



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

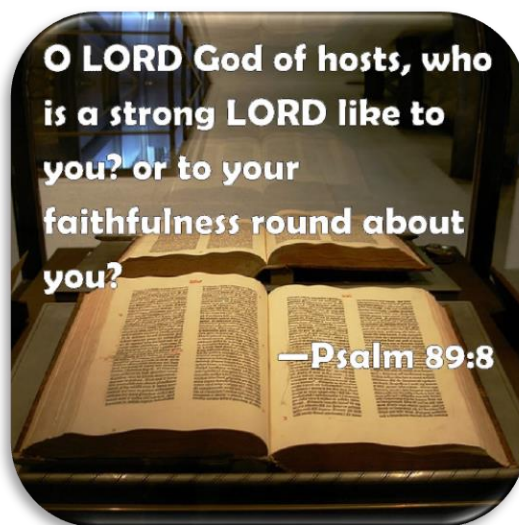
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*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV



Sunday, November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Songs & Testimonies Sunday

Theme: *The Goodness of God*

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: We welcome all who are sharing in this act of worship today, whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. Together, let us adore, give honour and praise to Jehovah, creator of heaven and earth, and to his Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Welcome.

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WATCHWORD: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who has promised is faithful. *(Hebrew 10:23)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Leader – Sis. Cora Cumberbatch

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 106:1):

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

People: *For His mercy endures forever.*

Hymn 20 – “*Praise We God the Father’s Name*”

Responsive Reading – Psalm 89:1 – 8

Prayer of Adoration Confession and Thanksgiving – Sis. Shirley Cadogan

Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: “*And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.*” (Ephesians 5:2)

Offertory Hymn – “*How Great Thou Art*”

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Hymn 615 – “*With Joyfulness And Longing*”

Testimony – Bro. Edwin Sandiford

Hymn 208 – “*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound*”

Choir Selection – “*God Is On Our Side*”

Hymn 270 – “*He Pardoned My Transgressions*”

Testimony – Anyone

Hymn 250 – “*My Jesus, I Love Thee*”

Choir Selection – “*Come, thou fount of every blessing*”

Hymn 259 – “*O What A Wonderful, Wonderful Day*”

Testimony – Sis. Denise Grant

Song – “*The Goodness of God*”

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession – Rev. David Ince

Hymn 126 – “*God Sent His Son . . . Because He Lives*”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 106:1):

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

People: *For His mercy endures forever.*



Opening Hymn: 20 –

Praise we God the Father's name
For our world's creation;
And his saving health proclaim
Unto every nation;
Till, his name by all confessed
Every heart enthroned him,
And from furthest east and west
All his children own him.

Praise we God the only Son,
Who in mercy sought us;
Born to save a world undone
Out of death he brought us;
Here awhile he showed his love,
Suffered uncomplaining.
Now he pleads for us above,
Risen, ascended, reigning!

Grant us, Holy Ghost, we pray,
More and more to know him,
More and more and everyday
In our lives to show him;
That with hearts by thee made brave,
Strong and wise and tender,
We, with all the powers we have,
Service meet may render.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Help us to adore thee,
Till, with all the angel host,
Low we fall before thee;

Till, throughout our earthly days,
Guided, loved, forgiven,
We can blend our songs of praise
With the song of heaven.



Responsive Reading – Psalm 89:1 – 8

1. I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
2. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
3. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
4. Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations.
Selah.
5. And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
6. For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
7. God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.
8. O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?



Prayer of Adoration Confession and Thanksgiving— *Sis. Shirley Cadogan*



Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.” (Ephesians 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn – “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed,

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and dies to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings – *Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim*



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 & Choruses



Hymn 615 –

With joyfulness and longing
We look to thee, O Lord;
Receive us in thy mercy,
And cheer us with thy word;
Crown us with loving-kindness,
And promises of grace,
And let thy benediction,
Reconsecrate this place.

The years have all been crowded
With tokens of thy love,
And many who here sought thee
Now worship thee above;
But we, O Lord, still need thee,
Our pilgrim feet to stay,
For evil often triumphs
As faith to fear gives way.

Teach us to know our calling,
And make that calling sure;
Endow us with the guerdon
Of those whose hearts are pure;
Then by the blood that bought us
And by the grace that sought,
Help us, in loving truly,
To serve thee as we ought.

Lord, make thy people willing,
In thy great day of power;
Call out recruits, great captains,
And from this happy hour
Lead on to fresh endeavour
A people true and strong,
Till, jubilant in glory,
They swell the conqueror's song.



Testimony – Bro. Edwin Sandiford



Hymn 208 –

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil
A life of joy and peace.



Choir Selection – *“God Is On Our Side”*



Hymn 270 –

He pardoned my transgressions,
He sanctified my soul,
He honours my confessions
Since by His blood I'm whole.

*It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
It is truly wonderful! It is truly wonderful!
It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done!
Glory to His Name.*

He keeps me every moment
By trusting in His grace;
'Tis through His blest atonement
That I may see His face.

He brings me through affliction,
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation,
He keeps me for His own.

He prospers and protects me,
His blessings ever flow;
He fills me with His glory,
He makes me bright as snow.

He keeps me firm and faithful,
His love I do enjoy,
For this I shall be grateful,
And live in His employ.

There's not a single blessing
Which we receive on earth
That does not come from heaven,
The source of our new birth.



Testimony – Anyone



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.



Choir Selection – *“Come, thou fount of every blessing”*



Hymn 259 –

O what a wonderful, wonderful day –
Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away,
Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend –
He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart.

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away –
And my night was turned to day –
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!*

Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's fam'ly divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made
When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer –

He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure
After the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.



Testimony – Sis. Denise Grant



Song – “The Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Bridge

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me*

*With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.*

Repeat Chorus



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession – Rev. David Ince



Closing Hymn: 126 –

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He lives.



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: *Sheila Browne & Jerome Watts*
Advanced: *Kathryn Eversley, Dahlia Miller & Velda Whittaker (19th), Terry Meek (20th), Jennifer Clarke, Rev. Ezra Parris & Shakaylah Wickham (21st), Evangeline Downes & Marion King-Taylor (22nd), Danielle Downes (23rd)*



Congratulations to Bro. Louis & Sis. Marjorie Adams who will celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary on November 19, 2024.



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: **SONGS & TESTIMONIES**
- † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – 3:30 p.m.

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

- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Conference at Prayer – 6:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 818 6589 1719 | Passcode: 639388
- † 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 November 2024:

- † 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.):

✠ **From the Provincial Board: The Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Kingsley Lewis was consecrated a bishop of the Moravian Church on November 13, 1999, in Antigua. Heartiest congratulations to Bishop Lewis on the 25th anniversary of his consecration. Bishop Lewis has served the Province as an ordained minister for 52 years and is a source of wisdom and counsel. May the love, grace, and provision of God remain his constant source.**

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

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.



The Past 225 Years



31. With International Men's Day falling on Tuesday, November 19, we take this opportunity to pay tribute to our Lay Preachers – the men who, in earlier days, toiled in the vineyard at Sharon. Today let us remember W S Arthur, Frederick Collymore, Martin Collymore, Patrick King, Robert King, Gaveston Ramsay and Fitzgerald Smith. One current Lay Preacher is Bro Victor Hurdle.

We say, To God be the glory!!!



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Bro. Tyrone Waithe, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 † Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. 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
- † 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 2024:

“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



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.



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!