

HARBOUR
CITY CHURCH

Sunday Program

29 October 2023



(Tim Keller)

“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

(Tim Keller)

“Love without truth is sentimentality; it supports and affirms us but keeps us in denial about our flaws. Truth without love is harshness; it gives us information but in such a way that we cannot really hear it. God’s saving love in Christ, however, is marked by both radical truthfulness about who we are and yet also radical, unconditional commitment to us. The merciful commitment strengthens us to see the truth about ourselves and repent. The conviction and repentance moves us to cling to and rest in God’s mercy and grace.”

(Martyn Lloyd-Jones)

“The gospel is not something we come to church to hear; it is something we come to church to do.”

(R.C. Sproul)

“The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presider: P. Sijin Yang

Preacher: P. Jim Jung

Please stand where indicated by *

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:145-149

¹⁴⁵ With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes.

¹⁴⁶ I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies.

¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words.

¹⁴⁸ My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give 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!

Isaiah 53:4-5

“⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Presider)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Week 44: “Outward Means”

88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means by which Christ imparts to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the Word, the sacraments, and prayer; all of these are made effectual to his chosen ones for salvation.

OFFERING & DEDICATION

Word of Dedication: "God cares for all our needs"

Psalms 147:3-4

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.”

SONGS OF PRAISE*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION

(Irene)

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

Giving: 18th October- 24th October = \$6,148.04

Total October Giving = \$18,491.99

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

"The Bride of Christ" – Ephesians 5:22-33

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1. Pointing to Jesus Christ
2. Profound Mystery
3. Clear Message of Grace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE SONG*

BENEDICTION*

Philemon 1:25

"²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

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 marriage of husband and wife point to Jesus Christ? What other things point to Jesus, and what do they teach us?
2. What sort of “deeper knowledge” is expressed in the “profound mystery” of Christ?
3. In the midst of many different expressions of God’s love, what is the “clear message” that must come through loud and clear?
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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday 5th November

Please stay after service on Sunday 5th November for a brief but important congregational meeting. We will vote to receive our amended Constitution and also hear an update on the Session's vision for Harbour City Church going forward. All members will receive the updated Constitution by email later today to review. Please send any questions or comments to Pastor Jim.

CITY SANCTUM

City Sanctum meets next week Thursday, 9 November at West Ryde Hotel. We will discuss how God redeems our work in a broken world. Come as early as 6 pm for FREE dinner. Program starts at 7 pm.

WOMEN'S BOOKS & BRUNCH

Saturday 18th November 10am

Join us for a fun time of book sharing/swapping and morning tea. See you all at church, 10am on the 18th of November. Please let Sarah Gho or Louise know if you have any questions.

EQUIP 315

Save the date: Equip 315 is a new quarterly event to equip us all with the skills to share the gospel in tactful, easy to understand ways. Saturday, 25 November. Breakfast at 9 am, and training 9:30-11 am at HCC. Questions: Brent Kooi.

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HCC CAMP

Save the Date!

Singles Camp: Friday 5 July to Sunday 7 July

Married Camp: Friday 11 October to Sunday 13 October

More info soon!

HCC JAPAN MISSION TRIP

We regret to announce that the December missions trip to Japan has been cancelled, as our partner missionaries in Japan do not currently have adequate tasks requiring our help. Other opportunities for 2024 are being considered. Please talk with Brent Kooi if you have interest in participating in an overseas mission trip.

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
- Praise: Contact Kev

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