



The Coming King

ADVENT MESSAGES IN MATTHEW



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
德士頓中國教會

The Birth of a King

Preacher: Stanley Chang

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | 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

Offertory

New Members Welcome

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Matthew 1:18-25*

Worship in the Word, Minister Stanley Chang

"The Birth of a King" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Church Membership

Church membership formalizes a relationship between the church and a Christian through the church affirming their faith and the Christian permitting the church to shepherd them.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Wise Men from the East

December 15 | Matthew 2:1-11 | Henry Ow

Out of Egypt

December 22 | Matthew 2:12-23 | Jason Tarn

Prepare the Way of the Lord

December 29 | Matthew 3:1-12 | Henry Ow

The Church of the Living God

January 5 | 1 Timothy 3:14-16 | 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.

Book Study: "Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Path to Joy" | Rm 113

Leaving a Strong Christian Legacy | Rm 115 (for ages 50+)

2 Corinthians: A Verse-by-Verse Study Class | Rm 210

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

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412-414



The Coming King: Advent Messages in Matthew's Gospel

The Birth of a King

Matthew 1:18-25

In the first part of chapter one, Matthew places Jesus, the messiah God's people have been waiting for, in the context of redemptive history. Matthew now turns to the human beginnings of Jesus. From Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus, we get a glimpse of who this Messiah is. His identity. His names. The names given to Him by God. Son of David, Jesus, and Immanuel.

1. Son of David – God's King

2. Jesus – God's Savior

3. Immanuel – God's presence

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Churchwide Monthly Prayer | *Today, Dec 8th* | 1:00pm-1:30pm | *New Building*
Join us as a church to pray for our building project and upcoming pledge campaign.

The Good News: Christianity Explained Training | *Wed, Dec 11th* | 8:30pm-9:30pm
Join us on Zoom as we learn how we may share the good news with non-Christian friends and family through the gospel of Mark by using the evangelistic tool "Christianity Explained." We'll go through the evangelistic tool, provide resources, and have testimonies of how God is working through his people. Join the Zoom link: hcc.lv/training

F3 Men's Workout Group | *Sat, Dec 14th* | 6:30am-7:30am | *New Building Parking Lot*
Calling all men to join us for our FREE F3 Men's workout group followed by Coffeeteria. Contact David Cheong for questions at David.Cheong921@gmail.com

General Membership Meeting | *Sunday, Dec 15th* | 12:30pm | *Sanctuary*
This meeting is to vote on the approval of the 2025 budget and of the Council's recommendation for Pastor Henry to serve as the new Administrative Pastor. We need 51% of the church membership to attend to meet quorum to vote.

Chinese Mission Convention (CMC) Global 2024 | *Fri-Sat, Dec 27th-28th* | *WHCC*
CMC Global 2024 is taking place in Baltimore, but plenary messages will be streamed to the Houston host site (WHCC) in addition to our own local programming and workshops. Youth will join the English program. Children's program (ages 3-10) available for evening sessions. No childcare for ages 2 and under. Please register at thecmc.org/houston

CHURCH NOTICES

Youth Internship Opportunity

The Youth Ministry is looking for a part-time intern from January 1st to August 31st, 2025. Click here for the full job description. For questions, contact stanleyc@hcchome.org

If You Plan on Donating Stocks This Year, Be Wise and Do it Soon

Instruct your brokerage firm as early as possible this month to transfer donated shares. The date of record for your tax deductibility is when HCC receives your stock donation, and not when you initiate it. Email treasurer@hcchome.org with the name and # of shares you're donating because the donor's identity never accompanies the stock donation.

Attention: Donations Through PayPal Giving Fund

Be sure to check the box to "share your name and email" - otherwise your donations will arrive as "Anonymous" and we will not know whose offering account to credit.

2024 Tax-Deductible Gift Deadline

To be counted as a charitable contribution for 2024: (1) Paper Checks and Cash - If using the offering boxes, gifts must be physically received by Tue, Dec 31st at 5pm. If mailed, it must be **postmarked** by Dec 31st. Writing "12/31/2024" on the check itself will not make a difference. (2) Paypal Giving Fund Online Donations: Must be made by Dec 31st.

FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

Little Lambs Storytime

 | *Wed, Dec 11th* | 9:30am-11:00am | *Rm103b*

Join us for the last storytime of 2024 with songs and stories in Chinese! Suitable for children 4 yrs old and under. Join our Discord server for updates: discord.gg/SuDdch6zvp and soniawhsia@gmail.com for more info.

MOLO Zoom Dermatologist Q&A

 | *Thursday, Jan 9th* | 8:30pm-9:30pm | *Zoom*

"The Skinny On Skin" join us for a more relaxed topic on being good stewards for our own skin and caring for our children's skin. A dermatologist will answer general dermatology questions. Event open to all women. Please sign up and submit questions beforehand at: hcc.lv/skin. Contact Yi Wang for questions: eeex101@gmail.com

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 1, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

271

ENGLISH

83

CANTONESE

217

MANDARIN

49

YOUTH

94

CHILDREN

23+47

ENG+MAND

12

CHILDREN

796

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

77

ENGLISH

57

CANTONESE

78

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9

ENGLISH

29

MANDARIN

9

YOUTH

7

CHILDREN



DECEMBER 1, 2024

OFFERINGS

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$47,618.65

\$1,942,111.81

(\$500,281.07)*

(\$284,137.74)

PCC GENERAL

\$4,490.00

\$175,222.95

HCC BUILDING

\$8,160.25

\$265,091.65

HCC PLEDGE
PAYMENTS

\$116,500.00

\$1,158,644.46

RENOVATION
PLEDGES

\$93,837.84

\$103,838.06

RESTRICTED COMM
SERVICE GRANTS

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\$40,450.00

* Includes new-for-2024 expenses of \$66,144 for HCC support of Ethnos' 1st Operating Year, \$96,542.03 for new MF building insurance, and \$95,492.21 in MF utility expenses through November 30th. For the HCC and PCC insurance premiums, there is a \$2,492.84 difference when comparing 2024 and payments made up to November 2023.



MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION

TODAY, current members are invited to affirm our new membership candidates:

David Cheong, David Ho, Ginny Lo, James Lo, Paul Tan, Daniel Wang, & Phoebe Wang.

Please welcome them into our HCC family!



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Enoch/Jachin/Crossroads (this week)

Joe & Rachel/Jamison & Tiffany (next week)



STAFF ITINERARY

Linh Phan: Outside speaking, 12/8.



PRAYER

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

hcc.lv/pray24

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PAYPAL GIVING FUNDS



← 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

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. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!