

HARBOUR  
CITY CHURCH

# Merry Christmas!

24 December 2023



(John Piper)

*First and foremost, God is glorified because this child is born. And second, peace is to spread everywhere this child is received. These are the great purposes for the coming of Jesus: Glory ever-ascending from man to God. Peace ever-descending from God to man. God's glory sung out among men for the sake of his name. God's peace lived out among men for the sake of his name.*

(John Piper)

*A heart bent on showing the glory of God, will know the peace of God.*

(David Branon)

*Celebrate the baby, but trust the Savior. That's how to make Christmas complete.*

(R. C. Sproul)

*Mary kept these things, everything that she saw, everything that she heard, she kept it and pondered it in her heart... Every night that she tucked her son into bed, she pondered these things. She pondered them to the day she stood at the foot of a cross and watched Him die. She pondered that until Sunday morning came and He arose, not in humility, not in shame, not in disgrace, but in glory, in triumph, in exaltation.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Presider: Jason Ju**

**Preacher: Daebii Choi**

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Please stand where indicated by \*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### **Psalm 127:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> *Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.*

*Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.*

<sup>2</sup> *It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,*

*eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.*

<sup>3</sup> *Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.*

<sup>4</sup> *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.*

<sup>5</sup> *Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!*

*He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.*

## **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 32:1-2**

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

(Presider)

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

#### **Week 52: "Lord's Prayer"**

106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

*A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray, that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.*

107. What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

*A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen. teaches us to take our*

*encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.*

## **OFFERING & DEDICATION**

**Word of Dedication: "Jesus' Sacrifice for Us"**

**Matthew 8:20**

*"And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

## **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION**

(Peter)

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

Giving: 13th December - 19th December = \$5,571.00

Total December Giving = \$14,571.10

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**

### **Christmas Advent #4**

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#### **"Seasons Fuelling" - Luke 2:1-20**

1. 100% Legit
2. Kind of a Big Deal
3. The Purpose
4. Two Postures

## **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

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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. How is your heart responding to the Christmas message this year?
2. Which reminder was most encouraging for you and why?
3. How is your posture toward Christ in light of the sermon and in particular the responses from the Shepherds and Mary?
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)

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Stick around after worship today for a time of Christmas celebrations. There will be a special performance by our Children's Ministry immediately after service followed by lunch and an afternoon of chilling and board games.

### PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT

Join us this Wednesday night the 27th of December at 7:30pm as we close out the year by singing praises and lifting up our prayers together. We hope to see you there as we continue to dedicate December to prayer.

### 31 DAYS OF PRAYER

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)

### 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.

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

Where: Harbour City Church (HCC)

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## WHAT'S ON AT HCC

Who: YOU!

Cost: TBC

Please RSVP on the Facebook event page to help us cater for numbers  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/263820863361761>

### SOW MISSIONS REPORT

Come and listen to the SOW mission teams share their experiences and learn about how we can further support the missionaries and be goers or senders to build God's Kingdom.

Saturday 13 January 2024 2-4PM at HCC

### 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)

### 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.