

“If heaven were by merit, it would never be heaven to me, for if I were in it I should say, “I am sure I am here by mistake; I am sure this is not my place; I have no claim to it.” But if it be of grace and not of works, then we may walk into heaven with boldness.”

– C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)



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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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**

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

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God!

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (4x)

CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”
—Isaiah 40:3-5

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.

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

God has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints of light. God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

— Adapted from Colossians 1

Create In Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

10,000 Reasons

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

GIVING THANKS

Save us, God, our God!
Gather us back out of exile
So we can give thanks to your holy name
and join in the glory when you are praised!
Blessed be God, Israel's God!
Bless now, bless always!
Oh! Let everyone say Amen!
Hallelujah!
—Psalm 106:47-48 (TM)

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.

SERMON

Series: Luke

Text: Luke 3:1-14

Title: Ready or Not

Speaker: Dave Sellers

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

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,

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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Holy Father, we marvel at your salvation:
that Christ is in us and we in him,
that in you we have an inheritance that cannot fade,
that the hope of glory is our certainty.
Grow us and mature us in our union with you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Lord of all the nations,
we who were once far off are now brought near.
You extend the hope of glory to all who call on you.
Give us your heart, embracing all nations and peoples,
that we would be good neighbors, loving as you love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Spirit of compassion, our Advocate,
draw near the suffering and hurting in our midst.
Our bodies are weak, our hearts restless and lonely,
Dwell closely with those who are faint of heart,
to assure them of hope that cannot perish or fade.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

We give you thanks for President Obama and his service to our nation. We pray for President Trump, asking your blessing upon him. Let justice flow down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

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

“My body is like this bread. It will break,” Jesus told them. “This cup of wine is like my blood. It will pour out.”

“But this is how God will rescue the whole world. My life will break and God’s broken world will mend. My heart will tear apart - and your hearts will heal. Just as the passover lamb died, so now I will die instead of you. My blood will wash away all of your sins. And you’ll be clean on the inside - in your hearts.”

—Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

Lord, Lord, Lord

Lord, Lord, Lord, please restore our trust
We’ve lost our way, Lord, we’ve strayed from love
We’ve broken vows, we’ve wasted breath
We’ve stolen life, we’ve tasted death

Lamb of God, take away our sin
Have mercy, have mercy
Jesus Christ, holy sacrifice
Have mercy, have mercy on us

We need you now to forgive our sin
Replace our stone hearts with flesh again
Undo the curse, and heal our faith
Unleash your power, Lord, come and save

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.

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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Sending

BENEDICTION

Christ within you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,
Christ to comfort and restore you,
Christ in hearts of all who love you,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger;
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 started TODAY @ 9am. 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

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 maritcrosssound.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 lisam-wangen@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!

H.S. Snow Event: Join Jamie and Josh at we go snowshoeing on January 28 at Hurricane Ridge. Meet at the BHS flagpole at 9 am and we will return at 6:30 pm. Bring snow clothes, sack lunch, \$\$ for dinner and snowshoe rental. RSVP needed. Contact josh@crosssound.org.

New 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 sign the clipboard or contact Roger irbarbers@gmail.com

Sock Drive! Join Bainbridge High School's Social Justice Club in collecting new and gently used socks for the homeless in Seattle. Can be dropped of anytime before January 27th at the front desk at Bainbridge High School. Thanks for joining this worthy effort!

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$11,860.63, Annual Budget (7/16-6/17): \$954,787, Budgeted Income to Date:\$564,187 Actual Income to Date: \$552,819

Community Announcements

MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) is a place moms of little ones can come together to share life. We encourage each other, listen to speakers on relevant topics, learn from our seasoned mentor moms and enjoy uninterrupted breakfast while the kids are cared for by our excellent care givers. We invite you to give us a try during our free meeting Friday January 26th 9:30am-11:30am at Island Church. Childcare provided. More info at bimops.org

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: