

“For whatever reason God chose to let us fall... to suffer, to be subject to sorrows and death—he has nonetheless had the honesty and courage to take his own medicine... He can exact nothing from man that He has not exacted from Himself. He himself has gone through the whole of human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair and death... He was born in poverty and suffered infinite pain—all for us—and thought it well worth his while.”

— Dorothy Sayers



Welcome

Welcome to Cross Sound Church. Whether you are a follower of Jesus, someone interested in Christianity, or a skeptic about faith—God is calling you to worship. Wherever you are in life, we hope you feel welcome and at home. If you have never been to church (or not in a long time) and fear that you will not know what to do, how to act, or what to say, know this: God's grace is here and is for people like you.

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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Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Son

Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One

As it was in the beginning

Shall be forever

Amen, Amen, Amen

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along

Oh praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart

Forgiving others take your part

O, sing ye, Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear

Praise God and on Him cast you care

Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

Oh praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

—Jeremiah 33:14

As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

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).

Lord Jesus Christ,

**My own sight of your sacrifice is for my comfort,
but it is the Lord's sight of it that secures my safety.
Even when I am unable to behold it,
the Lord looks at it, and passes over me because of it.
If I am not so much at ease as I ought to be,
because my faith is dim,
yet I am equally safe,
because the Lord's eye is not dim,
and He sees the blood of your great Sacrifice with a
steady gaze.**

What a joy is this!

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

Amen

Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

2nd candle – (purple) The Bethlemlen Candle or The Candle of Preparation: God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome you, O God!

As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.

—Luke 3:4-6

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

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

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

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.

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

GIVING THANKS

For the Lord comforts Zion;
 he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.
—Isaiah 51:3

SERMON

Series: Joy to the World

Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

Title: Hope from the Outside

Speaker: Dave Sellers

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shone.

³You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end,
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

QUOTES

‘...why do you think Jesus Christ came into this world through a pregnant, unwed teenage girl in a patriarchal shame-and-honor culture? God didn’t have to do it that way. But I think it was his way of saying, “I don’t do things the way the world expects, but in the opposite way altogether. My power is made perfect in weakness. My Savior-Prince will be born not into a cradle in a royal palace but into a feed trough in a stable - not to powerful and famous people but to disgraced peasants. And that is all part of the pattern.’ —Timothy Keller

Q. What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

A. One who is truly human and also truly God.

—#21 The New City Catechism

Q. Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

A. That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathized with our weaknesses.

—#22 The New City Catechism

Q. Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

A. That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against and yet overcome death.

—#23 The New City Catechism

OFFERING

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
 the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
 Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
 we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

— based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the church’s mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -
The heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor;
The Savior's bounty taste.
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good -
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give
And joys that never die.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Loving Father, may it be said of us that we are defined by and relish in the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Dispel the lesser things we hold on to for our sense of worth, and make us new. For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Lord of the nations, guide our leaders and those of all peoples. Lead them into good counsel in their work. May they strive for justice and peace, and may your church minister reconciliation.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Spirit of all compassion, we beg your mercy upon the homeless, the poor, the needy, and all those in distress: grant homes, jobs, opportunities, and resources to find relief, and may your church be instruments of your provision.
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."

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.

Sending

COMMUNION

When our hearts are renewed by the Spirit, desire is not eliminated but rightly directed, so that our desire for fellowship leads to the eternal communion of the Trinity, our hopes for honor to the glory of God, our search for knowledge to the One who is His Wisdom, our hunger for food to the bread from heaven.

—Peter Leithart

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love

Steadfast

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”
He had no tears for His own griefs
But shed drops of blood for mine

How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior’s love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
‘Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

BENEDICTION

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{All} **Amen.**

— Romans 11:33, 36

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

RUF Outreach opportunity! Help us assemble care packages in the library after the service today!

We are excited to offer a special ADVENT project again this year. Stop by the back table and pick up your “To Go” Advent craft to do at home with your kids, friends or family members. This project offers this chance, once per day, beginning December 1 and ending on December 25, to open up scripture together, read a portion, look at a visual symbol of Jesus and talk about what this has to do with the overall story of who Jesus is and why Jesus came to earth.

Wreath Orders: Plan to pick up your wreath order after the service TODAY. If you are unable to pick your order up it will be at the Crane’s home 8724 Laughing Salmon Lane, Bainbridge Island.

“For unto you is born.....” We would love you and/or your child to participate in our 11th annual CSC Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17, 2017 during church. (Two practices; Sunday, 12/3 and Sunday, 12/10 from 8:45 – 10 a.m. & a dress rehearsal on Saturday, 12/16 @ 10:00 a.m. @ BHS.) Many roles are available and helpers needed in all areas. Fliers on greeters tables and on clipboards!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who both contributed and collected \$\$ for our kid’s Blessed to be a Blessing Homes of Hope, house bank project. The total amount collected for this year was **\$1060.91!** In our friendly competition, BOYS were the winners this year. All the money went to building supplies for the 2 houses built in Ensenada over Thanksgiving break!

Please save the date as we plan to “Celebrate Marit!” We are so grateful for the impact that Marit Krueger has had on CSC we want to honor her well. On **Sunday, Dec. 10th** we will use a portion of our service to celebrate and thank her and later that evening we invite everyone to CSC@Ericksen for an Open House to continue the celebration 6-8PM.

5th-8th Christmas Party/Service Project Saturday, Dec. 16

We need adult chaperones! If your willing to chaperone, please let us know. Join us as we make gift bags for the homeless and hand them out in Seattle. Afterward, we will have dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. Start Time/Place: 11:30 am at the Cross Sound Office
Cost: \$10 for dinner and ferry fare. Bring: A sack lunch, a backpack, white elephant gift for the gift exchange and warm clothes to walk around Seattle in. End Time/Place: 6:00 pm at the Cross Sound Office

Christmas Eve: We will be having 2 services for Christmas Eve. The first will be at our regular service time of 10am and will be a family friendly service. The second will be a candlelight Lessons and Carols service at 7pm. Childcare will be provided for the 7pm service. Both services will be at BHS Commons.

You don’t need to go it alone...Join a Community Group!

Cross Sound Community Groups are small groups of ten to sixteen members. The groups meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in homes. The time together is split among Bible study, personal application and relationships. Please sign the clipboard or email Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or changing a group. Please indicate the group, listed along the left side of this page, that you are interested in joining.

Financial Update: Last week’s total: \$6,906.00 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$434,229 Actual Income to Date: \$353,934

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new–2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, occonnells1908@yahoo.com. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

Little Kids (3–5yrs) Room #232

Lead Teacher: Deby Berkimer.

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

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Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Jeanne Bastiani, Katie Fixter, Leeanna Glasby, Emma Sellers, Kareese Pippinger, Alatheia Pippinger, and Keagan Daniels.

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Carrie Byer, Dinha Moore, Candace Luckman, Beth Johnston, and Kathi Jenness.

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Patrick & Jenny Kilby, Knox Duncan, and Carol Rainey,

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Lead teachers; Carrie Sellers, Cheryl Keech & Mark Harrison, and Bill Parrot.

Contact Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.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

Lead Teachers; Lisa Bernardin, John Daniels, and Sean Luckman

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead Teachers; Jamie Brouwer, Lacey Redinger, and Kerry Sutorius

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.

Connect With Us

If you are new to Cross Sound Church, please tear this portion off and put it in the offering to let us know you were here. You may also use this to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

First time visitor

Second time visitor

Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:

_____ Ministry

Please add me to:

Email list Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

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: