



The Coming King

ADVENT MESSAGES IN MATTHEW



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
德士頓中國教會

Wise Men from the East

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, December 15, 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
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Matthew 2:1-11*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow
"Wise Men from the East" - [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

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

The Favor of the Lord

January 12 | Ruth 2 | Jason Tarn

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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.

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 (**No Class Today**)

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



The Coming King: Advent Messages in Matthew's Gospel

Wise Men from the East

Matthew 2:1-11

People search for Jesus for different reasons. Some governments search for any mention of Jesus to erase it so that they can eliminate his influence on their societies. Some search for Jesus out of curiosity. Who is this Jesus that we celebrate during Christmas? Some search for Jesus to learn about his teachings. But what is the biblical reason to search for Jesus?

1. Some people search for Jesus to worship him.
2. Some people know where to find Jesus but reject his kingship.
3. Search for Jesus to worship Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

General Membership Meeting | Today, 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.

F3 Men's Workout Group | Sat, Dec 21st | 8:00am-9:00am | New Building Parking Lot

Join us for a FREE F3 2.0 (family) Christmas workout followed by BYOB (Bring your own breakfast to share) located at the new parking lot next door. Contact David Cheong for questions at David.Cheong921@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Tuesday, 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.

50th Anniversary Dinner - Registration Reopened | Sat, Jan 25, 2025 | 5:30pm-8pm

Registration for the Anniversary Dinner has reopened. Please register asap before the Dec 29th deadline. Children ages 12+ are welcome to attend and childcare for younger children is available at the main HCC building from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Secure your dinner ticket here: hcc.lv/50anniversary and register for childcare here: bit.ly/pnoregistration



50th Anniversary



PNO Registration

Parents' Night Out: Volunteer Sign Up | Sat, Jan 25, 2025 | 5:00pm-8:30pm

During our 50th Anniversary Dinner, we are organizing a special Parents' Night Out (PNO) for children 11-years old and younger. As many of our long-time members and alumni gather to reminisce on God's faithfulness over the past 5 decades, we encourage newer members and attendees to take this opportunity to serve these families by helping with childcare. Dinner will be provided to PNO volunteers. Sign up here: bit.ly/PNOvolunteer

Chinese Mission Convention (CMC) Global 2024 | Fri-Sat, Dec 27th-28th | WHCC

Register at thecmc.org/houston. Deadline is this Friday, Dec 20th.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Mothers of Little Ones | Wednesday, Dec 18th | 9:30am-11:30am | Fire Truck Park

MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will be having a playdate this Wednesday at Fire Truck Park! Playdates are 1st and 3rd Wed of the month. For questions, or inclement weather, please contact Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 8, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

*MEN'S RETREAT

PEARLAND WORSHIP

288

ENGLISH

79

CANTONESE

186+20

MANDARIN

49

YOUTH

99

CHILDREN

28+62

ENG+MAND

13

CHILDREN

804

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

83

ENGLISH

57

CANTONESE

68

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

8

ENGLISH

28

MANDARIN

13

YOUTH

7

CHILDREN



DECEMBER 8, 2024

OFFERINGS

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$51,844.15

\$1,993,955.96

(\$468,597.39)*

(\$261,132.51)

PCC GENERAL

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\$175,222.95

HCC BUILDING

\$25,000

\$290,091.65

HCC PLEDGE
PAYMENTS

\$46,247.60

\$1,204,892.06

RENOVATION
PLEDGES

\$8,000.00

\$111,838.06

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.



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Joe & Rachel/Jamison & Tiffany (this week)

NO LUNCH next two weeks (Dec 22nd & 29th)



STAFF ITINERARY

Frank Tan: Vacation, 12/17-1/1.



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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PEARLAND 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!

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