

# Kowloon International Baptist Church

## A Christmas Celebration

\* *Simultaneous translation in Cantonese available* 設有廣東話即時傳譯

\* *Childcare available for infants and toddlers*

### ***A Noel Celebration***

KIBC Adult Choir

### ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Congregation

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Alvin and See Mei Young and Family

### ***Christ, Be Our Light***

Congregation

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your Church gathered today.

### ***A Christmas Laudamus***

KIBC Adult Choir

### **Welcome and Prayer**

Pastor Butch Tanner

*If you're a guest, we welcome you! Please take a moment and fill out the guest card inserted into this program,  
and place it in the offering bag later in the service. Thank you for joining us today!*

### ***Joy to the World***

Congregation

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns, let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth 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.

**Children’s Message** Patrick Ho

**Offertory Prayer** Wing Fung

**Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Music** Campbell McEntire

***My Heart, Your Bethlehem*** Handchime Choir

***Joy to the World*** Handchime Choir

***What Child Is This?*** Congregation

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary’s lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*(chorus)* This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**Message** “**What Child Is This?**” Pastor Butch

Isaiah 9:6-7 (*sermon notes may be found on pages 9-10 of this program*)

***Jesus Saves*** Congregation

Hear the heart of heaven beating, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
And the hush of mercy breathing, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
Hear the host of angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”  
And the sound of joy repeating: Jesus saves.

See the humblest hearts adore Him, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
And the wisest bow before Him, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
See the sky alive with praise, melting darkness in its blaze.  
There is light forevermore in, "Jesus saves."

*(chorus)* Freedom's calling, chains are falling, hope is dawning bright and true.  
Day is breaking, night is quaking, God is making all things new.

Oh to grace, how great a debtor, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
All the saints will shout together, "Jesus saves, Jesus saves."  
Rising up so vast and strong, lifting up salvation's song.  
The redeemed will sing forever, "Jesus saves."

### **Adore**

Congregation

You stepped down from heaven, humbly You came,  
God of all creation here with us.  
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, Light of the world: Here to save.

*(chorus)* Adore, come let us adore, O come let us adore Him!  
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord, let all that is within us adore!

Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low,  
Angel voices sing of peace on earth.  
What have I to offer to heaven's King? I will bring my life, my love my all.

### **Angels from the Realms of Glory (with Emmanuel)**

Congregation

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the Earth.  
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the Infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

*(chorus)* Emmanuel, Emmanuel, You are the God who saves us,  
Worthy of all our praises.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, come have Your way among us,  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.  
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

***Hark! The Herald (King of Heaven)***

Congregation

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

*(chorus)* King of heaven, come down, King of heaven, come now.  
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day. King of heaven, come.  
King of heaven, rise up. Who can stand against us?  
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name. King of heaven, come.

***Today is Born Our Savior***

Children’s Choir, Adult Choir

***An Antiphonal Noel***

Children’s Choir, Adult Choir, Handchime Choir

***The First Noel***

Congregation

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.

***Rejoice***

Adult Choir, Praise Team

***Closing Remarks***

Pastor Butch

***Hark! The Herald (King of Heaven)***

Congregation

*(chorus)* King of heaven, come down, King of heaven, come now.  
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day. King of heaven, come.  
King of heaven, rise up. Who can stand against us?  
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name. King of heaven, come.

## **Christmas Eve Worship Services at KIBC**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

5:30pm—Child-friendly Service (*using battery-operated candles*)

7:30pm—Traditional Service (*including candle-lighting and Lord's Supper; simultaneous interpretation in Cantonese available at 7:30pm*)

## **Christmas Day Worship Services at KIBC**

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

9:30am—Contemporary Worship Service  
(*Simultaneous interpretation in Mandarin available*)

11:00am—Traditional Worship Service  
(*Simultaneous interpretation in Cantonese available*)

*No Bible Studies or Sunday School Classes on December 25.*

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

9:30am—Bible Study and Worship

11:00am—Bible Study and Worship  
(*regular Sunday schedule*)

Bible Study classes available for all ages—children to adults.

## **Announcements**

### **Red Packet Sales**

The Capital Fund Campaign is selling special KIBC red packets for Chinese New Year. Pre-order now on the KIBC website ([www.hkkibc.org](http://www.hkkibc.org)) or app to get a 25% discount, or purchase at full price at the counter in January.

### **KIBC App**

The KIBC app is available—FREE!—through all major app stores. Just search for “KIBC.”

**World Mission Offering 2016**  
**Giving Goal: HK\$1,100,000—Gifts-to-Date: \$423,672**

The goal for the World Missions Offering is created by combining both the goals for the International Mission Offering and the Home Mission Offering. The International Mission Offering Goal has been set at \$700,000. The Home Mission Offering Goal has been set at \$400,000. The total World Mission Offering Goal is \$1,100,000.

**International Missions**

1. Baptist World Aid (Baptist World Alliance)	\$60,000
2. Baptist Global Response	\$40,000
3. Global Missions Offering (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship)	\$20,000
4. International Mission Offering (International Mission Board, SBC)	\$80,000
5. Hong Kong Baptist Mission (China and International Missions)	\$100,000
6. Christ Church, Philippines	\$90,000
7. International Orality Network	\$100,000
8. Aceh, Indonesia	\$60,000
9. Christian Solidarity Worldwide	\$75,000
10. SAT-7	\$75,000

**Home Missions**

*Section 1a of the Home Mission gifts provides salary support for a mission worker. Thus, unless Home Mission money is otherwise designated, this salary will be paid and the remainder of financial gifts will be divided among sections 1b-5 of the Home Mission Offering.*

1. Inner City Ministries:	
a. Caroline Simick	\$100,000
b. General support of Inner City Ministries	\$40,000
2. Tsz Kwong Community Service Link	\$70,000
3. Christian Concern for the Homeless Association	\$70,000
4. HKBU Chaplaincy Program	\$50,000
5. Hong Kong Baptist Mission – local ministry	\$70,000

*For detailed information on these organizations and their website addresses, see the KIBC 2016 World Mission Offering pamphlet.*

## You Can Know God

### **God loves you.**

He created you and wants to have a personal relationship with you (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5).

### **Sin has separated you from God.**

The Bible defines “sin” as choosing our will over God’s. We have each made this mistake (Romans 3:23). Our sins separate us from our holy God, and, because he cannot allow us into his perfect heaven, we are each destined for an eternity separated from God in hell (Revelation 19:11-15).

### **You cannot repair your broken relationship with God.**

Many people think we can be good or religious enough to earn God’s forgiveness and go to heaven when we die. But the Bible teaches that the only payment for sin is death (Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:20).

### **Jesus died to pay the debt owed by your sins.**

Jesus took our place on the cross and suffered the penalty we deserved. His death now makes it possible for a righteous God to forgive our sins and offer us salvation (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24).

### **You must receive the gift he died to give.**

Now you must choose to trust in what Jesus has done for you, rather than trusting in your own efforts to restore your relationship with God. Confess your sins and mistakes to God, and choose to live by God's word and will. Decide that you will make Jesus the Lord and Master of your life.

### **How can you make this decision?**

Through prayer (talking to God) you can meet Jesus today. There is no single prayer you must pray to become a Christian, no magic formula. But the following words are one way to trust Christ as Lord. If you will pray them with the sincere commitment of your heart and life, you will meet Jesus personally and live for him as your Lord.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for loving me. Thank you that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins and failures. I admit to you that I am a sinner, that I need you to save me. I ask you to forgive me for my sins. I turn from them now. I invite Jesus into my life as my Savior and Lord. I turn my life over to him. I will live for him as long as I live. Thank you for giving me eternal life and making me the child of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

If you prayed this prayer for the first time just now, please tell someone about your decision. Share your new faith with someone you trust, and with a church where you can grow in your commitment to Christ. If we can support your faith, please call us at 2337- 2555, email us at [office@hkkibc.org](mailto:office@hkkibc.org), or fill out the response card inserted into this program. We want to help you follow Jesus today.

## Five Ways to Become a Member of KIBC

### 1. Profession of Faith and Baptism

Profession of faith occurs when you turn from a self-controlled life and surrender to allow Jesus to control your life. You commit to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then you publicly display your faith through baptism by immersion.

### 2. Letter

Uniting with KIBC by Letter means you are already a member in a Baptist Church based on a prior profession of faith and baptism by immersion. When coming by Letter, KIBC will request another Baptist Church to send a letter affirming your membership there.

### 3. Statement

If you are coming to join KIBC from a church with like doctrinal beliefs, have made a public profession of faith, and been baptized by immersion as a witness of that faith, you will be accepted into membership by Statement.

### 4. Associate Member

If you desire to retain membership in another Baptist Church located in another country, you may join KIBC as an associate member provided you have made a personal profession of faith and been baptized by immersion. You will be a nonvoting member of KIBC.

### 5. Watchcare

If you are a Christian from a different church denomination in another country and want to retain that church affiliation, and at the same time during your stay in Hong Kong want to be identified with the KIBC church family you may be identified as a Watchcare member. You will be a nonvoting member of KIBC.

If you wish to unite with KIBC in one of these ways, please fill out a response card (inserted into this program) and hand it to the Pastor, a church staff member, or an usher. You may also place the form in the church offering bag or bring it to the Pastor during the hymn which is sung at the conclusion of the Pastor's sermon.



# What Child is This?

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.*

When we study the words of this Scripture it is hard to imagine that a small child would have all these titles that refer to Him. Many today, and many in the time of Christ, struggled with attributing them to Jesus.

How do those around Jesus see Him?

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and Neighbors

Matthew 13:53-57, Mark 6:3, 8:29

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 3:20-21, John 7:3-5, Galatians 1:19, 2:9

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders**

Mark 3:22, John 3:2, 19:39-40

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders**

Matthew 2:16, Luke 23:4, Acts 26:28, Matthew 2:11

**5. \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Corinthians 6:2, Hebrews 3:7-8, Proverbs 3:7, Isaiah 5:14-16,  
Romans 3:23, John 3:16, 1:12

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