

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

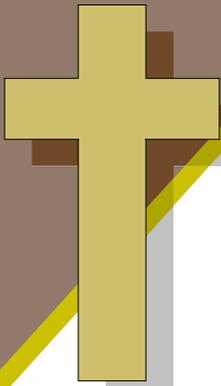
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*So we have come to know  
and to believe  
the love that God has for us.  
God is love,  
and whoever abides in love abides in God,  
and God abides in him.  
1 John. 4:16*

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 a.m.**

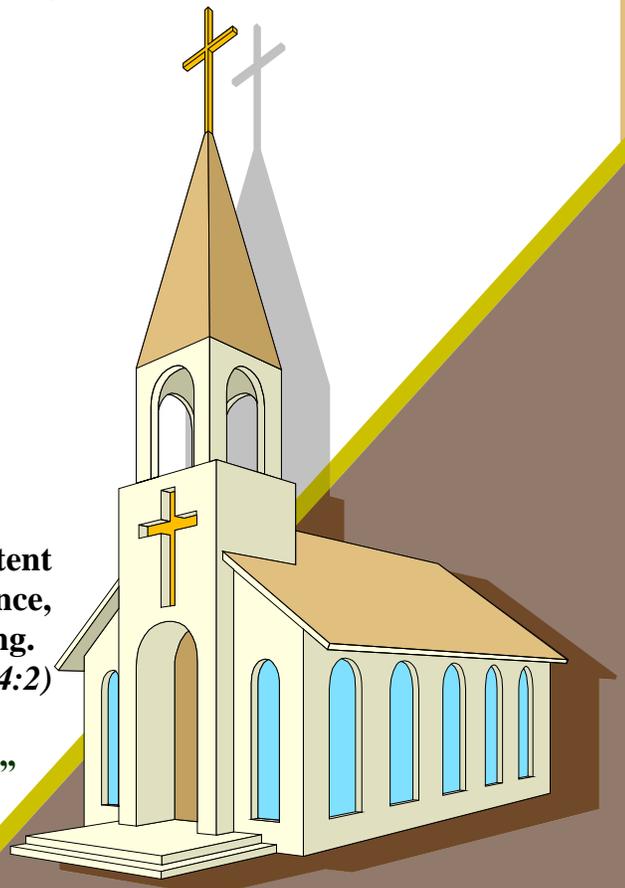
**Welcome:** “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.” We extend a cordial welcome to all on this Women’s Fellowship Sunday, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We also welcome the members of the Sharon Primary Boy Scouts, Brownies and Blossoms as they join us in worship today. May the warmth of our Christian love be felt. Welcome.

**Pastor:** *Rev. Ezra Parris*  
*(Manse: 246-546-0344)*

**Associate Pastor:**  
*Rev. Movelle Kellman*

**WATCHWORD:** Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.  
*(2 Timothy 4:2)*

**Provincial Theme 2022:** “Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.”  
*Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;  
Focus & Function; Total Transformation*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Organ Prelude**

**Introit**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** *Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!* (Psalm 105:1 – 3)

**Hymn 466 – “Praise to The Lord, The Almighty, The King of Creation”**

**Litany for Women’s Sunday (Projected)**

**Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”* (Malachi 3:10)

**Offertory Hymn: 410 – “God of Mercy, God of Grace”**

**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – Sis Ismay Straker**

**Offertory Doxology: “Give Thanks”**

**Greetings, Celebrations & Notices**

**Adoration in Songs & Choruses**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD:**

**First Scripture Reading: Psalm 34: 11 – 22 – Sis. Candace Barker**

**Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 4: 7 – 16 – Sis Lelia Gibbs**

**Choir Anthem – “Make Me A Blessing”**

**The Sermon – Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris**

**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**

**Hymn 304 – “Hold the Fort”**

**The Benediction**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**



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**(Psalm 105:1 – 3)**



**Opening Hymn: 466 –**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;  
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him!



## **Litany for Women's Sunday**

*(Drawn from Psalm 107:1 – 9 – New Living Translation (NLT))*

**Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love never runs out! Lord you redeem us with your everlasting love and power.

**People:** *Lord, you take all the broken and missing pieces in our lives and put them together again. Lord, we are victorious in You!*

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. We cried out to the Lord in our trouble, and He delivered us from our distress; He satisfied our thirst and filled our hungry with good things. Lord, we declare that we are redeemed and we open the door for you to move on our behalf.

**People:** *We shall forever be thankful and sing praises to You for your marvelous deeds, mercy and grace.*

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. Oh how we thank you Lord, you have freed us to live for you and to show the world your love as we love each other.

**People:** *Lord, we affirm the truth of your Holy Word and speak your promises in our lives. We will tell of your faithfulness through all generations of your unconditional love and your amazing grace.*

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. We thank you Lord for deliverance; the thankfulness of the Lord shall continually be on our lips.

**All:** *Dear Jesus, we thank you for keeping us in our valleys and redeeming our souls and our lives. We are the redeemed of the Lord, and we will tell our story to bless and encourage someone and we give You all the Glory and Praise. – AMEN!*

**Tune: Duke Street – # 26**

**Give to our God immortal praise;  
Mercy and truth are all his ways:  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**He sent his Son with power to save  
From guilt, from darkness, and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat his mercies in your song.**

Leader: With holy reverence, we remember and honour those women who nurtured us and taught us to honour and love you, O God.

**People:** *May their example of Christian faith help transform us into your image.*

Leader: We honour women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.

**People:** *May you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.*

Leader: We honour women grieving the loss of loved ones.

**People:** *May you, O God, continue to comfort them with your Word, spoken and blessed. May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.*

Leader: We honour our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic, and physical healing.

**People:** *May you meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.*

Leader: We honour all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed.

**People:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: We bless those who wept for us, rejoiced with us, wiped our tears, prayed for us, and laughed with us.

**People:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: We bless those who undauntedly sacrificed for us.

**People:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

Leader: We honour all those who stand alongside and for these women. We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them rightly, O God.

**All:** *May You watch over and keep all your people, these women and all who love them, with your care, gracious God. Consecrate this day for your glory. In the name of the Triune God, the one who parents us and creates us, who redeems us, and empowers us forever. Amen.*

Tune: Aurelia – # 369

**Facing the task unfinished, That drives us to our knees,  
A need that, undiminished, Rebukes our slothful ease,  
We, who rejoice to know thee, Renew before thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe thee To go and make thee known.**

**We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours,  
Fired by the same ambition, To thee we yield our powers.**

Leader: We walk in the company of the women who have gone before, Mothers of the faith both named and unnamed, Testifying with fervency and faith to the Spirit of wisdom and healing.

**People:** *They are the judges, prophetesses, martyrs, warriors, poets, mothers, sisters, who will continually be a testimony and witness to us all.*

Leader: We walk in the company of Deborah,

**People:** *Who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.*

Leader: We walk in the company of Esther,

**People:** *Who used her position as Queen to ensure the welfare of her people.*

Leader: We walk in the company of those whose names have been lost and silenced,

**People:** *Who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.*

Leader: We walk in the company of the mothers of the faith,

**People:** *Who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, and to heal.  
Amen.*

Tune: Nativity – # 309

**Walk in the light: and thou shalt own  
Thy darkness passed away,  
Because that light hath on thee shone  
In which is perfect day.**

**Walk in the light: so shalt thou know  
That fellowship of love  
His Spirit only can bestow  
Who reigns in light above.**

**Walk in the light: and thine shall be  
A path, though thorny, bright;  
For God, by grace, shall dwell in thee,  
And God himself is light.**



### **Worship In Tithes & Offerings**

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### **Offertory Hymn: 410 –**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face;  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth’s remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.



## **Prayer of Dedication of Offerings – Sis. Ismay Straker**

### **Offertory Doxology:**

#### **Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy  
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (*repeat*)  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done  
Give thanks. (*repeat*)



### **Greetings, Celebrations & Notices**



### **Adoration in Song & Choruses**



## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**First Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:11 – 22 – Sis. Candace Barker**

11. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?
13. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
15. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.
16. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
19. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
20. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
21. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22. The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.



**Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7 – 16 – Sis. Lelia Gibbs**

7. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
9. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
10. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
11. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
12. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
13. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
15. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
16. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.



**Choir Anthem – “*Make Me A Blessing*”**



**Sermon – – *Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris***



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**Closing Hymn: 304 –**

Ho, my comrades, see the signal,  
Waving in the sky!  
Reinforcements now appearing,  
Victory is nigh!

*“Hold the fort, for I am coming,”  
Jesus signals still,  
Wave the answer back to Heaven,  
“By Thy grace we will.”*

See the mighty host advancing,  
Satan leading on;  
Mighty saints around us falling,  
Courage almost gone.

See the glorious banner waving,  
Hear the trumpet blow!  
In our leader’s Name we’ll triumph  
Over every foe.

Fierce and long the battle rages,  
But our help is near;  
Onward comes our great Commander,  
Cheer, my comrades, cheer!



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



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Today: Donna Greenidge

Advanced: Kenrick Hinkson, Asha Jones & Justina Lowe (19<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Lowe, Barbara Maynard & Aaron Nicholls (20<sup>th</sup>), Karen Alleyne & Eula Gibbs (21<sup>st</sup>)



*Flowers today were donated by Sis. Eula Gibbs and Sis. Justina Lowe in celebration of their birthdays*

## 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: Divine Worship – Women’s Fellowship Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† Service of Appreciation to Mark the Retirement of Rev. Movelle Kellman at 4:00 p.m. here at Sharon.

† 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 – Online 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.

† Next Sunday: Divine Worship – Missionary Festival – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† Meeting of Ushers after Worship



### In the Month of October 2022 – Women’s Fellowship Month

† Women’s Fellowship Month Activities:

‡ Women’s Fellowship Sunday (Conference-wide) – 16<sup>th</sup>

‡ Quiz – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

‡ Candlelight Service – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.

† Service of Appreciation to Mark the Retirement of Rev. Movelle Kellman – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Sharon.

† Missionary Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



### Upcoming Fundraising Events:

‡ Harvest Sale – Saturday November 12, 2022

‡ Police Band Concert – Date to be confirmed



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

- 1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.**
- 2. You are reminded of the important role the Choir plays in leading and enlivening our song in worship to God, and conveying to our hearts the message of the Gospel, on a weekly basis. You are invited to add your voice to this ministry. Please express your interest to the Director, Bro Kevin King.**
- 3. We are in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interesting persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.**
- 4. We are seeking to restore our Ushers Guild and we are inviting our ushers and those who would like to join the ministry to a meeting after worship on Sunday, October 23, 2022.**
- 5. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2022 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$15,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and your Missionary Envelopes. Direct contribution can also be made and contributions in memory of loved-ones. 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.**
- 6. For our Harvest celebration this year, we will be hosting a Harvest Sale on Saturday, November 12th right here on the Church Grounds. On sale will be food, drinks and produce. Stall spaces will be made available at \$30 each for the sale of other items of the vendors' choosing (flea market style). Stall spaces can be reserved at the Church Office.**
- 7. Those who desire to affirm their faith in the Act of Reaffirmation of Baptism are invited to register with the Pastor before October 30, 2022. For an understanding of what is involved, the litany can be found on page 224 / 225 of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Liturgy Book. Reaffirmation of Baptism has been tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2022 at Batts Rock Beach.**
- 8. We draw to your attention the installation of fire extinguishers at strategic points in our church building. About twelve (12) persons have been trained in the use of the extinguishers and on them we will depend if they need to be used. We thank the Board of Stewards for spearheading the effort; Bro Wilfred Marshall (Grace Hill) for his advice and training; and Bro George Best for the installation of the units.**

9. We are thankful for your financial support. We are mindful that we are not in the easiest of times, economically.
- ✝ We are also grateful for the contribution of the Women's Fellowship which has been giving \$700 to our general fund, every month.
  - ✝ 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.
  - ✝ 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](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
10. Invite someone to get on board! Our Bus is back on Route. 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), Sharon (9:05). Contributions to the Bus Fund are welcome. Envelopes are available from the vestry.
11. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: "Moravian Voice" which has been moved to Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the same station, Life 97.5 FM.
- ✝ 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.
  - ✝ Over the past year, we conducted a review and have made changes in an effort to reach a wider audience.
  - ✝ 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/](http://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](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. Our nation: *for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
4. God's covering during the Hurricane Season
5. World Peace



### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✝ **Moravian Daily Text 2022: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30**
- ✝ **Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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**
- ✝ **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.**





## **Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022**

**In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 during our gatherings, the following is to be observed:**

- 1. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church. Sanitisation stations have been set up at the entrances and exits.**
- 2. 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 (6) feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.**
- 3. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.**
- 4. There shall be a physical distance of at least three (3) 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 (3) feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.**
- 5. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.**
- 6. Bibles, hymnals, leaflets or other materials should only be shared by family members**
- 7. The Lectern Bible has been removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.**
- 8. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and rites involving the laying on of hands or anointing have been adjusted to exclude contact between individuals.**
- 9. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.**
- 10. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.**

