



# The Coming King

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HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
德士頓中國教會

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, December 29, 2024 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship  
 Recitation of the Lord's Prayer  
 Worship in Song  
 Confession of Sin  
 Assurance of Pardon  
 Offertory  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Scripture Reading, *Matthew 3:1-12*  
 Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow  
 "Prepare the Way of the Lord" - [Sermon Outline](#)  
 Worship in Song  
 Benediction & Doxology

### Lord's Prayer

We follow the tradition of the apostles and early church by praying together for God to carry out his purposes on earth. This demonstrates our dependence on him.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### 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*

### Letter to a Faithful Church

*January 26 | Revelation 3:7-13 | Jason Tarn*

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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+) (No Class Today)**

**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**



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**F3 Men's Workout Group** | *Every Saturday* | *6:30am-7:30am* | *New Building Parking Lot*  
Calling all men to join us for our first FREE F3 Men's workout group followed by Coffeeteria located at the new parking lot next door. Contact David Cheong for questions at [David.Cheong921@gmail.com](mailto:David.Cheong921@gmail.com)

**PNO Childcare/Registration for 50th Anniversary** | *Sat, Jan 25, 2025* | *5pm-8:30pm*  
If you're interested in volunteering with childcare during our 50th Anniversary Dinner, please sign up at: [bit.ly/PNOvolunteer](https://bit.ly/PNOvolunteer). Dinner will be provided to PNO volunteers. If you have not registered your child (11 and under) yet, please sign up at [bit.ly/pnoregistration](https://bit.ly/pnoregistration)

## CHURCH NOTICES

### Deadline for Submitting 2024 Vouchers

All 2024 reimbursements must be submitted with signed vouchers and invoices by the second Sunday in January (Jan 12th, 2025).

### Church Office Closed on Wednesday, Jan 1st, 2025

The church office will be closed on January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

### 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)

### Taiwan Short-Term Missions Trip | *July 3rd-20th, 2025*

Mr. Frank will be leading a STM trip to Taiwan next year. We will be holding Science VBS outreach at two churches (Tainan and Taipei). If interested to sign up or for more 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 on Friday

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

### MOLO Zoom Dermatologist Q&A | *Thursday, Jan 9th, 2025* | *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](https://hcc.lv/skin). Join the Zoom meeting here: [bit.ly/zoommolo](https://bit.ly/zoommolo). Contact Yi Wang for questions: [eeex101@gmail.com](mailto:eeex101@gmail.com)

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 22, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

**301**  
ENGLISH

**309**  
CANTO+MAND

**49**  
YOUTH

**94**  
CHILDREN

**74**  
COMBINED

**14**  
CHILDREN

**854**  
TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

**56**  
ENGLISH

**-**  
CANTONESE

**36**  
MANDARIN

**10**  
ENGLISH

**34**  
MANDARIN

**-**  
YOUTH

**7**  
CHILDREN



| DECEMBER 22, 2024              | OFFERINGS   | YTD RECEIVED   | YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                |             |                | THIS YEAR             | LAST YEAR      |
| HCC GENERAL                    | \$78,595.11 | \$2,214,353.93 | (\$296,247.44)*       | (\$125,215.71) |
| PCC GENERAL                    | \$5,921.00  | \$184,027.95   |                       |                |
| HCC BUILDING                   | \$8,500.00  | \$330,041.65   |                       |                |
| HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS            | \$63,000.00 | \$1,372,392.06 |                       |                |
| RENOVATION PLEDGES             | -           | \$139,869.97   |                       |                |
| RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS | -           | \$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** (this week)

**Brian/Sean & Juddie** (next week)



### 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)



### 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!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter | [hcc.lv/news](http://hcc.lv/news)

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