



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

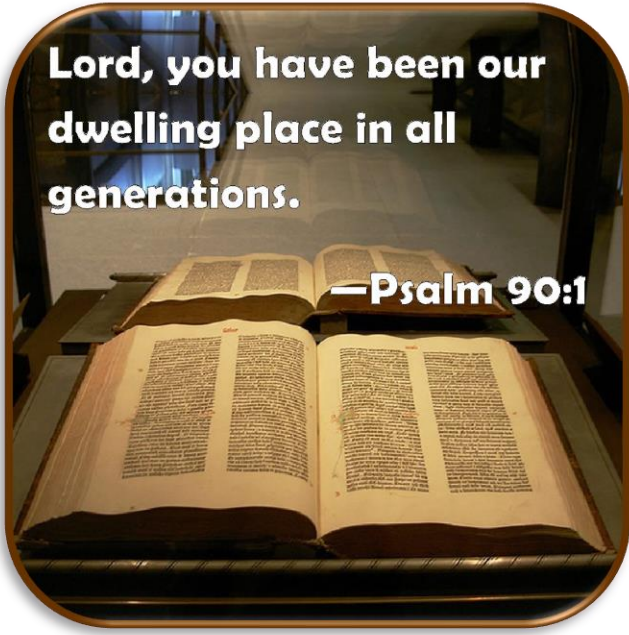
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**Lord, you have been our
dwelling place in all
generations.**

—Psalm 90:1

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We welcome all who are sharing in this act of worship today, including those who join in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Together, let us adore, give honour and praise to Jehovah, Creator of heaven and earth, and to his Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. *(Psalm 90:12)*

Provincial Theme 2020: “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 165 – *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Litany: Observance of Chief Elder p. 190 – Liturgy Book

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Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:1 – 12

Choir Anthem

Second Scripture Reading: John 14:15 – 24

Hymn 612 – *“We Hail You Chief Elder”*

Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 250 – *“My Jesus I Love Thee”*

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.



"Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole
world, from everlasting to
everlasting you are God."

Psalm 90:2

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.



OBSERVANCE OF CHIEF ELDER

All standing.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the world!

I will be glad and rejoice in you: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Tune: DER SABBATH – # 555

All hail, our Church's Elder dear,
 Jesus, her glorious Head,
 To thy disciples now appear,

**As risen from the dead;
Ourselves in covenant now bind,
With soul and strength, with heart and mind,
Through life, in death, on land, o'er sea,
Meekly to follow thee.**

James Montgomery (1771 – 1854)

Who is like unto you, O Lord, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

O Lord, there is none like unto you, neither is there any God beside you.

O Lord, of host, who is a strong Lord like unto you? Or to your faithfulness round about you?

Among the gods there is none like unto you, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto your works.

All seated.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O Lord, for all your greatness. We acknowledge you to be worthy of our adoration. We honour and worship you for your mighty works and your excellent name. We thank you for your abiding presence and your divine guidance. We lift up our hearts and our voices in exaltation and exultation.

Tune: SINNERS' REDEEMER - # 415

**'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord to thee;
Here at thy feet none other may we see:
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!**

Henry M. Butler (1833 – 1918)

Father, we thank you for the guidance given to our ancestors, as they followed your path. We thank you that they relied on you for direction in their affairs. We thank you that they looked to Christ for all leadership. We thank you that, in recognizing the task of leadership to be too awesome for any human element, they boldly named Christ as their Chief Elder. We thank you that they continued to depend upon the filling of the Holy Spirit for their daily strength, and faithfully fulfilled your mission as followers of the Lamb. Make us worthy of your love and the special relationship we share with you. *Amen.*

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

We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner Stone.

And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

All standing

Tune: WITTENBERG (RHAW) - # 366

**The Saviour's blood and righteousness
My beauty is, my glorious dress;
Thus well arrayed, I need not fear,
When in his presence I appear.**

**The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, even me, to atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.**

Nicolaus L. v Zinzendorf (1700 – 1760)

God also hath exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth:

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father.

These things we shall teach and exhort.

Wherefore hold fast the profession of your faith without wavering; and exhort one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.

Let us pray:

Chief Elder of your Church, we place you at the forefront of our worship and our lives. Like our ancestors of old, we declare you to be in absolute control. Remind us that we are but your servants.

Mould us into fit vessels for your service, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help each to fully surrender to you, and give vision to those who have been chosen to assist you specially and specifically in your Church. We join with the heavenly host saying: 'Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
Amen.

FESTAL DOXOLOGY

Unto the Lamb that was slain,
And hath redeemed us out of all nations of the earth;

Unto the Lord who purchased our souls for himself;
Unto that Friend who loved us, And loosed us from our sins by his own blood;
Who died for us once,
That we might die unto sin:
Who rose for us,
That we also might rise
Who ascended for us into heaven,
To prepare a place for us;
And to whom are subjected the angels, And powers, and dominions;
To him be glory at all times,
In the Church which waiteth for him, And in that which is around him,
From everlasting to everlasting: **Amen.**

On September 16, 1741, at a Synod following the retirement of Leonard Dober, the Moravian Church sought to elect a Chief Elder for its leadership. However, during this Synod it was decided that that role could only adequately be filled by Christ himself. This announcement was made throughout the Unity on November 13, 1741. This date has therefore been marked as the Recognition of Christ as the Chief Elder.



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***Today:** Kimoi Jones, Abigail King, Zahra Nicholls & Saadiq Prescod
Advanced: Sheila Browne, Mario Depeiza & Jerome Watts (17th), Kathryn Eversley, Dahlia Miller, Norma Nicholls & Velda Whittaker (19th), Jennifer Clarke, Rev. Ezra Parris & Shakaylah Wickham (21st)*



Congratulations to Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams who will celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary on November 19, 2020.



Flowers today were donated by Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- Today:** Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.
- Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
- Tuesday:** Women’s Fellowship – 5:00 p.m.
✝ Meeting of the Board of Stewards – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Online Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.



ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020:

- ✝ Rev. Parris on Vacation – 9th – 27th
- ✝ Chief Elder Festival – On November 13, 1741 the announcement was made to all Moravian congregations that Christ is the Chief Elder of the Church.
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 15th, 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ Independence CouCou Day – Saturday, 28th, D. C. Moore Centre, 11:30 am – 3:00 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We are thankful for all the support you gave to our Harvest Festival last week — in providing provisions and food of all sorts, making monetary offerings and contributions, decorating the sanctuary, preparing the hall, participating in the worship service and assisting with the sale of items. Thank you.
2. We say “Thank you” to those who supported our Missionary Festival held on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Rev Dr Mikie Roberts, Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and for Faith and Order at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland delivered the Sermon with the theme, *Tell Just One*. To date, we have raised \$13,261.45 towards our target of \$18,000. We commend the groups and individuals who contributed to the effort in any way.
3. From the PEC: The Moravian family in the Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to the Rev. Dr. Charles Peters and family, retired Moravian Pastor in the Virgin Islands, on the death of his daughter Sis. Kristi Peters. Sis. Kristi died on October 29, 2020. The funeral service will be held on November 14, 2020 at Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas. Please pray for Bro. Peters and family in their time of grief.
4. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!

- ✝ Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for Whitsuntide Weekend 2021 – May 22-24.
- ✝ The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.
- 5. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
- ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
- ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
- ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet 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.
- 6. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
- 7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
- 8. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).
- 9. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route on Sundays. The Route to and from Sharon remains: Quarry Road (8:30 a.m.), Redman's Village (8:35), Padmore Village (8:45), Melrose, Edge Hill Terrace (8:50), Canewood, Jackson Tenantry (9:00 a.m.), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Erla Reid, Carol St. John.*

The Sick / Recovering: *Sis Eula Gibbs & Bro Sydney Gibson (QEH).*



The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: The Barker family on the passing of Sis. Candace Barker's niece Janelle in the USA.*



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 90:1 – 12

1. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.
5. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
6. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.



Choir Anthem



Second Scripture Reading: John 14:15 – 24

- 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
- 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
- 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
- 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
- 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.



Hymn of Preparation: 612 –

**We hail you Chief Elder, our Jesus and King!
On this Festal Day, all tributes we bring:
Of praise and thanksgiving, devotion and love,
You, only are worthy, our dear Lord, above.**

**Our Leader, our Teacher, our Ruler and Guide,
May we, day by day, Lord, stay close by Your side –
Your teachings to follow, Your wisdom to see –
That like You, O Lord, we'll aspire to be.**

**We praise You, we thank You, our Saviour and Friend,
We'll love You and serve You, until our life's end;
In Your strength we'll conquer, all evils around,
For with You, our Saviour, rich graces abound.**

**Our blessings, dear Father, for Jesus, Your Son,
All Righteous, all Holy, the only true One;
Our Church's Chief Elder, He always will be.
Till we meet in heaven, when His face we see.**



Sermon – – *Rev. Movelle Kellman*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 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.



Benediction



AVAILABLE:

- Offering Envelopes for 2020 – 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– 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
- On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker– \$25.00; Provocation– \$20.
- The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.

7. **There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.**
8. **Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.**
9. **No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;**
 - **Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;**
 - **The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.**
10. **Infant Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.**
11. **Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.**
12. **Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.**
13. **There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.**

