

HARBOUR  
CITY CHURCH

# Happy New Year's Eve!

31 December 2023



(George Macdonald)

*Age is not all decay; it is the ripening, the swelling, of the fresh life within, that withers and bursts the husk.*

(Dwight L. Moody)

*Preparation for old age should begin not later than one's teens. A life which is empty of purpose until 65 will not suddenly become filled on retirement.*

(J.R.R. Tolkien)

*All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not touched by the frost.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Presider: Jason Ju**  
**Preacher: Sijin Yang**

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Please stand where indicated by \*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### **Psalm 128:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> *Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!*

<sup>2</sup> *You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.*

<sup>3</sup> *Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;*

*your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.*

<sup>4</sup> *Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.*

<sup>5</sup> *The LORD bless you from Zion!  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!*

<sup>6</sup> *May you see your children's children!  
Peace be upon Israel!*

## **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 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

(Presider)

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **OFFERING & DEDICATION**

**Word of Dedication: "Thanksgiving for the Blessings"**

**Matthew 7:11**

*"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"*

## **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION**

(Pearl)

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

Giving: 20th December - 26th December = \$2,265.00

Total December Giving = \$17,016.10

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 #5**

#### **"Simeon and Anna" - Luke 2:22-38**

1. The peace of Simeon
2. The joy of Anna

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RESPONSIVE SONG\***

## **BENEDICTION\***

### **Numbers 6:22-27**

<sup>24</sup> *The LORD bless you and keep you;*

<sup>25</sup> *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

<sup>26</sup> *the LORD lift up his countenance[a] upon you and give you peace.*

## 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 has Simeon been waiting for throughout his life? What does he reveal about what the baby Jesus will do?
2. How would you feel if your life looked similar to the life of Anna? How can we learn from her faith?
3. What does it look like for your life to be shaped by the peace of the first coming and hope of the second coming of the Christ?
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)

### WHAT'S ON AT HCC

Did you know we have a monthly church email newsletter that goes out on the 1st of every month? Don't miss out on the first email of 2024 going out tomorrow.

Sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/cIJSjf>

Also, if you look at the back of the sanctuary you'll see the new board up on the wall that has information about our church, SOW, City Sanctum, church clubs, photos, announcements and other information. Take a look when you get a chance.

### CITY SANCTUM

City Sanctum will meet next Thursday, 11 January. Our topic will be "procrastination". Join us for a free dinner at West Ryde Hotel. Come as early as 6pm. The program will start at 7pm.

### 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.

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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.

### **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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