

Accessible . Creator . Eternal . Faithful
Father . Forgiving . Good . Gracious
Guide . Holy . Immutability
Impartial . Incomprehensible
Invisible . Just . Loving
Merciful . Patient . Pure
Prophet . Righteous
Savior . True . Wise

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HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

God is... Unchanging

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, November 26, 2023 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Offertory
New Members Introduction
Testimony, *Kristen Wu Nguyen*
Baptism
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Psalms 102:25-28*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"God is... Unchanging" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction and Doxology

Baptism

is the public declaration that a person has placed his or her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and identifies with Jesus's death and resurrection as depicted by immersion in water.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

God Is ... Eternal

Dec 3 | *Psalm 90:1-17* | Jason Tarn

God Is ... Independent

Dec 10 | *Exodus 3:11-14* | Jonathan Huang

God Is ... Everywhere

Dec 17 | *Jer. 23:23-24; Ps. 139:7-12* | Jason Tarn

God Is ... Near

Dec 24 | *Hebrews 2:14-18* | Jason Tarn



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

hcc.tv/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.

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 1 of 6) | Trailer 411

New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3) | Trailer 412/414

Half Time: Moving from Success to Significance | Rm 113

God Is: Meditations on the Attributes of God

God is ... Unchanging

Psalms 102:25-28

Because we live in a world of constant change, all of us are longing for stability – for an immovable, unshakable Rock upon which we can anchor our volatile lives. Scripture would point us to the immutable God who never changes.

1. Defining God's Immutability

- a. God is immutable in that he is unchanging in his nature, his character, his purposes, and his promises; and yet God is neither indifferent nor impersonal, for he responds and relates to mutable beings like us with reliable consistency.

2. Demonstrating God's Immutability

- a. God never changes in his nature (Ps 102:25-28)

- b. God never changes in his character (Ex 34:6-7)

- c. God never changes in his purposes (Ps 33:10-11; Isa 46:9-11)

- d. God never changes in his promises (Mal 3:6)

3. Drawing Implications of God's Immutability

- a. His immutability is a strong encouragement to pray

- b. His immutability is a strong comfort to his children

- c. His immutability is a strong warning to the unrepentant

- d. His immutability is a strong assurance if we repent and trust in Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Baptism & Membership Class | *Sundays in November* | 11:00am-12:15pm | *Trailer 416*
Membership class today will walk through becoming a member of HCC.
Contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to schedule a make-up class.

Faith, Sexuality, Gender Conference | *December 1-2* | *HCC*
Join us for this hybrid in-person/zoom conference. For more info, please visit hcc.lv/fsg23
To register, visit hcc.lv/fsg. Contact familylife@hcchome.org for additional questions.

Christmas Caroling | *Sunday, Dec 3rd* | 1:30pm-2:30pm | *Sanctuary*
Join us in singing Christmas hymns together as we enter into Advent Season!

2024 Budget Q&A meeting | *Sunday, Dec 3rd* | 12:30pm | *Youth Room*
Curious about the church's budget? We welcome you to attend the proposed budget plan for 2024. This will be a hybrid meeting in the Youth Room & via Zoom: bit.ly/24budgetqa
There will also be a General Membership Meeting on Sunday, 12/17 to vote on the approval of the budget.

Young Adult Event | *Friday, Dec 15th* | 7:30pm | *Youth Room*
Join us for a festive Gingerbread Building Competition! Calling all youth and young adults to showcase your A-game in gingerbread architecture. Prizes and joy await! Please RSVP by 12/11 through this evite bit.ly/24gingerbread

CHURCH NOTICES

If You Plan on Donating Stocks This Year, Check Your Brokerage Firm's Deadlines
One of the largest brokerage firms has posted deadlines of **Monday, Dec 4th** for annual funds, and **Friday, Dec 15th** for stocks and bonds to receive client instructions to transfer donated shares. After that, it's on a "best-effort basis" to get the transferred done before the end of the 2023 tax year. Please check your own brokerage firm's website.

If You're Fulfilling Your MF Pledge Now:
On checks, make sure you write "HCC **Pledge**" on the check memo line and not "HCC Building Fund" - otherwise your pledge will not get credited with your fulfillment payment. For cash, write "HCC **Pledge**" on the offering envelope. Using the online PayPal Giving Fund, put "25" as the cents amount, as in \$250.25." For stock donations, email treasurer@hcchome.org to alert us the transferred stock is to fulfill your pledge.

Attention: Donations Through PayPal Giving Fund
Be sure to check the box to "share your name and email" with us - otherwise your donations will arrive as "Anonymous" and we will not know whose offering account to credit.

Join Ethnos Church Plant's Prayer Team
If you'd like to receive newsletters and be a part of the prayer team for this church planting effort, you can sign up here hcc.lv/ethnos

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOV 19, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

295	76	207	60	86	}	68	18	}	810
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		ENG + MAND	CHILDREN		TOTAL

HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

73	57	76	}	9	25	8	9	}	
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		

NOV 19, 2023	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$12,555.15	\$1,596,102.23	(\$401,718.47)*	(\$298,679.40)
PCC GENERAL	\$2,671.00	\$162,070.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$8,780.00	\$261,348.12		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$123,209.20	\$4,980,884.84		
PCC BUILDING	-	\$43,553.18		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	-	\$72,172.08		

*This Year's YTD Deficit has been revised to correct for an unintended positive effect of the HCC Pledge Campaign on our regular Profit & Loss accounting reports.



STAFF ITINERARY

Jonathan Huang: Vacation, 11/14-28
Henry Ow: Vacation, 11/28-12/5

Frank Tan: Vacation, 9/11-11/30
Linh Phan: Vacation, 11/22-28



Baptism & New Members

TODAY, we will witness the baptism of **Kristen Wu Nguyen**. Current members are also invited to affirm membership candidates: **Josh Barber, Fred Chen, Jenny Li, Karen Liang, and Austin Nguyen**. Please welcome them to HCC!



LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

NO LUNCH (this week)
Kirk/Jason & Theresa (next week)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:
hcc.lv/GoPrayNov23

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAYPAL GIVING FUND



PPGF GIVING CODES

Without a giving code, your donation will default to the General Fund. Use these numbers in the cents amount to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.**25** for a pledge fulfillment).

- "25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge
- "22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund
- "19" - Designate to the Pearland Building Fund
- "24" - Designate to the Ethnos Church Plant

ABOUT US

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!

Sign Up for Our Newsletter | hcc.lv/news

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.

English Adult Sunday School – Winter 2023

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Next Sunday (12/3) marks the beginning of the winter quarter featuring four Sunday School classes. Feel free to try a new class as we study God's Word together and learn more about how to apply truths from the Bible to our lives!

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3)

Room 115

Led by Jason Tarn, Joe Fang, & Greg Kafka

This survey course will provide you with a strong theological foundation for Christian life and ministry. We will explore key doctrines across the spectrum of systematic theology. In Part One of three consecutive courses, we will cover The Doctrine of Scripture, The Existence and Attributes of God, the Doctrine of Creation, and the Doctrine of Providence.

Old Testament Survey (Part 2 of 6)

Trailer 411

Led by Henry Ow, James Gao, Joseph Goh, & Bill Huang

In the 2-year Old Testament (OT) Survey track, we will go through the 39 books of the OT by providing a high level overview of each book and its main ideas/themes. The OT helps us understand God's character and is the foundation for the New Testament. Through the OT, we also learn of God's promises and how they point to Jesus. This 12-week fall quarter, we'll journey through the pentateuch (Gen thru Deuteronomy), which serves as the foundation for God's covenant with Israel. The format of the class will be a blend of lecture, videos, discussion, and sharing. We hope that you can join!

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3)

Trailer 412/414

Led by Jonathan Huang, James Hsia, John Hsieh, & Melvin Huang

In part one of the New Testament Survey track, we'll be taking a big picture look at the books of Hebrews, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Join us as we explore the biographies of Jesus' life as well as how the gospel initially spread from Jerusalem onward through the Spirit-led missionary activities of God's people.

3-Big Questions

Room 113

Led by Fred Tow

Today's young people are the most anxious, adaptive, and diverse generation in history. Three of their most common questions are: 1. Who am I? (Identity), 2. Where do I fit? (Belonging), and 3. What difference can I make? (Purpose). This class will unpack the unique dilemmas young people are facing. It will help them see how Jesus answers these longings in a much better way. They are here because of Jesus, they belong with God's people, and they are invited into God's greater story.



HCC FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

FAITH SEXUALITY GENDER

FRIDAY, DEC 1
SANCTUARY & ZOOM
7:30 - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, DEC 2
YOUTH CENTER & ZOOM
9 AM - 12:30 PM

FOR MORE



INFORMATION



FAITH, SEXUALITY, & GENDER

Friday-Saturday, December 1-2, 2023

Culture teaches that each one of us can select the sexuality and gender we want to be. Through the pressure of this world, many are confused. What does Scripture have to say about humans created in God's image as male and female? What is our identity based on? What is the woke agenda and how is it related to LGBTQ? How should parents teach their children in a morally decayed society? Join us for the Family Life Fall Conference. This will be offered both in-person and via Zoom.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, Dec. 1 - HCC Sanctuary and via Zoom
7:30 PM – “What Am I?” – Finding our true identity.

Saturday, Dec. 2 - HCC Youth Center and via Zoom

Workshop 1: 9 AM – “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” –
Fundamental worldview of LGBTQ

Workshop 2: 10:15 AM – “Same Sex Attraction” –
Distinguishing fact from fiction

Workshop 3: 11:30 AM – “Parental Wisdom for Today's Culture”
Guiding our children in a morally decayed society

*The conference is free but please register to receive materials



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Rev. Jonathan Shumate serves as the founder and executive director of CrossLife (crosslife.org). Jonathan came to faith through Young Life while in high school and has served in vocational ministry for 20 years with a focus on evangelism, teaching, preaching, and shepherding. He is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and has been married to Kathleen for 15 years. They have 7 children.