

# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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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, September 22, 2024**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Senior's Sunday**

**Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses of Ministers**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** Welcome to all, as we celebrate God's mercy and grace. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. A special welcome to the seniors among us, particularly those who we honour today. May God bless us richly.

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**WATCHWORD:** Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." **(Mark 9:35)**

**Provincial Theme 2024:**

***"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"***

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

Litany – Canticle of Praise (p. 234/235, CMP Liturgy Book or Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings (**Including Widows Offering**)

Offertory Sentence: *Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! 1 Chronicles 16:29*

Offertory Hymn: 467 – “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs and Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: James 3:13 – 18

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30 – 37

Choir Anthem – “*O Love of God*”

Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Commitment: 474 – “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

Presentation of Tokens

Hymn 302 – “*Be Thou My Vision*”

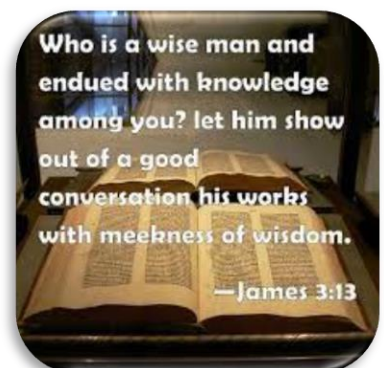
Benediction

Organ Postlude

Planting of a Mahogany Tree (225th Anniversary Activity)



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**Prelude**

**Introit – Choir**

**Invitation to Worship**



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*All standing.*

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.*

**TUNE: AUSTRIA**

**Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;  
Praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
Praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance hath he made.**

**Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God hath made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name.**

*Osler (1798 – 1863)*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same.  
*The Lord's name is to be praised.*

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.  
*We praise you O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.*

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications: because he has inclined his ear unto me. Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

O Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.

*For his merciful kindness is great towards us and his truth endures for ever.*

*Praise ye the Lord.*

*TUNE: HIMMEL, ERDE*

**Praise, O praise our God and King;**

**Hymns of adoration sing;**

**For his mercies still endure,**

**Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise him that he made the sun**

**Day by day his course to run;**

**For his mercies still endure,**

**Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Glory to our bounteous King;**

**Glory let creation sing;**

**Glory to the father, Son**

**And blest Spirit, Three in One.**

*H. W. Baker (1821 – 1877)*

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

*The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are overall his works. All your works shall praise you, O Lord.*

**For all the blessings of this life:**

*Glory be to the Father.*

**For our salvation and the promise of life eternal:**

*Glory be to the Son.*

**For the divine presence ever with us:**

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit.*

Alleluia, the Lord God, Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

*Alleluia, Salvation, glory, honour and power be unto the Lord our God. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*TUNE: BISHOP THORPE*

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul and might,  
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,  
And in the sunlight bright.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
He gives me joy and peace,  
And even when my heart is sad,  
My praise shall never cease.

I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,  
I'll praise His holy name.  
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,  
He is fore'er the same.

*1989. Edris M. V. Roberts*



**Worship In Tithes & Offerings (Including Widows Offering):**

**Offertory Sentence:** *Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

**1 Chronicles 16:29**

**Offertory Hymn: 467 –**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.



### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**



### **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.*



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



### **Adoration in Songs and Choruses**



## Ministry of the Word:

### First Scripture Reading: James 3: 13 – 18

13. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
14. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
15. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
16. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
18. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.



### Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30 – 37

30. And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.
31. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.
32. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.
33. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?
34. But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.
35. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.
36. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,
37. Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.



## Choir Anthem – “O Love of God”



## Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## Hymn of Commitment: 474 –

COME, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some celestial measure,  
Sung by ransomed hosts above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my Lord’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thine help I’m come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

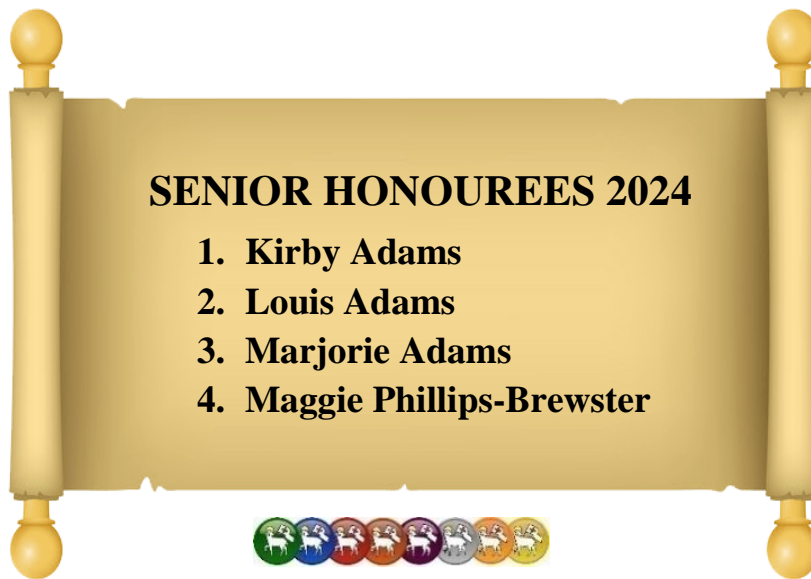
O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above!



## Presentation of Tokens







## SENIOR HONOUREES 2024

1. Kirby Adams
2. Louis Adams
3. Marjorie Adams
4. Maggie Phillips-Brewster

### Hymn 302 –

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys, after victory won;  
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



### The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



## Planting of a Mahogany Tree (225th Anniversary Activity)



### Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Welcome to all, as we celebrate God's mercy and grace. Whether you are joining us here in the sanctuary, online, at home or abroad; we are delighted that you are here with us. A special welcome to the seniors among us, particularly those who we honour today. May God bless us richly.



*Today: Keesha Franklin, Leslie Moaze, Brenda Myles & Adara Nicholls*

*Advanced: Shaquille Bryan, Dwayne Ellis, Sonia King & Aaliyah Payne (23<sup>rd</sup>), Cherise Clarke & Arianna Layne (24<sup>th</sup>), Ryan Ellis, Hetta Gill, Gabriel Leacock & Myrna Walkes (25<sup>th</sup>), Makayla Codrington (26<sup>th</sup>), Jason Worrell (27<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Naphtali & Sis. Yvonne Burrell who will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 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: SENIOR'S SUNDAY
  - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
  - † Planting of a Mahogany Tree (225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activity)
- † 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: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Saturday: Prayer Meeting – Saturday before Communion & Third Saturdays in Sanctuary at 6:30 a.m.
- † 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 September 2024:

- † Sharon Senior's Sunday – 22<sup>ND</sup>
- † Faith Missionary Rally – Sunday, 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.
- † Sharon & Dunscombe Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 24<sup>TH</sup>
- † Bethlehem Missionary – Tuesday, 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:15 p.m.
- † Seminar – National Financial Literacy Programme – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., D.C. Moore Centre.
- † Clifton Hill Fish Fry – Saturday, 28<sup>TH</sup> at Clifton Hill, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Our Missionary Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024 in the morning service. We hope to raise \$13,000 this year and we remind you of your Missionary Collection Boxes and 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.
2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:

- ✚ Tree Planting on Arbor Day – September 22, 2024
  - ✚ Sharon Men Cooking – December 7, 2024
  - ✚ Planting of a Time Capsule – February 2025
  - ✚ Anniversary Dinner & Gala – February 8, 2025 – \$200.
  - ✚ Closing Service – February 9, 2025
- ✚ We will be ordering Dry-Fit Polo Shirts for our 225th Anniversary. The Shirts will be sold at \$50 each. We must make a minimum order of 50 shirts. Please see Sis. Heather Hunte to fit your shirt and to make your order. Full payment will be required before the order is sent to the supplier.
- ✚ 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.):**

- ✚ The annual Widows’ Offering will be received on September 22, 2024. Please continue to give generously as we show appreciation to the women who served with their husbands. Please also remember these faithful women in prayer: Sis. Lynda Prout, Sis. Deborah Challenger, Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs, Sis. Myrtle Miller, and Sis. Karen Bowers-Jones. In 2023 we received EC\$29, 869.60 on their behalf.
- ✚ The Eastern West Indies Province will host the biennial meeting of the Unity Board. This is a meeting of the Chairs/Presidents of all Provincial Board throughout the Unity. There will be leaders from the five regions of the Unity – Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, The Caribbean & Latin America.

The meeting will be held from September 24 – 30, 2024 at the St. James’s Club in Antigua.

† The Provincial family mourns the loss of a colleague and brother, Rev. Winston Jones. Bro. Jones died on Sunday August 18, 2024, in Jamaica. He was Barbadian and previously served in the Eastern West Indies Province for nineteen years and was then seconded to The Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Trinity Moravian Church in Richmond Park, Kingston 10. A service is also being planned for Friday, October 11, 2024, in Barbados. The Provincial family expresses sincere condolences to his widow, Mrs. Karen Bowers-Jones and their children, Gabrielle and Michael. Let us pray for the family as they journey through this place of grief and loss.

4. The assignment of Elders Districts is as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>
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 <sup>st</sup> 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
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

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](http://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/](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)
  - ✠ Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



# The Past 225 Years



23. Today, September 22, is recognized around the world as World Arbor Day. Let us at Sharon give thanks for the several trees that have existed on our compound during these past 225 years - trees such as the Rose of Sharon, Mahogany, Sandbox, Flamboyant, Tamarind, Hog Plum, Bamboo, Palm, Mango – and several more.



## 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**





## WATER RESILIENCE COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Conserving Water, Saving Energy: A Vital  
Partnership for a Sustainable Future!



**Join the Barbados Water Authority and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre for a series of community meetings as part of the WSRN S-Barbados project.**

**Learn how water conservation and energy savings are connected and what you can do to help.**

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**10 October 2024  
SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Be a part of the solution for a sustainable future.  
We look forward to seeing you there!**