

“To eat, to breathe
to beget
Is this all there is
Chance configuration
of atom against atom
of god against god
I cannot believe it.
Come, Christian Triune
God who lives,
Here am I
Shake the world again.”

– Francis Schaeffer, *Christianity Today*, 20 June 1960, page 6



Welcome

We are a church that loves our cities: Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Kingston, and Seattle. And while we actively love and serve our communities, we don't pretend to have it all together. Instead, we are a church where there is freedom to struggle with our questions, doubts, and fears; and a place where real healing, joy, and power can be found.

We are a church rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, hope, and generosity.

The gospel, which means 'Good News', tells us that God's Kingdom has entered history in order to renew us and the world. The gospel is more than entering God's Kingdom, it is also the way we face every struggle in life and make any progress in personal growth.

The good news is that Jesus lived the life we should have lived and died the death we deserved to die in order to put us in a place where only He deserves to be—in a right, safe, thrilling relationship with God the Father.

Cross Sound Church desires to be filled with both believers and non-believers, who together explore the claims of the gospel and its effects on our lives and on the world.

Our aim in worship is both ancient, with liturgy that connects us to the Church of old and those who have gone before us, as well as modern, accessible, and meaningful. Underneath it all is our desire to be God-honoring, God-exalting, God-glorifying!

Let's worship God together.

Say hello

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crosssound.org or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father	As it was in the beginning
Glory be to the Son	Shall be forever
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One	Amen, Amen, Amen

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence
All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna! Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make all things new

CALL TO WORSHIP

Not to us, O Lord, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

Our God is in heaven;
he does whatever pleases him.

...it is we who extol the Lord,
both now and forevermore.

Praise the Lord.

—Psalm 115:1-3, 18

Renewing

CONFESSIONS OF SIN

(Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins removing all of our past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently).

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

**Father, we confess that we struggle
for our own gain and lose sight of your provision.
We disguise our dishonesty
and overlook injustice
then boast of our success.
Turn our hearts back to you,
our faithful God who acts with love and righteousness.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the God who rescued you from slavery,
who strives mightily for your salvation
and whose death has brought you near to him,
forgive your sins, restore your faith,
and keep you forever in his presence.
Amen.

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget:
That though the wrong seems oft' so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in your embrace
I am yours and you are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
When feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You never fail and you won't start now

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever you would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in your embrace
I am yours and you are mine

King of Glory

Your face outshines the brightest sun
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious
With eyes that blaze like burning fire
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

King of glory, have Your glory
King of glory, have Your glory

Your voice like rushing waters sounds
Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful
And in Your hands You hold the stars
Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

GIVING THANKS

To enter the place of worship,
meet my exuberant God,
Sing my thanks with a harp,
magnificent God, my God.
Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul?
Why are you crying the blues?
Fix my eyes on God—
soon I'll be praising again.
He puts a smile on my face.
He's my God.
—Psalm 43:4-5 (TM)

SERMON

Series: Luke
Text: Luke 3:15-22
Title: Good News
Speaker: Dave Sellers

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

OFFERING

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.
—Psalm 24:1, NRSV

Be Enthroned

We've come to join the song
Sung long before our lives
To raise our voice along
Heaven and earth alike

We've seen your faithful hand
Your mercy without end
And a King who bled and died
A God who sacrificed

Be enthroned upon the praises
Of a thousand generations
You are worthy, Lord of all
Unto you, the slain and risen King
We lift our voice with heaven
Singing, "Worthy, Lord of all!"

All through this life we lead
And on to eternity
Our endless praise will cry,
"Jesus, be glorified!"

Highest praises,
Lord of all

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of peace,
may we see you this week in the ending of strife:
bring to an end conflicts across the world
that expose many to violence,
suffering, and loss.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace,
help us to know Christ:
to be amazed by the beauty of his life,
to find rest in his goodness,
and to long for his presence.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,
you know us in our darkness;
you know the places
we will struggle the hardest today to love with our words;
in our closest relationships,
in our conflicts, in our differences.
Help us to know you in our darkness
and lead us to walk in your light.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?
Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Eternal God,
comforter of the weary and healer of the broken,
you feed us at this table of life and hope:
strengthen for service, O Lord,
our hands that have taken holy things;
and may our bodies now be fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life.
Amen.

Elohim

I stand upon the solid rock
Of faith in Christ
This steadfast hope shall not
Break apart within the trial
I am assured
His promises will never fail
In life and even death
He is faithful

God is patient
God is kind
He does not envy
He does not boast
His ways are higher than my own
His thoughts consume the great unknown
Of this alone I am sure
My God is love

I draw my breath under
His created windswept sky
I know my hope shall last
Long after my flesh retires
From dusk until the dawn
He calls His children home
His righteous love outlasts generations

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (“Prayers for Reflection”). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

He is Almighty God, Elohim
Maker of the earth
He is the Lord of hosts, Heaven's King
God of endless worth
His kingdom stands above every power,
Every living soul
His love is like the sun, ever true
Shining over all

What Wondrous Love is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am";
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

Sending

BENEDICTION

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Amen.

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

Announcements

School of Discipleship presents: 6 WEEKS OF GRACE

CHALLENGES continues Sundays @ 8:45am. Begin this New Year with a unique class where we will live out our faith together with a different "Grace Challenge" each week. Each subsequent Sunday we'll gather to share stories of what God did and receive the next challenge. Not just a class. An experience. A practical and exciting opportunity to live out our life of faith in a fun and unique way.

Political Round Table Conversation TONIGHT - How will we as the body of Christ respond to our new president? Please consider joining us for our next round of Political Round Table Discussions on Sunday, Jan 22nd and Jan 29th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ the church office (600 Ericksen Ave, Suite #210) and will include both dinner and childcare. Please contact marit@crosssound.org to sign up

Cross Sound MEN - Thurs, Feb. 2nd @ Treehouse. Starts at 5:30 for pizza, pool, and darts. Open to anyone who wants to come. Just show up at the Treehouse. We will order the pizza as needed. Purchase your own beverages. Invite your friends!

New Bainbridge Community Group: A new group is forming at Mark and Cheryl Harrison's home. They will be meeting every other week for dinner at 6:30 and bible study immediately following from 7-8. Please indicate if you would prefer Wednesday or Thursday evenings on the clipboard.

It's time to sign up for our CSC Women's Retreat on March 10, 11 and 12 at Nature Bridge on Lake Crescent. Space is extremely limited- so hurry and register with Marit Krueger at marit@crosssound.org. There will be amazing times of worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship, laughter, relaxation and renewal.

DivorceCare is a 13-week Christ-centered seminar/support group. Our Spring Session runs from January 24 through April 18th. We meet Tuesday evenings at the church office from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, please join us. For more information, contact Lisa Wangen at (206) 488-8404 or lisawangen@gmail.com.

Mission Trip to Hawaii for 7th-12th Graders:

Immersion Hawaii is a servant leadership experience that shows us how to live out the Gospel with Oahu's poor and forgotten. Join us August 7-14 for a week of serving and fun. The cost for the trip is \$380 for room and board plus airfare. There are many opportunities for fundraising. Interested? Contact Josh at josh@crosssound.org.

Snow day for 5th-8th: Join Carrie and Josh on January 29th as we head to the snow for some fun! Meet at the BHS flagpole at 12 pm and we will return at 6:30 pm. Bring a sack lunch, \$\$ for dinner, snow clothes and a sled. RSVP needed. Contact Josh at josh@crosssound.org. DRIVERS NEEDED!

New Poulsbo Community Group: A new group that will meet in Poulsbo to serve those living at the north end of the Island, Poulsbo, and Silverdale. Meets weekly on Thursdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Kids welcome. Co- leaders, Bob Cordell and Bill Parrott Please contact Roger Barber if you are interested irbarbers@gmail.com

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$14,342.47 Annual Budget (7/16-6/17): \$954,787, Budgeted Income to Date: \$578,654 Actual Income to Date: \$567,162

Community Announcements

Singers Unite! Do you love to sing? Come join your voice with other Christ-followers as we share the Good News through praise and joyful song. 1st meeting is Thurs. Feb. 9th at 7pm downstairs at Island Church on Sportsman Club Rd. Come check it out and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Trish at 206-947-9955

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new–2yrs) Room #234
Contact: Jennifer Cordell, rjcordell5@yahoo.com

Little Kids (3–5yrs) Room #232
Lead Teacher: Deby Berkimer, debyberkimer@outlook.com

Kindergarten Room #231
Lead teacher Jeannie Bastiani

First & Second grades Room #229
Teachers Beth Johnston and Diane Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225
Teachers Jenny Kilby, Carol Raney and Knox Duncan

Fifth & Sixth grades Room 222
Teachers Carrie Sellers, Cheryl Keech and Trish Maguire

Contact Jennifer Cordell at rjcordell5@yahoo.com with any questions and for ways to be involved with Cross Sound Church Children's Ministry

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library
Teachers Lisa Bernardin, John Daniels, and Karl Enters.

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library
Teachers Josh and Jamie Brouwer and Sarah Baird

WEDNESDAYS 6:30–8:30pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAYS 6:30–8:00pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Penny@crosssound.org or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.

NOTES: