

Advent Season



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

God is ... Everywhere

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, December 17, 2023 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Advent Candle Lighting: JOY
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Offertory
Parent Dedication
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Psalms 139:7-12*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"God is ... Everywhere" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction and Doxology

Parent Dedication

Christian parents pledge before the church to raise their child in the Lord's discipline and instruction. The church pledges to live out the truths of the gospel so that the child would hear the gospel and believe.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

God Is ... Near

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

God Is ... Love

Dec 31 | *1 John 4:7-12* | Fred Tow

A Church on Mission

Jan 7 | *Acts 1:1-11* | Jason Tarn

One New Man in Christ

Jan 14 | *Ephesians 2:11-22* | Jason Tarn



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.

3 Big Questions | Rm 113

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

Old Testament Survey (Part 2 of 6) | Trailer 411

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



God Is: Meditations on the Attributes of God

God is ... Everywhere

Psalms 139:7-12

As finite creatures, we can only be in one place at one time. But God is different. He is everywhere all at once. He is omnipresent. Studying God's omnipresence is an experience that can be comforting, chilling, and confounding – all at once.

1. Defining God's Omnipresence
 - a. God is omnipresent in that he is fully present everywhere all at once; and yet his presence can be experienced differently in different places.

2. Demonstrating God's Omnipresence (Ps 139:7-12; Acts 17:24-27; Ps 16:11; Amos 9:2-3; Jer 23:23-24; Rev 14:10)

3. Drawing Implications of God's Omnipresence
 - a. His omnipresence is comforting to the saved

 - b. His omnipresence is chilling for the unsaved

 - c. His omnipresence is confounding in the person of Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

General Membership Meeting | Today, Dec 17th | 12:30pm | Sanctuary
Members, come to our General Membership Meeting to vote on the 2024 budget.

Christmas Eve Service - Hymn Sing Night | Sunday, Dec 24th | 5:30pm | Sanctuary
Church, let us gather together on Christmas Eve to worship the newborn King together!
**Childcare will be provided for 3 years old and under.*

Ethnos Send-Off | Sunday, Jan 7th | 2pm-4pm | Chapel
Join us in sending out the Ethnos Church planting team! It will be a time of prayer and encouragement for the team before the launch of their first Sunday worship gathering.

Guitar Lessons at Beginner and Intermediate Levels | Jan 2024 | Youth Room
Sign up here for emails about future classes: hcc.lv/guitarlessons

CHURCH NOTICES

Praise God!

HCC is now the official owner of the 10201 Main building and 10 acres of land! Thanks be to God for his gracious provision through the generosity of our members and tireless effort of many leaders in our church.

Ethnos Church Planting Update

The Ethnos team will be officially commissioned and sent off from HCC on Sunday, Jan 7th and will begin their first Sunday worship gatherings on Jan 14th in a clubhouse venue in Memorial. Sign up at hcc.lv/ethnos to receive future updates or contact Jonathan Huang at jonathanh@hcchome.org to hear more about the church planting efforts.

Asian American Leadership Conference 2024 | April 23-24, 2024 | Orange County, CA
Organized by [SOLA Network](http://SOLANetwork), the AALC's goal is to equip Asian American leaders with gospel centered, contextual resources that will empower men and women for local church ministry. The conference theme is "Writing the Next Chapter: Empowering Asian American Voices for Gospel Ministry". If you're interested in joining Pastor Jason, Pastor Henry, and Minister Stanley at the next AALC, email jason@hcchome.org and visit aalc.network for more details and registration.

FREE! 2024 HCC Calendars Available

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

Serve on Short-Term Missions

 | June 29-July 6, 2024 | Mexico

Want to serve God while living at an orphanage? If you are a Spanish speaker, we NEED you on our team! Join us for a multigenerational mission trip June 29-July 6 to Baja California, Mexico! Please contact Phil/Jennifer Chii phil.jennifer@gmail.com for more information.

2023 Tax-Deductible Gift Deadline

To be counted as a charitable contribution for this year 2023, please note the following:

- 1) Paper Checks and Cash** - If dropping in the offering boxes, must be physically received by 1pm on Dec 31 (which is a Sunday this year). **If mailed**, must be postmarked by Dec 31. Writing "12/31/2023" 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 24 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 2023 contribution (contact treasurer@hcchome.org for more information, if needed).

HCC FAMILIES

No Nursery & AWANA on 12/29 & 1/5

Awana will not be meeting on Friday, 12/29 and 1/5. There will also be no childcare for Nursery

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DEC 10, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

309

84

199

50

108

24+50

17

841

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN

ENG + MAND

CHILDREN

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

79

62

71

11

27

7

8

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

ENGLISH

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN



DEC 10, 2023

OFFERINGS

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$46,859.35

\$1,867,257.01

(\$342,883.51)

(\$177,833.68)

PCC GENERAL

\$6,431.00

\$172,917.05

HCC BUILDING

\$8,408.18

\$312,666.46

HCC PLEDGE
PAYMENTS

\$47,725.00

\$5,603,828.42

PCC BUILDING

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\$46,517.60

RESTRICTED
COMMUNITY
SERVICE GRANT

\$17,000.00

ETHNOS
CHURCH PLANT

\$500.00

\$97,507.28



PARENT DEDICATION

Five families are participating in Parent Dedication during this morning's worship service. We invite the congregation to bear witness to and support these parents' desire to raise their children in a Christ-centered home: **Alan & Yi Bennett (Wesley)**, **James & Sonia Hsia (Phinehas)**, **Paul & Jennifer Nguyen (Rowen)**, **Daniel & Mandy Tung (Chloe)**, **John & Melody Yang (Adelyn)**.



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Joe & Rachel/Fred (this week)

No Lunch Service on 12/24 and 12/31 (holiday week)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/GoPrayDec23

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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!

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