



Out of Egypt Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, December 22, 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
Baptism & New Members
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, Matthew 2:12-23
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"Out of Egypt" - Sermon Outline
Worship in Song

# **Baptism**

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

Benediction & Doxology

# Prepare the Way of the Lord

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

# The Church of the Living God

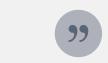
January 5 | 1 Timothy 3:14-16 | Jason Tarn

## The Favor of the Lord

January 12 | Ruth 2 | Jason Tarn

**Sanctity of Life** 

January 19 | TBD | Stanley Chang



#### 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 (No Class Today)

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

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

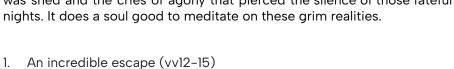


# The Coming King: Advent Messages in Matthew's Gospel Out of Egypt Matthew 2:12-23

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battle that took place during our Savior's birth. We ignore the blood that
was shed and the cries of agony that pierced the silence of those fateful
nights. It does a soul good to meditate on these grim realities.



2. An agonizing slaughter (vv16-18)

3. An obscure upbringing (vv19-23)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

Come and Learn about Jesus | Today, Dec 22nd | 10:30am-11am | Lobby

Do you have questions about today's sermon and about Jesus? If you're interested in
learning more about the Christian faith, come learn what it means to follow Jesus by His
life, death, and resurrection by reading through an account of His life and teachings with

a new friend. Please visit the table to the right after English Worship service!

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 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: <a href="https://bcc.lv/50anniversary">https://bcc.lv/50anniversary</a> and register for childcare here: <a href="https://bc.lv/pnoregistration">bit.ly/pnoregistration</a>.
Join us the following day at Sunday's combined worship service to continue celebrating.



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: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/PNOvolunteer">bit.ly/PNOvolunteer</a>

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

## **Membership Meeting Vote Results**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the General Membership Meeting last Sunday. Out of the 401 in attendance, 371 valid ballots were received. 2025 church budget proposal passed with 98.9% of votes in favor, HCC Council's recommendation for Pastor Henry Ow to serve as the new Administrative Pastor also passed with 98.6% in favor.

## **Children's Ministry Administrative Role**

Children's Ministry is seeking a 3-month temporary admin staff to serve with us. Start date would be around 1/25/2025. This will be a part-time position of average 12 hours per week. If interested or need further details, contact Mr. Frank at <a href="mailto:frankt@hcchome.org">frankt@hcchome.org</a>

#### 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**

# No AWANA/Nursery/Youth Next 2 Fridays (Dec 27th & Jan 3rd)

There will be no Awana, childcare, and youth this Friday, Dec 27th and next Friday, Jan 3rd, 2025. Fellowships and small groups should plan accordingly.

## **HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES**

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 15, 2024

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287	77	239	96	126	_	87	16	928
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDRE	N COV	MBINED	CHILDREN	TOTAL
HCC SUNDAY	SCHOOL		PEA	RLAND SUN	NDAY SCHOO	L		<b>.</b>
103 ENGLISH	<b>52</b> CANTONESE	<b>71</b> MANDARIN		NGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN	

DECEMBER 45, 2024	OFFEDINGS	VTD BECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS			
DECEMBER 15, 2024	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR		
HCC GENERAL	\$141,802.86	\$2,135,758.82	(\$371,707.49)*	(\$323,963.74)		
PCC GENERAL	\$2,884.00	\$178,106.95				
HCC BUILDING	\$31,450.00	\$290,091.65				
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$104,500.00	\$1,309,392.06				
RENOVATION PLEDGES	\$28,031.91	\$139,869.97				
RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS	-	\$40,450.00				

<sup>\*</sup> 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! **NO LUNCH TODAY & next Sunday** (Dec 29th)



#### **BAPTISM & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

TODAY, we will witness the baptisms of *Kevin Han & Tedman Ng.* Current members are also invited to affirm membership candidates: *Tina Huang & Mary Vo.* Please welcome them to our HCC family!



#### PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight: hcc.lv/pray24



#### ← 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 Vistor's Welcome form: <a href="https://welcome">hcc.lv/Welcome</a> OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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