



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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“Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the **sheep** from the **goats**. And he will place the **sheep** on his **right**, but the **goats** on the **left**.”

Matthew 25:32-33

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: As we celebrate Christ as King of our lives today, we welcome all who join in worship, including those who do so by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Together we worship and adore him – we give him all the praise. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: God says, “I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.”
(Ezekiel 34:16)

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Ps. 34:3):

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me;

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

Hymn 480 – “*The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice*”

Confession of Faith 1 *Liturgy Book – pages 240 to 242*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 – 24

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31 – 46

Choir Anthem

Sermon – – *Sis. Angelus Hurdle*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 415 – “*Christ for the world we sing*”

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.



**The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world the joy shall ring,
‘The Lord Omnipotent is King!’**

**The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**The Lord is King! child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways:
Let every creature speak his praise.**

**He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains;
Your God is King, your Father reigns;
And he is at the Father's side,
The Man of love, the Crucified.**

**Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
He will present them at the throne;
And angel bands are waiting there
His messages of love to bear.**

**One Lord, one empire all secures;
He reigns, and life and death are yours:
Through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
‘The Lord Omnipotent is King!’**



CONFESSION OF FAITH I

I believe in the one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself;

Glory be to You, O Lord most high.

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in him before the foundation of the world;

Who delivered us out of the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

Who has blessed us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;

Who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him I truly believe.

I believe in the only begotten Son of God, by whom are all things and we through him;
Who became flesh, and dwelt among us;
And took on him the form of a servant; Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of man;
He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin;
He spoke that which he did know, and bore witness of that which he had seen;
As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God.

In him I truly believe.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, and the third day rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and undone human creature, purchased and gained me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying; to the end that I should be his own, and in his kingdom live under him and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence and happiness; even as he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns, world without end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, that he should be our Comforter, and abide with us for ever;
That he should help our infirmity, and make intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; that he should bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and teach us to cry, Abba, Father;
That he should shed abroad in our hearts the love of God;
And make our bodies his holy temple;
And that he should work in us the will of God, dividing his gifts to each one, even as he will.

In him I truly believe.

To God be glory in the Church which is in Christ Jesus, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times, and from eternity to eternity. ***Amen.***



Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: Evangeline Downes & Marion King-Taylor

Advanced: Danielle Downes (23rd), Sonia Alleyne & Melissa Drakes (24th), Vera Francis, Celia Holder & Marion Stanford (25th), Kemar Turton (26th), Marcia Carrington, Philmore Davis & Denzil Holder (27th), Tara Blackman, Diana Cox & Yvonne Martindale (28th)



Congratulations to Bro. Gregory & Sis. Nesha Nicholls who will celebrate their 15th Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 2020



Flowers today were donated to celebrate the birthdays of Sis. Tara Blackman and Sis. Marion Stanford.



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. A Mini Rally and members and friends are invited to attend.
- Wednesday:** Online Prayer Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday:** Independence Cou Cou Day at the D.C. Moore Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.
- Next Sunday:** Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.



ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020:

- ✝ Rev. Parris on Vacation – 9th – 27th
- ✝ Independence CouCou Day – Saturday, 28th, D. C. Moore Centre, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$15 per meal – CouCou of all types. Take-away Service. COVID-19 safety protocols, including social distancing will be observed.

ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020:

- ✝ Joint Board Planning Meeting – Thursday, 3rd at 7:30 p.m.
- ✝ Annual General Meeting of the Moravian Church Co-op. Credit Union – Saturday 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- ✝ Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre
- ✝ Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, 13th
- ✝ Worship on Christmas Day – Friday, 25th at 5:00 a.m.
- ✝ Watch-Night Service – Thursday, 31st, 10:30 p.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the PEC: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder. As we approach the end of 2020, we look back over the journey. Much of our journey was handled with prayer on the first day of the month. Looking to our Day of Prayer for December 1, 2020, let us commit the entire day to prayer – 12:00 am to 11:59 pm. Each hour will afford us to hear the spoken word, to engage in moments of prayer on various topics, to have moments of silence, to receive special ministry, to hear from God. With all the uncertainty around us and ahead of us, our best posture is to look to Jesus.

This prayer event requires much effort. However, we invite members to commit to the time that suites them. This may be part of family devotions in the morning or in the evening. Coworker may join you at lunch time. You may have a poem, a spoken word, or some other special item the Spirit is impressing upon you to share. Congregations may also commit a time when they will gather to join this 24 hour intercession.

This event provides a range of options for members to participate. Members can share with pastors how they would like to participate in this time of intercession. The zoom link will be sent in time for this prayer event. Let us see this as a worship opportunity and not just another activity.

*I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

2. 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.
3. 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.

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*



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 – 24

- 11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
- 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.
- 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

- 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.
- 21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;
- 22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.
- 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
- 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.



Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25: 31 – 46

- 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
- 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
- 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

- 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
- 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
- 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
- 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.



Choir Anthem



Sermon – – *Sis. Angelus Hurdle*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 415 –

**Christ for the world! we sing:
The world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal;
The poor; and them that mourn,
The faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
Whom Christ doth heal.**

**Christ for the world! we sing:
The world to Christ we bring
With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost,
By restless passion tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost
From dark despair.**

**Christ for the world! we sing:
The world to Christ we bring
With one accord;
With us the work to share,
With us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear
For Christ our Lord.**

Christ for the world! we sing:
The world to Christ we bring
With joyful song;
The new-born souls, whose days,
Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise,
To Christ belong.



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.

