the taxing activities of the day;

For the soft and soothing light of the moon and stars.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks.

For healthy bodies;

For strong limbs that till the soil and haul fish from the sea;

For other activities vital to our sustenance;

For sun, wind and rain which produce plant and animal life.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who work to preserve the environment;

For those who work to manufacture food;

For those who invest in agricultural pursuits;

We give you thanks, O God.

Lord of the harvest, we gather to give thanks and praise to you for the countless blessings from your bountiful store of grace. Be pleased to accept and bless these gifts we have placed before you today. On this day of worship, rejoicing and thanksgiving, we pray you to accept our gifts of food and money; our lives and talents. May we ever be reminded that everything comes from you and all things are yours. Pardon our poor and indifferent use of the world and your countless gifts to us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Together we confess our sins before God:

God of forgiveness, we confess that we have not been good to each other and have not loved as you have commanded. Give us again a heart of love, not only for each other within the family of God but especially for the lost. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us so that at your coming, we may receive our crown of righteousness, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Gracious God, we receive with gladness your forgiveness and we thank you for your grace at work among us. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may we go from here with renewed zeal to harvest souls for your Kingdom. As we do so, implant within our lives seeds of hope, peace and gratitude; in the name of Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Tune: by Noel Dexter

With thankful harvest song, Lord,
We lift our hearts to thee,
As in thy holy house we meet,
Where oft we bend the knee.
For fruits and flowers we praise thee,
For mind and body fed;

For crimson dawns, for sunsets,
And for our daily bread.

*Bless the Lord for beauty,
And abundant food.*

*Lift your hearts in thanks to him
And sing, 'The Lord is good'.*

Thou great and holy Giver,
With all thy gifts, we pray
Endue us with thy heavenly grace,
To walk the narrow way.
Thy meekness, lowly Jesus
To our proud hearts be given;
And while we journey onward
O make us fit for heaven.

Lena Kent d. 1961



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Now, our God, we give you thanks, and we praise your glorious name. Yet . . . I cannot really give you anything, because everything is a gift from you, and we have only given back what is yours already” (1 Chron. 29:13 –14, TEV).*

Offertory Hymn: 641 –

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,
To thee all praise and glory be;
How shall we show our love to thee,
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruits thy love declare;
Where harvests ripen, thou art there,
Who givest all.

For peaceful homes and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe thee thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all.

Thou didst not spare thine only Son,
But gav'st him for a world undone,
And freely with that blessèd One
Thou givest all.

Thou giv'st the Holy Spirit's dower,
Spirit of life and love and power,
And dost his sevenfold graces shower
Upon us all.

For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For means of grace and hopes of heaven,
What can to thee, O Lord, be given,
Who givest all?

We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to thee we lend,
Who givest all.

To thee, from whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give!
O may we ever with thee live,
Giver of all!



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.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song: 634 –

Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
Bring thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8 – 16

8. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,
9. Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
10. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
11. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
12. And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
13. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
14. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.
15. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.
16. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 12: 38 – 44

38. And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,
39. And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:
40. Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

41. And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.
42. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.
43. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:
44. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.



Choir Selection – “ ”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 326 –

O for a heart to praise my God,
 A heart from sin set free,
 A heart that's sprinkled with the blood
 So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
 My great Redeemer's throne,
 Where only Christ is heard to speak,
 Where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite, heart,
 Believing, true and clean,
 Which neither life nor death can part
 From him who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed
 And full of love divine,

Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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With grateful hearts we raise our voices in worship and thanksgiving. *To God be the glory, great things he has done.* Welcome to all, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Welcome.

Today: *Rachelle Jean-Marie & Marita Walrond*



Advanced: *Matthew Waithe & Calvison Maynard (11th), Linda Bryan-Carrington (12th), Aliyah Smith-Boucher, Alyssa Smith-Boucher & Denise Grant (14th), Kimoi Jones, Abigail King, Zahra Nicholls & Saadiq Prescod (15th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Kelvin & Sis. Hazel Carter who will celebrate their 41st Wedding Anniversary on November 12, 2024.



Some of the flowers today were donated by Sis. Joyce Adams, and also in memory of the late Sis. Ethel Hutson.



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 – HARVEST FESTIVAL

- † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † With our nation we also give thanks for and hold in remembrance the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for freedom in the two World Wars.
- † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- † Harvest Programme at 3:30 p.m.

† 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 4:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
 - † Board of Stewards Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093. We are studying the community of the Church.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Prayer Meeting – Saturday before Communion & Third Saturdays in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.
- † NEXT SUNDAY – SONGS & TESTIMONIES
 - † 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 November 2024:

- † Chief Elder Festival – On November 13, 1741 the announcement was made to all Moravian congregations that Christ is the Chief Elder of the Church.
- † The Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Cooperative Credit Union – Saturday, 16th, 4:00 p.m. at the Duncan C. Moore Centre. All members are asked to be present.
- † Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 17th, 8:00 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 17th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Rev. Ince on Vacation – October 28th – November 24th
- † Rev. Parris on Vacation – 11th – 24th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who supported our Missionary Festival on October 27, 2024. We raised \$13,509. Funds raised will go towards local missions, and to missionary endeavours across the region and the world through the various mission organisations of the Moravian Church.
 2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned include:
 - † Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024 – Tickets are available
 - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025, at the Hilton. Dinner – \$200.
 - † Planting of a Time Capsule – February 9, 2025
 - † Closing Service – February 9, 2025
- † We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. **Envelopes are available for collection.** For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



3. From the Provincial Board (P.E.C.):

✠ **The Provincial Family mourns the death of retired Pastor, Rev. Matthew Crooks. Bro. Crooks died on November 7, 2024 in Tobago. He served the Eastern West Indies Province in Barbados and Tobago from September 1992 to April 2003. His service was interrupted by illness. The Provincial family expresses sincere condolences to his widow, Sis Jasmin Crooks and their children Christal, Clifton, and Paul. Please pray for this family in their time of grief and loss.**

4. 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

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.

✠ 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.

7. 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.
8. The Board of Management of the Gracehill Moravian Preschool is seeking to employ a General Worker for the Preschool. The general worker shall: Sanitize and clean around the classrooms and other school areas in line with our policies and procedures • Assist in looking after all domestic duties to support the smooth running of the preschool • Assist in the daily cleaning of the kitchen • Follow a daily, as well as a weekly indoor cleaning regime, and deep cleaning regime to a high standard • Maintain a daily cleaning of the outdoors of the preschool • Sanitize and clean the bathrooms on a regular basis during the day • Ensure that all supplies required are there when needed; and manage stock levels • Adhere to all Health and Safety requirements as set out by the Ministry of Health. Applications are to be sent to: The Board of Management Gracehill Moravian Preschool, c/o Moravian Church Barbados Conference, D.C. Moore Centre, Sharon Complex, St. Thomas BB22136.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We acknowledge:

- † We acknowledge the donation of \$1,000 from Metra Limited.



The Past 225 Years

30. During these past 225 years, the congregation at Sharon has only sent 2 of its own into the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church – the Rev Duncan C. Moore and the Rev Rawle Belle.

The Harvest has truly been plentiful, but the labourers have been few.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*
2. **The Sick/Recovering:**
‡ *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. **The Bereaved:** We extend our condolences to and pray for:
‡ *Sis. Wendy Davis and family on the passing of her sister.*
‡ *Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke and the entire Waithe and Foster family on the passing of June Waithe; sister to Bro. Tyrone and niece to Sis. Sheila.*
4. **World Peace**



The Moravian Church Barbados Conference



presents

Christingle 2024

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

featuring

*The Moramus Singers of
Barbados*



**The Calvary Junior Choir
Children of the Conference**

Sunday, 1st December, 2024

5:00 p.m.

at

Clifton Hill Moravian Church

Clifton Hill,

St. Thomas.

\$25.00



**The men at Sharon
Moravian Church –
can they cook?**

Find out on

Saturday December 7, 2024

when
SHARON MEN
COOKING!

\$25.00

**Gets you a taste of their fare
in the D. C. Moore Centre,
Sharon, St. Thomas.**

1:00 p. m. – 4:00 p. m.

Refreshments on sale!