



MORIAH BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Abide in Christ

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English Service 9.30am

Junior Worship 9.30am

Adult Bible Class 11.15am

Mandarin Service 9.30am

Junior Sunday School 9.15am

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

SONGS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse Reading; Angels We Have Heard On High

Christmas Isn't Christmas

SPECIAL ITEMS BY ECHO CHRIST

MESSAGE

Immanuel: Abiding in God with Us

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)

Rev. Robert Chew

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Joy Of The Highest Heaven

OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Mankind, who once lived in darkness have been given a great light

Congregation: Praise be to God who has heard our salvation cry.

Leader: Today, God has given us a light of Hope, Peace and Love.

Congregation: Indeed, our souls can only sing out God's praise!

Leader: This morning, we remember the Son of Man, who was born to save us.

Congregation: His name is also called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Leader: Today, we have a celebration like no other.

Congregation: Today we celebrate the Holy Birth!

Leader: May the love of Jesus dwell in our hearts and spirits.

Congregation: Please open our hearts to receive this blessed gift of salvation, Loving God.

Leader: Rejoice, my brothers and sisters, the Good News is here!

Together: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 3

O come, O Bright and Morning
Star,
And bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
And turn our darkness into light.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 4

O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
And be yourself our King of Peace

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

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shall come to you, O Israel.

READING: LUKE 2:8-14

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10** And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom
he is pleased!”

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains:

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
sing with us our Savior's birth.

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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CHRISTMAS ISN'T CHRISTMAS

Verse 1a

Christmas isn't Christmas
Till it happens in your heart
Somewhere deep inside you
Is where Christmas really starts
So give your heart to Jesus,
You'll discover when you do
That it's Christmas, really Christmas
for you

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Till it happens in your heart
Somewhere deep inside you
Is where Christmas really starts
So give your heart to Jesus,
You'll discover when you do
That it's Christmas, really Christmas
for you

Verse 1b

Jesus brings warmth like a winter
fire
A light like a candle's glow
He is waiting now to come inside
As He did so long ago

Jesus brings gifts of truth and life
And makes them bloom and grow
So welcome Him with a song of joy
And when He comes you'll know,
that

Verse 1a

Christmas isn't Christmas
Till it happens in your heart
Somewhere deep inside you
Is where Christmas really starts
So give your heart to Jesus
You'll discover when you do
That it's Christmas, really
Christmas,
**Christmas, really Christmas
Christmas, really Christmas for
you**

SPECIAL ITEM 1: WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Verse 1

Were you there, were you there
on that Christmas night,
when the world was filled
with a holy light?

Were you there to behold
when the wonder foretold came to
earth?

Verse 2

Did you see, did you see
how they hailed him King,
with the gifts so rare
that they chose to bring?
Did you see how they bowed,
as they praised him aloud at his
birth?

Verse 3

Did you hear how the choir
of angels sang
at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells
of heaven rang
all through the night?

Verse 4

Did you know, did you know
it was God's own Son,
the salvation of
the world begun?
Did you know it was love
that was sent from above to the
earth?

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SPECIAL ITEM 2: JOY TO THE WORLD (JOYFUL JOYFUL)

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and Heaven and nature
sing

We will sing, sing, sing
Joy to the world
We will sing, sing, sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world the savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

We will sing, sing, sing
Joy to the world
We will sing, sing, sing

Verse 3

He rules the world with thruth
and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

We will sing, sing, sing
Joy to the world
We will sing, sing, sing

Verse 4

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
And hearts unfold like flowers
before Thee
Opening to the sun above

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Immanuel: Abiding in God with Us (Isaiah 7:14; Matt 1:23) - Rev. Robert Chew

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

JESUS, JOY OF THE HIGHEST HEAVEN

Verse 1

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven
Born as a little baby
Under a wondrous star
Like us, crying He takes His first
breath
Held by His mother, helpless
Close to her beating heart

Chorus

Jesus, laid in a lowly manger
Facing a world of dangers
Come to turn me a stranger
Into a child of God

Verse 2

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven
Born as a little baby
Under a wondrous star
Like us, crying He takes His first
breath
Held by His mother, helpless
Close to her beating heart

Chorus

Jesus, laid in a lowly manger
Facing a world of dangers
Come to turn me a stranger
Into a child of God

Verse 3

Jesus, King of the highest heaven
Learning to take His first steps
That He might bring us life
Like us, knowing our smiles and
sorrows,
He showed the way to follow
A way that is true and right

Chorus

Jesus, take away every darkness
Steady my simple footsteps
That I might, in Your goodness
Live as a child of God

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Steady my simple footsteps
That I might, in Your goodness
Live as a child of God

Tithes & Offerings



General Fund

“Give unto the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts” - *Psalms 96:8*



Building Fund

MBPC Mission Fund

There are many categories for Missions Fund – Please ensure you key the correct category in the reference no. section. If you are unsure, please kindly seek assistance before completing transaction.



MISSION CATEGORY	REFERENCE TEXT
MSP - Cambodia	MSPC
Cambodia Sombor Dormitory	CSMD
MSP - Tanjung Uban	MSPTU
MSP – Northern Thailand	MSPNT
MSP - Jing Jiang	MSPJJ

OFFERINGS FOR 17 DEC 2023

MBPC BUILDING FUND

Collection this Week
\$995.00

\$2M Target 06/2026
\$333,415.38

MBPC/SBPC GENERAL FUND

No. of Pledgers to-date:

28

Our land lease expires
in 2026

Details of last week’s collection

Sembawang B-P Church	\$ 1,180.03
Moriah (Combined)	\$ 14,370.50
MSP- General	\$ 100.00
MSP Cambodia-General	\$ 200.00
MSP Cambodia—B2B	\$ 600.00
MSP China-Jin Jiang	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,600.53</u>

Info for Giving

General Fund and MSP (DBS)

A/C Name: Moriah B-P Church
A/C Number: 029-016471-1

Church Building Fund (DBS)

A/C Name: MBPC-BF
A/C Number: 029-902817-0

Dec-2023	Amount (\$)	Target(s)	vs. Target
Collection Last Week	\$16,600.53	\$ 18,000	92%
Month-To-Date	\$ 52,549.06	\$ 54,000	97%
Year-To-Date	\$751,162.80	\$ 918,000	82%

PRAYERS FOR MINISTRIES

Pray for the preaching of the Word today: Rev. Robert Chew (Moriah English Service), Rev. Peter Tan (Sembawang BPC) and Rev. Chai Muei Huying (Mandarin Service).
May God grant them unction from above.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration of Interest for Cambodia Mission Trip 2024 - (tentatively 13-18 June)
Contact - 98237403 Dn. Ben Wong

Moriah Elevator Modernization Our 26-year-old elevator will be overhauled in 2024 as part of the next phase in its long term total replacement—more updates in due course on the planned downtime during this phase.

24 DEC Junior Worship - Topic: King Solomon | Lesson: I will build my life on God’s word.

24 DEC Christmas Lunch Buffet @courtyard, Goodness room, childcare classrooms

31 DEC Thanksgiving Service —Come for service, and fellowship over lunch buffet after~

7 January 2024 Prayer & Dedication of Church Ministry Leaders—join us for a special ceremony dedicating our church to our ministry leaders.

Worship service changes for 2024—a new order of our church worship service will be announced starting from the 7 Jan 2024 service.

WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS

NEXT SERVICE - 31st December 2023

Thanksgiving Service: “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” (Psalm 81)
Rev. Daniel Gan

Chairman	Eld. Max Tsang	LCD Projectionist	Ms. Carmen Tan
Song Leader	Mr. Ng Kok Eng	Live Stream	Ms. Tay Yue Zhen
Musician	Dn. Daniel Hoo	Welcome Team	Mr. Aaron Loke
PA Team	Mr. Aaron Loke		

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

<i>Moriah (English)</i>	<i>Sr. Pastor Rev. Robert Chew</i>	<i>9710-7028</i>	<i>Pastor Rev. Daniel Gan</i>	<i>9695-1558</i>
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