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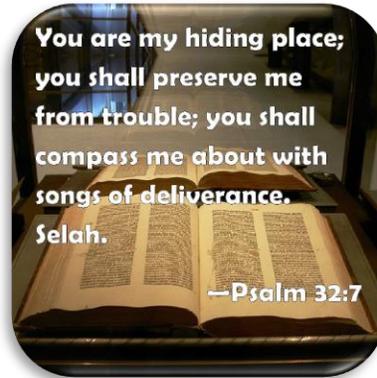
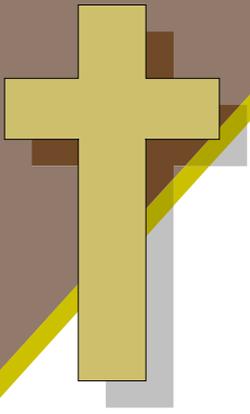
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Sunday, October 30, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Exchange of Pulpit

9:30 a.m.

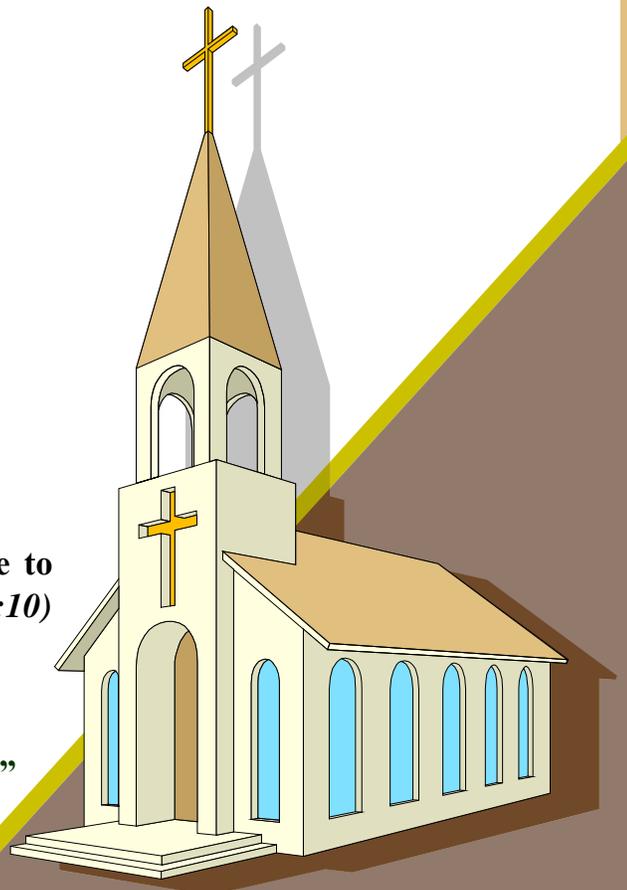
Welcome: We enter into the house of God with thanksgiving today, and we worship him for all that he is and for all that he has been to us. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. We extend a special welcome to Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith, Pastor of the Calvary, Grace Hill and Fulnec congregations, who is leading us for this exchange of pulpits.

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

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
(Luke 19:10)

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: Long-time believers and all who are curious, all are welcome to participate in this time of worship.

People: *We want to see Jesus!*

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Leader: Like Zacchaeus, we know our lives will change when we commit to following Jesus, the Teacher.

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All: *Let us worship the One who sent Jesus to show the Way.*

Prayer of Invocation: Gracious God, thank you for the scriptures, and for other believers, who entice us into relationship with Jesus. Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts in this hour, that we might find new ways to see our Saviour and new strength to follow him. In Jesus name. AMEN

Hymn 482 – *“When Morning Gilds The Skies”*

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Reflection – *“Be Still My Soul”*

Confession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1)*

Offertory Hymn: 397 – *“The Church's One Foundation”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *God of all good gifts, today we thank you for the actions of Zacchaeus in response to Jesus. Thank you for this opportunity for us to hear scripture and know it brings truth for each one of us to face. We pray you will accept these gifts, and help us use them wisely. Do not let us go, however, until you put an earworm in each of us, that we might be inspired to act like Zacchaeus in generous giving, responding to the call of Jesus on OUR lives. In Jesus name, AMEN*

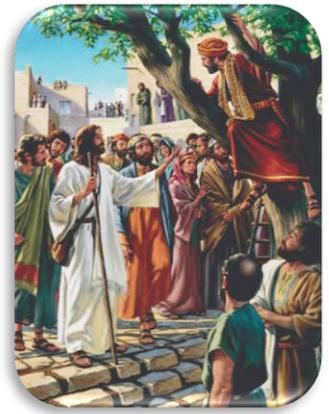
Offertory Doxology: *“Give Thanks”*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 32:1 – 7
Second Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1 – 10
Choir Anthem – “Someone is waiting”
The Sermon – Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith
Hymn of Response: 260 – “O Happy Day That Fixed My Choice”
Pastoral Prayer
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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Opening Hymn: 482 –

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

When sleep her balm denies,
My silent spirit sighs,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
When evil thoughts molest,
With this I shield my breast,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

To God, the Word, on high
The host of angels cry,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Let mortals, too upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Let air and sea and sky,
From depth to height, reply,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Be this while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long,

‘May Jesus Christ be praised!’



Opening Prayer



Hymn of Reflection –

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy blest and heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



Confession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.* (Psalm 24:1)

Offertory Hymn: 397 –

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.



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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*)



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 32:1 – 7

1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.
4. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. *Selah.*

5. I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. *Selah.*
6. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.
7. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Selah.*



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1 – 10

1. And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.
2. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
3. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
4. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.
5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
6. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.
7. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
8. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
9. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.



Choir Anthem – “Someone Is Waiting”



Sermon – – *Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith*



Hymn of Response: 260 –

O happy day that fixed my choice
On thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

*Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
And live rejoicing every day;
Happy day, happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!*

O happy bond, that seals my vows
To him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill his house,
While to that sacred shrine I move.

'Tis done; the great transaction's done;
I am my Lord's, and He is mine;
He drew me and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the voice divine.

Now rest, my long-divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest;
Here have I found a nobler part,
Here heavenly pleasures fill my breast.

High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
That vow renewed shall daily hear!
Till in life's latest hour I bow,
And bless, in death, a bond so dear.



Pastoral Prayer



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Andilla Haynes

Advanced: Marjorie Layne & Jacqueline Walrond (31st), Beverley Clarke & Dayana Crookendale (Nov. 1st), Keith Hope & Hugh Waithe (2nd), Gregory Nicholls (3rd), Althea Hazzard (4th), Thalia Knight, Dominic Lynch & Tracy Nicholls (5th)



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 – Exchange of Pulpit – 9:30 a.m.

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

✠ Faith Annual Luncheon – on the Church Grounds, 12 – 1:00 p.m. \$50

✠ 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: Provincial Day of Prayer – 5:00 a.m.
 - † 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.
- † Thursday: Meeting of the Board of Elders – 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of November 2022:

- † Provincial Day of Prayer – Tuesday, 1st at 5:00 a.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 871 0359 9039 / Passcode: 5644467
- † The Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 5th at 6:00 a.m.
- † Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill – Monday, 7th
- † Harvest Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 13th at 9:30 a.m.
- † Rev. Parris on Vacation – 14th – 24th
- † Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Tuesday, 15th
- † Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 20th
- † Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Tuesday, 22nd
- † The First Sunday in Advent – 27th



Upcoming Fundraising Event:

- † 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. The Provincial Day of Prayer continues on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:00 a.m. This session will be led by members of the Trinidad Conference and our prayer focus will be spiritual strongholds and deliverance. Following the culture of prayer of our spiritual forebears who continued in prayer for one hundred unbroken years, let us continue to seek the face of God deliberately and sincerely for God’s intervention in the affairs of this

church and the world. The link for the prayer meeting will be shared in due course. Come, let us pray!

3. For our Brown Offering on Sunday, September 25th, some \$1,505 was collected. We say thank you to all who responded. The plan is to have a colour Sunday each quarter as we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building. The next one, a Purple Sunday, is planned for the Third Sunday in December. We invite attendees to wear purple and to present a walk-up offering of purple Barbados currency.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The Harvest Sale we have been planning for Saturday, November 12th has been cancelled due to a poor response. We will revert to the sale of Harvest Offerings of food and provisions on Harvest Sunday, November 13th. You are asked to deliver your offerings and decorations on Saturday, 12th.
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 for these details.

10. 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/) 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



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.**
- † **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 are optional but recommended, given the singing and speaking that is engaged in during worship. Attendees are asked to be respectful of others in their choice to wear or not to wear a mask.**
- 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.**

