



# The Coming King

ADVENT MESSAGES IN MATTHEW



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
德士頓中國教會

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  
Benediction & Doxology

### 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

### 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*

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### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

[hcc.lv/sermons](http://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*



## 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: [hcc.lv/50anniversary](http://hcc.lv/50anniversary) and register for childcare here: [bit.ly/pnoregistration](http://bit.ly/pnoregistration). 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: [bit.ly/PNOvolunteer](http://bit.ly/PNOvolunteer)

## 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 [frankt@hcchome.org](mailto:frankt@hcchome.org)

### 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

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

287

ENGLISH

77

CANTONESE

239

MANDARIN

96

YOUTH

126

CHILDREN

87

COMBINED

16

CHILDREN

928

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

103

ENGLISH

52

CANTONESE

71

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

-

ENGLISH

-

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

-

CHILDREN



DECEMBER 15, 2024

OFFERINGS

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

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

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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!

**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](http://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](http://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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