

HARBOUR
CITY CHURCH

Sunday Program

17 December 2023



(J.I. Packer)

“In the New Testament, grace means God’s love in action toward people who merited the opposite of love. Grace means God moving heaven and earth to save sinners who could not lift a finger to save themselves. Grace means God sending his only Son to the cross to descend into hell so that we guilty ones might be reconciled to God and received into heaven.”

(J.I. Packer)

“‘Wait on the Lord’ is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.”

(J.I. Packer)

“The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father’s will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable, so that 30 years later he might hang on a cross.”

(J.I. Packer)

“Optimism hopes for the best without any guarantee of its arriving and is often no more than whistling in the dark. Christian hope, by contrast, is faith looking ahead to the fulfillment of the promises of God. . . .

Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself. Optimism reflects ignorance as to whether good things will ever actually come. Christian hope expresses knowledge that every day of his life, and every moment beyond it, the believer can say with truth, on the basis of God’s own commitment, that the best is yet to come.”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presider: Jason Ju

Preacher: Brent Kooi

Please stand where indicated by *

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126:1-6

¹ *When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.*

² *Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;*

then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ *The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.*

⁴ *Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!*

⁵ *Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!*

⁶ *He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.*

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!

1 John 2:1-2

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Presider)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Week 51: "Lord's Prayer"

103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, we pray, that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

OFFERING & DEDICATION

Word of Dedication: "Devoted to Building Up"

Ephesians 2:20

"...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone."

SONGS OF PRAISE*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION

(Sarah)

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

Giving: 6th December - 12th December = \$4,948.35

Total December Giving = \$8,820.10

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

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Christmas Advent #3

"Zechariah's Prophecy" - Luke 1:67-80

1. The Benedictus (blessing)
2. The Final Messianic Prophet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE SONG*

LORD'S PRAYER*

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, 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

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

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. How does a life of service to Jesus bring us more freedom than a life of self-service?
2. Zechariah's silence was discipline for not believing God's word to him. What makes it difficult for us to not believe the promises of God? What are some examples of ways God has moved you from unbelief to belief?
3. 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

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Next Sunday 24th Dec!

Join HCC next Sunday for our Christmas celebration at our usual worship time. Stick around after for a Christmas special by our Children's Ministry, followed by church lunch and an afternoon of chilling and boardgames. We hope to see you there!

PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday 27th December at 7:30pm as we close out the year by singing praises to God and lifting up our prayers to Him. We hope to see you there as we continue to dedicate December to 31 Days of Prayer.

SOWCIAL: SOW MANY TACOS

Please join us as we wrap up the year at SOWCIAL!

Whether you are a recent year 12 graduate, a SOW member or SOW alumni, please come as we reflect on the past year and celebrate with some TACOS.

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WHAT'S ON AT HCC

When: 30/12/23, Saturday, 4pm - 8pm

Where: Harbour City Church (HCC)

Who: YOU!

Cost: TBC

Please RSVP on the Facebook event page to help us cater for numbers

<https://www.facebook.com/events/263820863361761>

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
- Sunday Program: Contact Michelle

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