

“It is essential that you see this clearly. The Apostle is saying that you and I have been sprung. Right now; not next week or at the end of the world. And unconditionally, with no probation officer to report to. But that means that we have finally come face to face with the one question we have scrupulously ducked every time it got within a mile of us: You are free. What do you plan to do? One of the problems with any authentic pronouncement of the gospel is that it introduces us to freedom.”

— Robert Farrar Capon



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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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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer
When we leave our burdens in Your care
For this, today, oh Lord we watch and pray
Gracious Father, hear our prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord
 from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 the name of the Lord is to be praised!
Praise the Lord!
—Psalm 113:1-3

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).

Father,

**You have loved us and made us your sons and daughters
so that everything that is true about Jesus is true about us!
In the face of the world's suffering, and our own struggles
we still lose hope in you, and turned to our old sins.
We have put our hope in things, which pass away,
and have not enjoyed you or made much of your glory.
Forgive us our sins and give us hope.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May God,
the king over heaven and earth,
give you comfort and grace,
and forgive you your sins
through Christ Jesus,
who has called you his own.

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrows and thy fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand

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

Hallelujah!
Thank GOD! And why?
Because he's good, because his love lasts.
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!
—Psalm 106:1,47

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

Text: Psalm 139:1-6

Title: Praying Our Hopes

Series: Praying the Psalms

Speaker: Dave Sellers

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

QUOTES

‘What matters, supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it - the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands. I am never out of his mind. All my knowledge of him depends on his sustained initiative in knowing me. I know him, because he first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when his eye is off me, or his attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters.’

—J.I. Packer

‘The most beautiful fruit of accepting God’s unconditional love for us is that it allows us to share that unconditional love with others. Indeed, strange as it may sound, we can become like God for others. It becomes possible to love without demanding love in return. That is the marvelous possibility of the children of God. They are free to love. It is a strong, energetic, vital and very active love. It is not a sentimental, all approving and always agreeing love. It even can be a confronting love. But it is unconditional.’

—Henri JM Nouwen,

OFFERING

The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

—Psalm 24:1

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.

Late Have I Loved Thee

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so ancient

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so new

I've tasted Thee

Now I hunger and thirst for Thee

Thou didst touch me

And I have burned for Thy peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for the Church,
that your people would
live together in your love,
serve together in your generosity
and reveal your glory in the world,
to our family, our friends, and our neighbors.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations,
your justice and peace are perfect.
We pray for our leaders:
that they would govern in wisdom,
and do good for the oppressed and underrepresented
in our communities and world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of God, we pray for those overwhelmed
by the devastation of the hurricanes, the earthquake,
and the wildfires--bind up the brokenhearted,
raise up the weary, walk with those who grieve.
We pray that the light of your presence
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death.
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. Amen.

COMMUNION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross,
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

[Last chorus]

This, the power of the cross
Son of God, slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

Head to the Heart

I open up to You - this Love that makes me new.
Oh, may my heart receive this Love that carries me.

From the head to the heart You take me on a journey
Of letting go and getting lost in You.

My heart is open wide; I will receive your light.
You give me faith like a child; in You my heart runs wild.

There's no shame in looking like a fool
When I give You what I can't keep and take a hold of You.

Through Your Word, through Your heart revealed,
I found Your love in the open fields.

BENEDICTION

May God himself, the God of all redemption,
strengthen you with his grace,
and keep you secure in every adversity
as you await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All 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

TODAY is Back to School Backpack Blessing Sunday

This is where we transition from a summer Sunday school schedule back to our school year schedule and classes. We will also present every student in Cross Sound Church with a special token to attach to their school backpack, reminding them that their church family is praying for them. This year's token is taken from Psalm 63:7, "Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings."

A special thanks to our own Cheri Brune, who always blesses us with her labors of love in making all the backpack blessings for ALL our students.

Looking towards Next week - 9/17 Rev. Drew Burdette from Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) will be at CSC. Before the service, at 9AM, Drew would like to invite you all to the BHS library for coffee and donuts to engage with the work that God is doing on the campus of UW. RUF is a strategic, gospel ministry that reaches college students for Christ and equips them to love and serve God, his Church, and his world. This ministry is an investment we are making in the kingdom, trusting God to pour out his blessings on the PNW through its fruit. Please consider joining us for the discussion.

Women's Bible Study is getting ready to begin again!

We will begin meeting on Wed. Sept 13 and meet every Wednesday from 9-11:30 a.m. @ the church office, 600 Ericksen Ave, Suite #210. Childcare is available each week. We are excited to be examining together the book of Genesis, looking at the themes and characters that set the stage for the Old Testament.

Men's Weekend Sept. 15-17 Fort Worden in Port Townsend: Accommodations include a choice of private individual rooms or large sleeping bay. "Authentic Friendships" Email Penny@crosssound.org

Save the date Sun. Sept 24, 12-3: Mental Health and Crisis Intervention workshop at CSC Office. Stephen Ministries is bringing Kelly Schwab, Program Director of the Crisis Clinic of the Peninsulas to speak. Suicide has increased, one in five families have a member with mental illness. Kelly will help us understand the behaviors we see in those experiencing depression and other mental illnesses, teach us how to identify a mental health crisis, assess the risk of suicide and self harm and give us the community resources available to provide necessary care. Please join the Stephen Ministers and others to learn more about dealing with mental health crises. Lunch will be provided.

Community Announcements

"The Heart of a Man" Film; Thursday, September 14, 7 pm @ Poulsbo 10 Theater for a special one-night event. "The Heart of Man" is a cinematic retelling of the parable of the prodigal son, juxtaposed with interviews of real people struggling with distractions from their faith and the shame that follows addiction. This event brings people together for a night to understand they are not alone and can find freedom. The film includes Dan Allender. For a taste, check out the trailer: <http://heartofmanmovie.com/trailer>

MOPS - Raising tiny humans is exhausting. Take a load off.

Join us at MOPS for fellowship, breakfast and inspiration while your little ones have fun with our childcare workers. This year we will explore what being "free indeed" really looks like. We meet Fridays 9:30am-11:30am at Island Church. First meeting is Sept 15th. Come visit us for free! More details on bimops.org.

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$34,902.80 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$144,148 Actual Income to Date: \$180,445

CS Kids and Youth Group

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

Contact: Laura O’Connell, oconnells1908@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

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 ☐
Reular 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: _____

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