

HARBOUR  
CITY CHURCH

# Sunday Program

3 December 2023



(Frederick Buechner)

*“It is impossible to conceive how different things would have turned out if that birth had not happened whenever, wherever, however it did for millions of people who have lived since, the birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it. It is a truth that, for twenty centuries, there have been untold numbers of men and women who, in untold numbers of ways, have been so grasped by the child who was born, so caught up in the message he taught and the life he lived, that they have found themselves profoundly changed by their relationship with him.”*

(Charles Wesley)

*“Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.”*

(W.Y. Fullerton)

*“I cannot tell how he will win the nations, how he will claim his earthly heritage, how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage. But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory and he shall reap the harvest he has sown, and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour, when he, the saviour, saviour of the world is known.”*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Presider: Jason Ju**

**Preacher: P. Sijin Yang**

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Please stand where indicated by \*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### **Psalm 124:1-8**

*<sup>1</sup> If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—*

*<sup>2</sup> if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us,*

*<sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;*

*<sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;*

*<sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

*<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!*

*<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!*

*<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

### SILENT CONFESSION

Let us continue to draw nearer to God by confessing, repenting and bearing of our hearts before our loving Heavenly Father. Be transparent and earnest, bringing the offering of broken and contrite heart before the Lord who knows us better than we know ourselves. He is more willing to forgive than we are to repent!

(Silent Private Prayer)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(In Christ, our sins are covered!)

Hear the good news of the forgiveness of your sins!

### **Hosea 11:8-9**

*"...My compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup> I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath."*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

(Presider)

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

#### **Week 49: "Prayer"**

98. What is prayer?

*A. Prayer is offering up our desires to God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and with thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.*

99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

*A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is the form of prayer that Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.*

100. What does the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

*A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, "Our Father who is in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with a full holy reverence and confidence, and as children who draw near to a father able and ready to help us. Also (in using the plural our), it teaches us that we should pray with and for others.*

## **OFFERING & DEDICATION**

**Word of Dedication: "A Joyful Experience"**

**Acts 2:35b**

*"remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

## **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION**

(Minwoo Y)

To help you think about your level of giving, here is the financial snapshot of HCC for this month:

Giving: 22nd November - 28th November = \$6,847.40

Total November Giving = \$19,289.40

Sydney Space Balance: \$165,316.58

Monthly Budget: \$25,833.00

## **GENERAL TITHES & OFFERINGS vs. SYDNEY SPACE OFFERING**

These are two separate HCC accounts (BSB: 082 057).

For General Tithes and Offerings (16 207 4037); and specifically for Sydney Space (32 844 5724).

At the end of each month, 10% of all general tithes and offerings will go towards SS account as "seed money". Please DO NOT reroute your general giving towards SS account. SS is specifically to give above and beyond your general commitment.

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

<Preschool children are excused for Bible Story Time>

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## **SERMON**

### **Christmas Advent #1**

#### **"Gabriel's Message" - Luke 1:26-38**

1. The long-awaited Son of David
2. The long-awaited Son of God

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RESPONSIVE SONG\***

## **BENEDICTION\***

### **Jude 24-25**

*“<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”*

## WELCOME TO HCC!

We are a gospel centered church seeking the renewal of our city by the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God! We are so glad to have you join us for our worship service today.

If you're with us for the first time, please let us know who you are by filling out our please fill out the 'Newcomers Form' [here](#) and we'll get in touch!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

We'd love for you to join us for our weekly Sunday services. You can join us in person. Our live stream is available by request only, by filling out this form [here](#). Past sermons can be found [here](#).

- 10:00AM Harbour Tea
- 10:30AM Worship Service

## CHURCH LOCATION

41B College Street, Gladesville NSW 2111

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## OFFERING

Offering is part of our worship to God. The Bible gives us an enduring principle of tithing of our gross income as the baseline for the Christian's worship through giving (2 Cor 9:7; Malachi 3:8-10). If every church member gave 10%, we would have enough financial resources for all the gospel ministry God is calling our church to do. Let the Spirit guide you in all final matters.

You may give electronically to the account details below:

Account Name: Harbour City  
Church

BSB: 082 057

Account No. : 16 207 4037

Account Name: HCC Sydney  
Space

BSB: 082 057

Account No. : 32 844 5724

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Harbour City Church welcomes families with children of all ages to the Sunday worship services. An “open creche” area is provided at the back of the venue for parents to use with their babies and toddlers. Bible Story Time for children who are preschool aged takes place during Sunday services, except on the 5th Sunday of the month, and begins just before the sermon. If you have any questions about Children’s Ministry, please contact Gloria.

## GROWTH GROUPS

GGs are small group support and accountability units, available to all members and regulars. It is the core discipleship ministry of HCC.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

CGs meet for dinner every weekend when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. CGs gather in homes for wider church bonding and fellowship in various locations around Sydney.

## ELDERS

Jim Jung  
**Senior Pastor**

0430 423 986

Jason Ju  
**Ruling Elder**

0422 647 599

Sijin Yang  
**Associate Pastor**

0415 058 976

David Choi  
**Ruling Elder**

0433 666 991

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us online for regular posts, reflections and to get to know us a little better via our Facebook, Instagram and website.

Facebook: [@harbourcitychurch](#)

Instagram: [@hcc\\_sydney](#)

[www.harbourcitychurch.com](http://www.harbourcitychurch.com)

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

Please join us in daily reading of God's word as a church body. There is an app available for the reading plan 'Community Bible Reading' and a link available [here](#).

## PRAYING THROUGH YOUR PEN

### 1. Adoration

Praise the Father for His attributes and actions

### 2. Confession

Confess and acknowledge your sinfulness

### 3. Thanksgiving

Thank Jesus for His salvation

### 4. Supplication

Ask the Spirit to transform you

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the significance of Jesus being the long-awaited Son of David? Why does it matter today?
2. What is the significance of Jesus being the long-awaited Son of God? Why does it matter today?
3. What can we learn about the faith and character of Mary? What can we learn from her?
4. What is the most helpful/challenging/encouraging part of the sermon for you?

## WHAT'S ON AT HCC

### WELCOME TO HCC

Thank you for joining our HCC worship. If you are new to our church, we want to welcome you and would love to get to know you. Please fill out the 'Newcomers Form' [here](#) and we'll get in touch! For any more information about anything or to respond to any announcements, you can always email [info@harbourcitychurch.com](mailto:info@harbourcitychurch.com)

### 31 DAYS OF PRAYER

HCC is going to have 31 Days of Prayer for the month of December. We want to commit to being a prayerful church and so each day in December we'll have a different prayer point that we can all pray for. We encourage you to join us as we pray.

Find the prayer points by joining our Facebook Group, signing up for the HCC email newsletter, following us on Instagram, or checking out our website - [harbourcitychurch.com](http://harbourcitychurch.com)

### HCC Bookstore

Did you know that we have a bookstore? In the corner of the sanctuary, you'll see two bookshelves that aren't just for show. Over the years, we've collected Christian books on relationships, shame, grief, systematic theology, apologetics, and more that are available for purchase. Give the bookstore a look, if you find a book you like, scan the QR code on the sign to buy it.

### GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups meet every week except for during school holidays. If you're not plugged into a group yet, be sure to get connected in these small group meetings for care, accountability, sermon reflection, prayer, and fellowship.

If you'd like to get plugged into a group, contact P. Jim, Elder David, Delaney, Sarah G, or email [info@harbourcitychurch.com](mailto:info@harbourcitychurch.com)

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## WHAT'S ON AT HCC

### **NEWTOWN MISSION: VOLUNTEERING AT JORDAN CAFE**

Join us for Jordan Cafe volunteering on Thursday evenings. Service starts at 6PM, followed by dinner service at 7PM. Contact Keara for further information.

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

- Welcoming and Data- Contact Delaney
- Slides- Contact Dave
- City Sanctum Steering Committee- Contact Brent
- Design- Contact Liz
- Video: Contact Liz
- Sunday Program: Contact Michelle
- Praise: Contact Kev