

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2019

“Lord, I believe;
help my
unbelief is the
best any of us
can do really,
but thank God
is enough.”

— Frederick Buechner,
The Magnificent Defeat



Order of Worship
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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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To learn more about the entire staff and our team of Elders, Deacons, International Ministers, Stephen Ministry and Community Group Leaders please visit our website: crosssound.org or call our office: (206) 842-6898

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri — *Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century*

Music: Karl Digerness, 2009

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

— *Words: Charles Wesley (1745); Music: Rowland Prichard (1830)*

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the world Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, thou promised rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear;
O'er the hills the angels singing,
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing,
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend;
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the ever-lasting wonder:
Christ was born the Lord of all!

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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.

Renewing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

— Psalm 107:1-3,8-9

CONFESSION 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.

Lord,

We come before you to confess our sins.

Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves.

Though you should rule us, we control ourselves.

Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

**We think your ways are too high, your will too hard,
your power too remote, your love too free.**

**But they are not! And without them,
we are of all people most miserable.**

**Lord, make us aware of your Spirit in this moment,
that we would see our sin, and make honest confession
before you for the sake of your Son, who gave himself for us.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,
so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.
For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,
so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
Amen.

Amen.

— Romans 5:18-19, 1 Cor. 15:22

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*1st candle – (purple) The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope:
We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises
made to us. Our hope comes from God!*

“And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” —Romans 15:12-13

O Come, O Come Emmanuel — *Words: 12th Cent, Translated from Latin by John M. Neale, 1851. Music: VENI EMMANUEL, from a 15th Cent. processional of French Franciscan nuns*

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save;
bring them in vict'ry through the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, our Dayspring, come
and cheer our spirits by Thy advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all people in one heart and mind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Who You Say I Am — *Hillsong*

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen / Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me / Not against me
I am who You say I am

Blessed Be Your Name — *Matt Redman*

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

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Every year, on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we take some time in our service to do an “open mic” of gratitude. In the Old Testament there was the practice of a Thank Offering in which you would go to the temple and tell your gratitude story before others and officially confess God’s goodness publicly with an offering. In the New Testament Jesus is the great Thank offering... we tie into Him with “a sacrifice of praise.” We invite you to share a “gratitude.”

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

QUOTES

‘...the ministry of remembering should be a bright thread running through all our Christian living - individually, corporately, publicly, privately; in the quiet moment of intimate prayer as well as in the open statements of public thanksgiving; for single people, for couples, for families, for churches, for communities, and for nations.’ — Os Guinness

‘When we are not grateful for the little things, it is only a very short step to no longer being grateful for anything. When we do not enjoy and savor and love and laugh and delight in the little things, then we are heading towards losing our delight in anything.’
— David Gibson

‘When you lose a sense of gratitude for your acceptance into God’s Kingdom, you will lose your zeal for the work of that Kingdom. And you will live in daily pursuit and daily celebration of the purposes of some other kingdom.’
— Paul David Tripp

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

*universal

OFFERING

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume
and where thieves break in and steal;
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
— Matthew 6:19-20

Good, Good Father — *Pat Barrett, Tony Brown*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me
That You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am,
it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just
what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all
of Your ways
You are perfect in all
of Your ways
You are perfect in all
of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still [x3]
Into love, love, love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, give to people everywhere a deep longing
to look at the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
Bless all those who, at this time of year,
might be touched by the church's worship and service,
that they would see your steadfast love for them.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, our mighty priest and humble king,
look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you left heaven and came to rescue the world.
Strengthen all those who labor to share
the reign of justice won through the gospel.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, bring hope through the incarnation of Christ
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his life to know their salvation.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lord Jesus,
Your perfect life,
your death and your resurrection
are the source of all blessing
in this life and the life to come.
As I eat this bread and drink this cup,
renew me in the joy and glory
of knowing and serving you.
I come to this table on the basis of your merit
only and not my own.
As you have completely
and fully offered yourself for me,
I now completely and fully offer myself
to you as a living sacrifice.
Amen

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all 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.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — *Words: Liturgy of St. James, 4th Century, Translated from Greek to English by Gerard Moultrie, 1864.*
Music: PICARDY, French carol melody

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to Earth descendeth our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary as of old on Earth He stood
Lords of lords in human vesture in the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away

At His feet the six wing-ed seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to His presence as with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord most high!

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen — *16th cent. English carol*
God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray

O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O, tidings of comfort and joy!

From God, our heavenly Father, a bless-ed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

Now, to the Lord sing praises all ye within this place
And in true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace

Sending

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope. Amen.

— Romans 15:13

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

Thanksgiving Chili & Advent Chains - Directly after the service!

Join us as we look towards advent with our annual chain-making lunch. We will create paper chains with a part of the Christmas story: one per link. The overall goal of this Advent chain is to help build anticipation as the chain gets smaller and smaller while keeping our thoughts in the scriptures.

Angel Tree is here! We are partnering with Prison Fellowship to provide Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents in Kitsap County. Angel Tree gift tags are at the upper entrance - please grab one after service! *Other ways to help: Dede Knapp could use your help sorting, delivering and mailing gifts.* Interested? Email dede.knapp@hotmail.com.

Christmas Pageant - sign up to participate or volunteer!

It's time to start planning for our annual pageant which will take place during service on Sunday, December 22nd. *If your student would like to participate this year, or if you are interested in helping, please sign up on the clipboard or look for sign-up forms at the Check-in table.* Rehearsals will be at 8:45am on Dec 8, Dec 15, and 10am-12pm on Dec 21st.

Cross Sound Youth are gathering Socks and Underwear

SOCKS - We are gathering 300 pairs of new warm winter socks (that can be worn by men or women) for the 5-8 grade gift bags for the homeless service project on Dec. 21st.

UNDERWEAR - The underwear is for the UGM Search and Rescue vans for which the 7th-8th and H.S. volunteer. The homeless have very little opportunity to wash clothes so a clean pair of underwear is much appreciated. Please bring any donations with you to church and place them in the big white box.

Cross Sound Is Moving: Our last Sunday service here at BHS will be December 29th! We'll begin the new year in our new home on Sunday, January 5th. The move will be a great time for community and fellowship. Interested in volunteering to help Cross Sound make the move? Sign-up on the clipboard!

Women's Events

ANNUAL ADVENT BRUNCH - focus on "The Limitless Love of God." It's a time to invite friends, enjoy good food and music, and slow down to consider the birth of Christ. Dec. 7, 10am-noon at Island School (8553 NE Day Rd). *Sign up on the clipboard, and plan to come!*

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday pm, 6:30-8pm (dinner), or Wednesday am, 9:15-11:30am (brunch and child care) at the church office. For information contact Kerri Koenig: kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636.

SPRING RETREAT: Save the date! March 20-21 at Islandwood

Grandparents Ministry Grandparents are invited to meet and discuss ways to more deeply engage with grandchildren and God. This session meets 2nd Monday's: 12/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8. 5:30 pm at the church office.

Men's Bible Study Fridays at 6:30am at Church Office. Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com with questions or interest.

Stephen Ministers can talk with you objectively, maintain confidentiality and bring hope when your situation feels hopeless. Leaders: Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 and Dick Smith 415-847-8984

Hope & Healing

Missions We are blessed and thankful for being able to join others to be a blessing. Thank you Suquamish Kitchen, Prison Ministry, Young Life, Scarlet Road, Coffee Oasis, JBLM Military Family Camo, First Aid Arts, Reformed University Fellowship UW, Jon Bonker family, Jacqueline, El Redentor Church in Mexico City, the Church at Miwani Kenya, and house churches in Matanzas Cuba.

We thank God for these partners as they bring hope and healing to places we are unable to go on our own.

CS Kids and Youth Group

All children newborn through 6th grade need to check in and wear their printed nametag before they arrive at class.

CROSS SOUND KIDS

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Kate Pippinger, katepippinger@gmail.com or Sandy Halbert sandy@crosssound.org
Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org. *Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.*

Toddlers (2-4 years, must be potty trained) Room #232

Lead Teachers: Chris and Joanna Livdhal, Keith and Mary Van Eaton, Lisa Grant and Lacey Redinger

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Keagan Daniels, Jason and Bethany Hickner, Candace Luckman, Kareese Pippinger,

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Ann Asher, Jennifer Cordell, Patrick and Jenny Kilby, Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Dianne Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Nate and Dinha Moore, Kate Pippinger, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Lead teachers; Carrie Sellers, Cheryl Keech, Trish Maguire, Bill Parrott.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Carrie Beyer, John Daniels, Sean Luckman

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Jamie Brouwer, Chip Halbert, Kerry Sutorius, Dana Webber

EVENING YOUTH GROUP at the Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE

- WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm - High School (begins September 25)
- THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm - Jr. High (begins September 26)

Community Groups

Community Group Fall Session has begun. Unless otherwise noted each of the following groups meet on Bainbridge Island:

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Night</u>
Carrie and Dave Sellers	Tuesday (Kid Friendly)
Halbert/Dafoe	Thursday (Kid Friendly)*
Jennifer and Bob Cordell, Lisa and Bill Parrott	Thursday (Poulsbo)(Kid Friendly)
Kerri and Marc Koenig	Thursday (Poulsbo)
Linda Gordon and Roger Barber	Saturday
Jenny and Patrick Kilby	Sunday, noon–2 pm (Kid Friendly)
Laura and Dave O'Connell	Sunday (Kid Friendly)
Jeff Ogard	Sunday (Poulsbo)

* Group is full - currently closed

For details contact Roger Barber - irbarbers@gmail.com.

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: _____

Comments

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of worship.

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Kristin@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: