



For what we need to know, of course, is not just that God exists, not just that beyond the steely brightness of the stars there is a cosmic intelligence of some kind that keeps the whole show going, but that there is a God right here in the thick of our day-by-day lives...It is not objective proof of God's existence that we want but the experience of God's presence. That is the miracle that we are really after, and that is also, I think, the miracle that we really get.

—

Frederick Buechner

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

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 139:1-6

- ¹ O LORD, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
- ² You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my every thought when far away.
- ³ You chart the path ahead of me
and tell me where to stop and rest.
Every moment you know where I am.
- ⁴ You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, LORD.
- ⁵ You both precede and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to know!

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

"It is fitting that by the confession of our own wretchedness, we show forth the goodness and mercy of our Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our sin and need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins which frees us from past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently.

**Almighty God of the prophets,
you have called us to glorify your name
through our love for you and for one another.
We confess that our praise is more on our lips than with our lives.
We profess repentance while we resist change;
We talk of peace while we prepare for war;
We sing of love but we curse our enemies;
We pray your will be done but insist on our way.
We ask you to forgive us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Hear the good news:
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Be at peace!

— based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

King of Glory — David Gate

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

God of Wonders — Hillsong

Lord of all creation, of the water, earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

Chorus

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth! (3x)

Chorus

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth! (3x)

King of Kings — Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

In the darkness, we were waiting, Without hope, without light
Till from heaven, You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in one
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

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Chorus x2

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STORY — Devon Raney

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

'...within the child-self that is part of us all, there is perhaps nothing more precious than the fathomless capacity to trust.'—Frederick Buechner

'While we may have a simple plan for our life - to be happy, prosperous, successful and at peace - what God wants is for us to learn to trust him deeply and against the odds. Trouble comes for us when these two programmes are going in opposite directions, for God's is stronger and he will prevail.'—Charlie Cleverly

"God is good at being God. He doesn't need us to manipulate things to work in our favor. Instead, He invites us to trust Him and His perfect timing."—Lysa TerKeurst

'Do you have the stamina for waiting on God when gratification isn't immediate, faith is sightless, and neighbor love is hard work? Is your Christianity merely a series of shortcuts designed to avoid the embrace of the mundane that real soul work requires? Patience waits for them.'—Zack Eswine

NOTES:

SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 16

Title: God Who Sees and Hears

Speaker: Dave Sellers

But Sarai, Abram's wife, had no children. So Sarai took her servant, an Egyptian woman named Hagar, ² and gave her to Abram so she could bear his children. "The LORD has kept me from having any children," Sarai said to Abram. "Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed. ³ So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram first arrived in the land of Canaan.)

⁴ So Abram slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress Sarai with contempt. ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "It's all your fault! Now this servant of mine is pregnant, and she despises me, though I myself gave her the privilege of sleeping with you. The LORD will make you pay for doing this to me!"

⁶ Abram replied, "Since she is your servant, you may deal with her as you see fit." So Sarai treated her harshly, and Hagar ran away.

⁷ The angel of the LORD found Hagar beside a desert spring along the road to Shur. ⁸ The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I am running away from my mistress," she replied. ⁹ Then the angel of the LORD said, "Return to your mistress and submit to her authority." ¹⁰ The angel added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count." ¹¹ And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard about your misery. ¹² This son of yours will be a wild one—free and untamed as a wild donkey! He will be against everyone, and everyone will be against him. Yes, he will live at odds with the rest of his brothers."

¹³ Thereafter, Hagar referred to the LORD, who had spoken to her, as "the God who sees me," for she said, "I have seen the One who sees me!" ¹⁴ Later that well was named Beer-lahairoi, and it can still be found between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵ So Hagar gave Abram a son, and Abram named him Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old at that time.

COMMUNION — *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 baptized or not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (see back cover for "Prayers of Reflection").*

"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

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its mission and ministry. There are different ways to give:*

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow prompts
- Online: www.crosssound.org/give • Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



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.

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Matthew 6:19-20

Lord of Lords — Hillsong United

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory
As is fit for the work of Your hands

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race

Chorus

Holy Lord, You are holy
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Chorus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
The power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sending

The Love of the Father — James Ferguson & Rich Thompson

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise
Join with the heavens declaring the wonders
Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world
The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come
To bring us into love forever

*We are the people of God
With the freedom of hope in our hearts
How great is the love of the Father*

Lifted from darkness and into the light
The sons and daughters are loved at a price,
Our God Has made us His forever

Chorus (x2)

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This is the song of the redeemed
The ransomed and the free
Given life at such a price
This is love, this is love
And when the Father calls us home
And we see Him on the throne
Hear the voices sing as one
This is love, this is love

Chorus (x2)

BENEDICTION — Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever. 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

TODAY! PBJ Parade to benefit Helpline House. This is a much appreciated annual tradition! It's the last week to bring in your peanut butter and jelly, then we'd love for you to join us right after church as we walk to Helpline House to deliver it! Address is 282 Knechtel Way NE if you'd like to meet us there.

Sunday Mornings at 8:15: "The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics"

This 6 week series continues for people who know there's a better way to "do politics." This material is designed through "Christianity Today" to equip, encourage and engage across differences in light of the gospel promises. This course is an invitation, during these unique times, to radically recenter on Jesus, as the Presidential Election approaches. Meets in the HS Library

Women's Ministry For more Women's Event info go to: bit.ly/crosssoundwomen
BIBLE STUDY is studying "God of Covenant: Genesis 12-50" by Jen Wilkin.

- Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
- Wednesday Morning 9:30 - 11:30 - Breakfast Potluck
- Nov 15 7pm: Women's Game Night at the home of Nancy Lim. Bring a snack!
- Dec 7: Women's Advent Brunch at Island School from 10-noon. Save the Date!

Nov 2: Ensenada Annual "Fun" Fundraiser Auction Dinner: Sign Up Now!

Get your paddles ready - the annual auction is back - and you are invited! This event raises funds for the Ensenada Homebuilding trip. It's a lot of FUN, includes live and silent auction items, trivia, and dessert dash. Mexican-themed meal is provided (and it's gonna be delicious). Interested in volunteering? email dede.knapp@hotmail.com



Nov 6: Suquamish Kitchen Come join the fun as we cook and serve a meal to folks from North Kitsap and Bainbridge Island. There are plenty of things to do that require only a willing spirit! Cook, prep, serve, wash dishes, clean up - all clearly defined jobs, so you know what you're getting into! Sign up: crosssound.org/events

Nov 16: FIRST AID ARTS Annual Benefit Dinner! Join us at 415 Westlake in Seattle to support CSC's partner ministry, bringing "beautiful healing" to survivors of trauma locally and in 70+ countries. We will enjoy Syrian cuisine, live music by Steve Hall, and celebrate 15 years together! Tickets/Info: www.firstaidarts.org

Men's Bible Study Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210). For centuries, people have attempted to unlock the mysteries of Revelation. In this, "The Study of Revelation: Discover Faith, Hope, and Joy", we will discover that Jesus Christ is central to every prophecy, promise, and passage. Revelation gives us hope of a world made new by the redemption and restoration that Jesus offers today and for eternity. Come try our study! Sign up at www.joinbsf.org . If you have any questions, please reach out to Tony Merritt (merritts.wa@gmail.com) or Teague Parker (newpark@centurytel.net).

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 () Interested in more info for: Please add me to:
Second time visitor () _____ Ministry () Email list ()
Regular attendee () Mailing list ()

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests/Comments: _____

Prayer for the Skeptic

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and my turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your spirit. Amen.