

Advent Season




HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
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God is... Independent

Preacher: Jonathan Huang

Sunday, December 10, 2023 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting: Peace

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Exodus 3:1-15*

Worship in the Word, Minister Jonathan Huang

"God is... Independent" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction and 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

God Is ... Everywhere

Dec 17 | *Jer. 23:23-24; Ps. 139:7-12* | Jason Tarn

God Is ... Near

Dec 24 | *Hebrews 2:14-18* | Jason Tarn

God Is ... Love

Dec 31 | *1 John 4:7-12* | Fred Tow

God Is ... Independent

Jan 7 | *Acts 1:1-11* | 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.

3 Big Questions | Rm 113

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 2 of 6) | Trailer 411

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412/414

God Is: Meditations on the Attributes of God

God is... Independent

Exodus 3:1-15

Thinking about God being independent can make God seem pretty cold and distant. It can make us feel like there's really no point in trying to be in a relationship with him or to relate to him at all. So why would God being independent be a good thing for us?

1. Defining God's Independence

2. Demonstrating God's Independence

3. Drawing Implications of God's Independence

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Be the Match Drive | Today, Dec 10th | 10am-1pm | Lobby

Are you between 18-40 years of age? Find out how you could save a life. Register to be a potential stem cell donor and provide a cheek swab sample during the donor registration drive. Text "Swab4Sylvia" to 61474 for more information.

Youth & Young Adult Fellowship | Friday, Dec 15th | 7:30pm | Youth Room

Join us for a festive Gingerbread Building Competition! Calling all youth and young adults to showcase your A-game in gingerbread architecture. Prizes and joy await! Please RSVP by 12/11 through this evite bit.ly/24gingerbread

General Membership Meeting | Sunday, Dec 17th | 12:30pm | Sanctuary

Members, come to our next General Membership Meeting to vote on the 2024 budget.

Christmas Eve Service - Hymn Sing Night | Sunday, 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.

Guitar Lessons at Beginner and Intermediate Levels | Jan 2024 | Youth Room

Sign up here for emails about future classes: hcc.lv/guitarlessons

Serve on Short-Term Missions | June 29-July 6 | Mexico

Want to serve God while living at an orphanage? We are looking for families with youth aged (6th grade +) children to join us! There are spots open for single/married adults too. If you are a Spanish speaker, we NEED you on our team! Join us for a multigenerational mission trip June 29-July 6 to Baja California, Mexico! Please contact Phil/Jennifer Chii phil.jennifer@gmail.com for more information.

CHURCH NOTICES

If You Plan on Donating Stocks This Year, Check Your Brokerage Firm's Deadlines

One of the largest brokerage firms has posted deadlines of **Monday, Dec 4th** for annual funds, and **Friday, Dec 15th** for stocks and bonds to receive client instructions to transfer donated shares. After that, it's on a "best-effort basis" to get the transfers done before the end of the 2023 tax year. Please check your own brokerage firm's website.

If You're Fulfilling Your Pledge Now

On checks, make sure you write "HCC **Pledge**" on the check memo and not "HCC Building Fund" - otherwise your pledge will not get credited with your fulfillment payment. For cash, write "HCC **Pledge**" on the offering envelope. Using the online Paypal Giving Fund, put "**25**" as the cents amount, as in "\$250.**25**." For stock donations, email treasurer@hcchome.org to alert us the transferred stock is to fulfill your pledge.

Attention: Donations Through PayPal Giving Fund

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

Ethnos Church Planting Update

The first missional community for Ethnos will be gathering next Thursday evening in Memorial. The Ethnos team will be officially commissioned and sent off from HCC on Sunday Jan 7th and will begin their first Sunday worship gatherings on Jan 14th in a clubhouse venue in the target area. Sign up at hcc.lv/ethnos or contact Church Planting Resident, Jonathan Huang at jonathanh@hcchome.org to receive future updates.

HCC FAMILIES

No Nursery & AWANA on 12/29 & 1/5

Awana will not be meeting on 12/29 and 1/5. There will also be no childcare for Nursery age kids on 12/29 and 1/5. Fellowships and small groups should plan accordingly.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DEC 3, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

285 ENGLISH 74 CANTONESE 225 MANDARIN 65 YOUTH 102 CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

65 COMBINED

816 TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

87 ENGLISH 52 CANTONESE 73 MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9 ENGLISH 16 MANDARIN - YOUTH 9 CHILDREN



DEC 3, 2023	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$115,255.08	\$1,820,397.66	(\$279,726.43)	(\$176,893.57)
PCC GENERAL	\$3,543.00	\$166,486.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$455.04	\$304,258.28		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$24,638.20	\$5,556,103.42		
PCC BUILDING	\$105.04	\$46,517.60		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$700.24	\$97,007.28		



HCC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our staff we are in need of a **Facility Supervisor and other open positions**. Look to see more: hcc.lv/opportunities



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Enoch/Crossroads (this week)
Joe & Rachel/Fred (next week)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:
hcc.lv/GoPrayDec23

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAYPAL GIVING FUND



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
- "19" - Designate to the Pearland Building Fund
- "24" - Designate to the Ethnos Church Plant

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

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