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**THIS DAY I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH AS
WITNESSES AGAINST YOU THAT I HAVE SET
BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND
CURSES. NOW CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT
YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY**

LIVE

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A warm welcome is extended to us today as we worship. May we experience God's peace in our hearts as we fellowship with God and each other. To everyone, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; we say welcome!

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WATCHWORD: Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. *(Deuteronomy 30:19 – 20)*

Provincial Theme 2025:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 128:1 – 2)

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,

Congregation: *who walks in his ways.*

Leader: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

All: *you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.*

Hymn 339 – “*When we walk with the Lord*”

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*” (Micah 6:8)

Offertory Hymn: 333 – “*Walk in the light*”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25 – 33

Choir Anthem – “*Lord Jesus Christ*”

Sermon – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Musical Interlude / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn 555 – “*Together with these symbols Lord*”

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 558 – “*We come now to your table Lord*”

566 – “*Let us break bread together*”

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 582 – “*By Christ redeemed*”

576 – “*With deep devotion*”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 577 – “*Strengthen for Service, Lord the hands*”



Prayer of Thanksgiving
Covenant Song – “*Make Us One*”
The Blessing
Organ Postlude



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All: *you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.*



Hymn 339 –

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.



Prayer & Lord's Prayer



RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 1

1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“⁸He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)*

Offertory Hymn: 333 –

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: and thou shalt find
Thy heart made truly his
Who dwells in cloudless light enshrined,

In whom no darkness is.
Walk in the light: and thou shalt know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow
Who reigns in light above.

Walk in the light: and e'en the tomb
No fearful shade shall wear;
Glory shall chase away its gloom,
For Christ hath conquered there.

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.



Prayer of Dedication of 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 Song



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20

15. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16. In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.
17. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;
18. I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.
19. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:
20. That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 25 – 33

25. And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,
26. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
27. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
28. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?
29. Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,
30. Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.
31. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32. Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.
33. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.



Choir Anthem – “*Lord Jesus Christ*”



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



The Lord’s Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, ‘Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.’

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our

fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. *Amen.*

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who

are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



Hymn 555 –

Together with these symbols, Lord,
Thy blessed self impart;
And let thy holy flesh and blood
Feed the believing heart.

Let us from all our sins be washed
In thy redeeming blood;
And let thy Spirit be the seal
That we are sons of God.

Come, Holy Ghost, with Jesus' love
Prepare us for this feast;
So shall we banquet with our Lord,
And lean upon his breast.



All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 558 –

We come now to your table Lord,
You are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.

You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed,
And now may every soul be fed,
With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us
Your sacred blood was shed,
We drink the cup, it was for us
You suffered pain and bled;
Your sacred blood was shed,
You suffered pain and bled;
We drink the cup, it was for us
Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us,
The sacred Bread and Wine,
A holy feast transforming us,
That makes our lives divine;
The sacred Bread and Wine,
That makes our lives divine;
A holy feast transforming us,
This Bread and Wine.



Hymn 566 –

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.***



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, '*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



Hymn 582 –

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead
We 'take and eat' – the living bread;
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,
His life blood shed for us, we see;
The wine shall tell the mystery
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last advent we unite
By one blest chain of loving rite,
Until He come.

O blessed hope! with this elate
Let not our hearts be desolate,
But, strong in faith, in patience wait
Until He come.



Hymn 576 –

With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace
The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,
His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:



Hymn of Thanksgiving – 577

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs
To clamour never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright,
Thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts
From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by thy Body fed
With thy new life replenish.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to

us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn –

*Make us one heart
Make us one mind
Make us one, let your will be done
Make us one flame, to proclaim your name
Make us one, make us one*



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations

Welcome: *A warm welcome is extended to us today as we worship. May we experience God's peace in our hearts as we fellowship with God and each other. To everyone, whether here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; we say welcome!*



Sharon:

Advanced: Tremaine Babb (8th), Joshua Waithe (10th), Betty Bryan (11th), Victor Hurdle & Jordonna Herbert (12th), Joan Morris (13th)



Flowers today have been donated by the Sis. Brenda Mascoll as she and her husband Colvin recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

This Week at Sharon:

- ✚ 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 – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- ✚ Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

- † Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Next Sunday: **BACK TO SCHOOL 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 2025:

- † Rev. Parris will be on vacation – until September 11, 2025.
- † Sharon Back-To-School Sunday – 14TH. Invite the youth of your household and neighbourhood – We will pray for and bless them as they commence the new school year. Adults can dress to represent the school they attended.
- † Minister's Covenant Day – 16TH
- † National Clean Up Day – 20th. Please come out and begin the cleaning of the sanctuary and surroundings.
- † Faith Missionary – 21ST at 8:00 a.m.
- † Sharon Senior's Sunday – 21ST
- † Sharon & Dunscombe Seniors' Picnic – Tuesday, 23RD
- † Sharon Men Cooking – Saturday, 27TH (*moved to October 4, 2025*)
- † Service to Commemorate the 260th Anniversary of the Moravian Church in Barbados – 28th at 5:00 p.m. at Sharon.
- † Bethlehem Missionary – 28th at 8:00 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. As the Choir returns from break, 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.
2. You can register for the September semester at The Moravian Institute. The following courses are available:
 - 2.1. Introduction to the New Testament II
 - 2.2. Introduction to Counselling II
 - 2.3. Mission & Evangelism I
 - 2.4. Introduction to Preaching – Level II
 - 2.5. Ministry and the Marketplace

- 2.6. Register by contacting: WhatsApp: 1-868-702-2067; your Conference Representative (Sis. Sonjina Kirton); or Email: themoravianinstitute@gmail.com. The Fee is \$150 USD per course.
3. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:

3.1. ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:

3.1.1. We are delighted to announce the commencement of the 260th Anniversary Celebrations of the Moravian Church in Barbados. This milestone is a testament to our enduring legacy of faith, education, and service, and we invite every congregation to join us in a year-long celebration under the theme: *“Celebrating a legacy rooted in faith, education and service with thanksgiving.”* The launch of the celebrations will be introduced with an official Anniversary Church Service, which will be held on Sunday, September 28th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Sharon Moravian Church, the first Moravian Church constructed in Barbados. All congregations are encouraged to attend and participate in this momentous worship experience.

3.1.2. The 260th Anniversary will be marked by a series of events and initiatives throughout the year, which will be circulated once venues are finalised, and we urge every congregation, member, and friend of the Moravian Church to lend their full support to all activities. Let us come together in unity and thanksgiving as we honour our past, celebrate our present, and look forward with hope.

3.1.3. Let this anniversary be a time of renewal, reflection, and rejoicing!

3.2. LOGO COMPETITION:

3.2.1. The Moravian Church Barbados Conference will be celebrating its 260th Anniversary from September 2025 to September 2026 under the theme *“Celebrating a Legacy Rooted in Faith, Education & Service with Thanksgiving – MORAVIAN FEST 260.”*

3.2.2. This anniversary period will feature a number of key activities which will be captured under four main objectives, namely:

- ✚ Celebrate our Heritage and Honour our History;
- ✚ Celebrate and Strengthen Moravian and Community Bonds;
- ✚ Inspire and Engage the Youth; and
- ✚ Raise Funds for Specific Projects.

3.2.3. The details pertaining to the activities allocated under each objective will be shared shortly and we eagerly anticipate your valued participation.

3.2.4. In light of the above, the Moravian FEST 260 Planning Committee is hosting a Logo competition associated with the 260th Anniversary Celebrations of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference.

3.2.5. Members (individual/group ministry) are invited to submit entries for consideration of the Planning Committee. The winning entry will be widely publicised and may be used for any purpose associated with the Moravian FEST 260 as deemed appropriate by the Planning Committee. The design of the Logo should consider the core concepts and criteria as set out below:

3.2.6. Core Concepts

- ✚ Thematic Pillar – Celebrating a Legacy Rooted in Faith, Education & Service with Thanksgiving.**
- ✚ Slogan – “Moravian FEST 260”**
- ✚ Moravian Identity – the seal of the Moravian Church which is a crucial iconic symbol.**

3.2.7. Design Criteria

- ✚ The logo should clearly symbolize the thematic pillars and prominently recognize the 260 years (1765 to 2025).**
- ✚ Colours – use of the Moravian liturgical colours bearing in mind a festive feel.**
- ✚ Positive Imagery – the design should be forward looking and uplifting.**
- ✚ Adaptability – should be adaptable for use in any form of media.**
- ✚ Font – simple and easy to read on any media**

3.2.8. Submission – Logo should be submitted to moravianbds@hotmail.com

3.2.9. Email should include:

Subject: “Moravian FEST 260”

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D.C. Moore Centre

Sharon Moravian Complex,

St. Thomas,

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3.2.10. Deadline:All entries must be submitted no later than Sunday, September 7, 2025.

3.2.11. The winner of the competition will be publicized and recognized with an award during the Moravian FEST 260 Grand Finale celebration in September 2026.

4. From the Provincial Board:

4.1. The Chairman, Bro. Algernon Lewis, will be out of office from August 25 to September 19, 2025. During his absence, the Vice Chair, Bro. Adrian Smith, will serve as Acting Chairman.

4.2. The service of Consecration for Bishop Elect, Rev. Ezra Parris, will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Dr. Conrad Spencer, and Bishop Dr. Kingsley Lewis of the Eastern West Indies Province, and Bishop Stanley Clarke of the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Province, will officiate. Please pray for Bro. Parris and family and the officiating Bishops as they prepare for this solemn and sacred moment.

4.3. Rev. Devon Mannix who currently serves as Pastor of the Grenada Mission, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect on September 21, 2025. The Grenada Mission will be supervised by the St. Kitts and Tobago Conferences, effective September 21, 2025. Please pray for Bro. Mannix and family, the Grenada Mission family, and the Gracebay and Urlings family as they make this transition.

5. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts 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, 1st 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. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
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

6. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

6.1. We are still open to contributions under our “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.



7. 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.

8. We are thankful for your financial support.

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
- 8.3. 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.

9. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 9.3. 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>).
- 9.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins:

1.1 Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Bro. David King*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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.



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