# HARBOUR CITY CHURCH

# Sunday Program

10 September 2023



# (John Owen)

"In God, there is an essential and infinite brightness, which is his infinite knowledge, holiness, and glory, whereby he dwells in light that is inaccessible and full of glory."

# (R.C. Sproul)

"God's light not only exposes our sin but also reveals His grace. It is in the light of God's holiness that we see the depth of our need for His mercy."

# (Jonathan Edwards)

"Sin is a darkness that blinds the mind, corrupts the heart, and separates us from the light of God. Only the sovereign grace of God can dispel this darkness."

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presider: Daebii Choi Preacher: P. Jim Jung

Please stand where indicated by \*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

## Psalm 119:89-93

- <sup>89</sup>Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- <sup>90</sup>Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- <sup>91</sup>By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.
- <sup>92</sup>If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
- <sup>93</sup>I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

#### 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!

#### Psalm 130:7-8

<sup>47</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup>And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities."

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Presider)

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## Westminster Shorter Catechism

#### Week 37: "Seventh Commandment"

- 70. What is the seventh commandment?
- A. The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."
- 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?
- A. The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.
- 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?
- A. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

#### **OFFERING & DEDICATION**

Word of Dedication: "God Blesses our Giving"

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6

"<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

## **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION

(Rebecca)

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

Giving: 30th August - 5th September = \$27,521.09

Total August Giving = \$22,701.15

Total September Giving = \$24,074.59 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.

<Preschool children are excused for Bible Story Time>

#### SERMON

> back to quotes

"Living in the Last Days" Series

# "Walking in the Light" – 1 John 1:5-10

- 1. God is light
- 2. We walk in darkness
- 3. Confession and forgiveness

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **RESPONSIVE SONG\***

# **BENEDICTION\***

# Colossians 3:16

"<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

#### 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

#### 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

Account Name: HCC Sydney

Space

BSB: 082 057

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Account No.: 16 207 4037

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	Sijin Yang
<b>Senior Pastor</b>	<b>Associate Pastor</b>
0430 423 986	0415 058 976
Jason Ju	David Choi
<b>Ruling Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
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#### **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\_syd

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 are the implications of God being "light"? How does this divine attribute impact us?
- 2. What darkness, brokenness, and fallenness do you personally experience and struggle with? How do you recognize them in yourself? Have others ever spoken to you about them?
- 3. We've been told [v.9-10] "9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." Let us now confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness and cleansing. Let us grieve over our sins and confess before God who is light.
- 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

#### **CITY SANCTUM**

City Sanctum is back! There will be a brief City Sanctum "preview" during lunch after worship today. Our first monthly meeting is on Thursday, 14 September at West Ryde Hotel. Come as early as 6 pm, ordering dinner any time by 7 pm, at which time the program will start. (More details during the preview!) Dinner is on us!

#### **MEN'S SPORT DAY 2.0**

Calling all brothers!

Join us for another time of fellowship through basketball and volleyball on Saturday 16 September.

Location: Ryde Community Sports Centre ELS Hall Park

10 - 12pm: Basketball, 4 v 4 (1 Half Court Booked)

12 - 1pm: Volleyball, 6 v 6 (1 Full Court Booked)

Hang out for lunch afterwards. Please RSVP via the Facebook event. For any questions, please reach out to J Pak.

#### IJM FREEDOM SUNDAY AT HCC

Mercy & Justice is bringing in Hiroko Sawai, Senior Associate in Advocacy Research at International Justice Mission, to speak on Sunday September 24th to share stories of liberation, the work of advocacy and our role (the Church) in the fight against modern slavery.

Stick around after church for lunch and to learn more from Hiroko.

# WHAT'S ON AT HCC

#### **OPEN CHURCH**

Saturday 28th October 4 - 8:30pm

Sunday 29th October 10am - 2pm

Open Church, our last flagship event of the year, is happening here at HCC. This is an open event, so invite your friends! Come along for some great food, live music, and get to know our church community as we explore how the grace of our perfectly Good Saviour reflects how we should conduct the life of the church.

RSVP on the Facebook event and invite others.

## **HCC JAPAN MISSION TRIP**

While dates are not yet firm, the likely dates are 4-15 December 2023. More information is forthcoming soon! Contact Brent for more info.

#### **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

#### 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

# WHAT'S ON AT HCC

• Sunday Program: Contact Michelle

• Praise: Contact Kev