

JESUS CAME TO...



PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS —————
CAST FIRE ON THE EARTH
SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST —————



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
德士頓中國教會

Cast Fire on the Earth

Preacher: Jonathan Huang

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Advent Candle Lighting
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Worship in Song
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Luke 12:49-53*
Worship in the Word, Jonathan Huang
"Cast Fire on the Earth" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction & Doxology

Advent

The advent season reminds us of the birth of our savior Jesus Christ and to anticipate his return to establish his kingdom on earth.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Jesus Came to... Seek and Save the Lost

December 25 | *Luke 19:1-10* | Jason Tarn

The Joy of Freely Giving

January 1 | *1 Chronicles 29:1-19* | Jason Tarn

A Wealth of Generosity

January 8 | *2 Corinthians 8:1-9* | Jason Tarn

A Divided Church

January 15 | *1 Corinthians 1:1-17* | Jonathan Huang

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ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:
hcc.lv/sermons



ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes at 11:00am -12:15pm. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412/414

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 5 of 6) | Trailer 411

The Measure of a Man | Rm 113 | No class today

LUNCH PREPARATION

Joe & Rachel + Patrick & Debbie's Community Groups (this week)

No lunch service on 12/25 (Christmas holiday)

*O Come,
All You Unfaithful*
来, 失信的人

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
平安夜烛光聚会

December 24th at 5:00PM

十二月二十四日 傍晚五点

*Childcare will be provided for 3 years old and under

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HOME LIFE

Holidays

Christmas Gifts

from the Heart

Best Use

As a Christmas family activity

Nutritional Value

Focusing on the true meaning of Christmas as you celebrate Christ's birth and find ways to give gifts that money cannot buy.

Advance Preparation

Make sure you have the following on hand.

- A basket or gift box
- Pieces of craft or notebook paper, pencils or crayons, ribbon, or premade paper ornaments
- Birthday cake or cupcake
- Optional: Small Christmas tree

Serve It Up



Follow these steps for a great experience...

1. Call the family together to talk about the meaning of Christmas as you make paper ornaments together with construction paper and ribbon. Place them in a basket or gift box.
2. Ask each person to share why we celebrate Christmas. Afterwards, read the Christmas story aloud from the second chapter of Luke. Explain that the greatest gift we could ever receive was given that first Christmas.
3. After discussing the birth of Jesus and what Christ did for us, let the family know that during the rest of the month you will be giving “gifts from the heart” –which are gifts money can’t buy– such as Dad picking up mail for a sick neighbor, daughter helping little brother pick up his room, or brother telling mom how much he loves her with a big hug.
4. Each time that you catch someone giving a “gift from the heart,” write down what they did on a paper ornament and hang it on a Christmas tree.
5. On Christmas Eve, take all of the ornaments and wrap them. Put a label reading: *To-Jesus, Love-* and insert your names.
6. Before you begin unwrapping your gifts, take time to give these “gifts from the heart” to Jesus in celebration of his birthday. Open the gift to Jesus and take time to pull out each ornament and read it aloud.
7. You can have a birthday cake, donut, or cupcake with a candle to sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus.
8. When you finish reading through your “gifts from the heart,” take time to share what you love about Jesus.
9. Close your time in prayer, thanking God for giving the best “gift from the heart” on that first Christmas.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Building for the Future of HCC | TODAY! Dec 18 | HCC Lobby

Take a look at the design blueprints for the 3 Phases, sign up for a weekly prayer time slot, and make your best guesses on Part 1 of our "Baby, Come Home!" trivia quiz. Top 3 "reunited" win a free lunch!

"O Come, All You Unfaithful" - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Sat, Dec 24 | 5:00 pm

Church, let us gather together on Christmas Eve to worship the newborn King. The (bilingual) churchwide candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve in the HCC sanctuary at 5pm. We encourage all adults and children to bring along their personal Bible (ESV), as we will open the Bible to read the story of Christmas. *Childcare will be provided for 3 year olds and under.

Biblical Counseling Workshop Series | alternate Mondays starting 1/9/23 | 8:00 - 9:00 pm

What is biblical counseling? Why is counseling necessary for the life of a local church? How can we learn and do biblical counseling? Let's explore these important questions and learn about the fundamentals of biblical counseling together. Sign up for the workshop here: hcc.lv/BiblicalCounselingWorkshop. Questions? Please contact **John Hsieh** (johnhsieh83@gmail.com).

CHURCH NOTICES

Welcome Steve Hsia as Interim Pearland Pastor

In December, the Church Council voted to invite **Pastor Steve Hsia** (夏宇明牧師) to serve as the interim pastor for the Pearland campus. He will start on January 1, 2023 and will serve until the end of 2023. Please welcome him.

Hiring for Chinese Administrative Assistant

HCC is looking for a **Chinese Administrative Assistant**. (Amanda Kan is on staff temporarily in this position). Part-time/full-time status is flexible; fluency in both written/verbal Mandarin is required. For more details, please go to hcc.lv/opportunities or email williams@hcchome.org.

Pick Up Chosen Envelopes

If you didn't pick up your Chosen envelope last week, come to the office today to pick it up!

Sunday School Classes Canceled on 12/25

Systematic Theology Survey and **The Measure of a Man** will be on break on 12/25 (For **The Measure of a Man**, class is also canceled today, 12/18). Classes will resume on 1/1.

SERVE! Kitchen Supervisors Needed

The kitchen ministry is seeking volunteers to serve as kitchen supervisors for lunch preparation. If interested, please contact **Dianren Xia**, Deacon of General Affairs, at dianrenxia@gmail.com

2023 HCC Calendars Available

Pick up a free calendar in the church office; please take only one per household.

2022 Tax-Deductible Gift Deadline

To be counted as a charitable contribution for this year 2022, please note the following:

- 1) Paper Checks and Cash** - If dropping in the offering boxes, must be physically received by Saturday, Dec 31 (*it is highly recommended to not wait until the last day*). **If mailed**, must be postmarked by Dec 31. Writing "12/31/2022" on the check itself will not make a difference if the **mailed envelope** with the check is not postmarked by Dec 31. It is highly recommended if sending by mail, to mail before Dec 25 to ensure it will be postmarked by Dec 31.
- 2) Paypal Giving Fund Online Donations** - Must be made by Dec 31.
- 3) Stock Gift Transfers** - Must be received by HCC's brokerage account by Dec 31, to count as a 2022 contribution (*contact treasurer@hcchome.org for more information, if needed*).

Serve on Short-term Missions! | July 2-8 | Mexico

Join us for a multigenerational mission trip July 2-8 to Baja California, Mexico! If you are a Spanish speaker, we NEED you on our team! Contact phil.jennifer@gmail.com for more info.

HCC FAMILIES

No Nursery/KidMin/HCC.YM Events on 12/23 & 12/30

On Friday, 12/23 and Friday, 12/30, there will be no nursery, AWANA, or inSpire. If you have church events on those days, please plan to make arrangements for childcare.

Family Advent Devotionals | Pick up outside the sanctuary

During this Christmas season, take time to focus on Christ's Advent. Pick up a weekly family Advent devotional today. Use it to help your children think of the true meaning of Christmas.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 11, 2022

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

292

ENGLISH

64

CANTONESE

206

MANDARIN

41

YOUTH

88

CHILDREN

27+57

ENG + MAND

13

CHILDREN

788

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

57

ENGLISH

49

CANTONESE

68

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9

ENGLISH

24

MANDARIN

10

YOUTH

6

CHILDREN



DEC 11, 2022

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

THIS YEAR'S YTD
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

LAST YEAR'S YTD
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND

\$25,350.70

\$2,091,316.79

(\$261,324.05)

(\$37,320.37)

HCC BUILDING

\$300.00

\$225,413.60

PEARLAND
BUILDING

\$800.00

\$85,949.51



Staff Itinerary

Henry Ow: outside speaking, 12/18

William Soo: vacation, 12/18

Linh Phan: vacation, 12/20-1/5

Jason Tarn: vacation, 12/18

Fred Tow: vacation, 12/18-12/22

Joe Zhang: vacation, 12/20-12/22

Now Hiring: Chinese Administrative Assistant & Other Roles

HCC is hiring a **Chinese Administrative Assistant**. Fluency in Mandarin is required; part-time/full-time status is flexible. We are also looking for the following: **IT Coordinator**, **Nursery Caregiver**, and **Pearland Youth Minister**. For more details, please go to hcc.lv/opportunities



Lunch will not be served next week (12/25) in observation of Christmas.



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:
hcc.lv/GoPrayDec22



COVID PROTOCOL Green Zone: Low Risk

Masks are welcome. Continue to self-isolate if positive for COVID-19, and stay up to date on vaccines/boosters.

ABOUT US

COVID Church Facilities Update

HCC welcomes everyone to our indoor worship and activities. Check: hcc.lv/covid for the most updated protocols. For more info contact us at: hccoffice@hcchome.org

New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: hcc.lv/Welcome OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby for a gift. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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Please submit English bulletin announcements and inserts to Elise Tan at englishadmin@hcchome.org by Wednesday noon for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.