



The more I considered
Christianity, the more
I found that while it had
established a rule and an
order, the chief aim of that
order was to give room for
good things to run wild.



G.K. Chesterton

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 86:8-10

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
open our lips and hands to share it.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Romans 8:1

There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Battle Belongs — Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now. For I am safe with You

*So when I fight I'll fight on my knees, With my hands lifted high
Oh God the battle belongs to You. And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night. Oh God the battle belongs to You*

And if You are for me, Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing. Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes. You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb

Chorus

Bridge:

Almighty Fortress You go before us. Nothing can stand against
The power of our God You shine in the shadow. You win every battle
Nothing can stand against, The power of our God
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Chorus

How Deep the Father's Love for Us — Stuart Townend

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

Our God — Chris Tomlin

Water you turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like you, None like you
Into the darkness you shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, None like you

*Our God is greater, Our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, Awesome in power, Our God, Our God*

Into the darkness you shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, None like you

Chorus x2

Bridge :

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against
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And if our God is with us Then what could stand against

Chorus x2

Bridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

‘Worship is the human response to divine initiative.’ — Richard Foster

‘God has never asked us to figure out His justice or to see if His way of doing things is morally right. He has only asked us to embrace His Word and bow the knee, to tremble at His Word, as Isaiah says (66:2).’ — Francis Chan & Preston Sprinkle

Too often, Christians thunder about transforming and conquering the world, but such rhetoric is far from Christ’s conduct. Rather than seeking to conquer the world, Christians in defending the gospel must be willing to roll up our sleeves, drop to our knees, and wash the feet of unbelievers. — JV Fesko

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 8:20-9:17

Title: The Covenant

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Noah built an altar to GOD. He selected clean animals and birds from every species and offered them as burnt-offerings on the altar. ²¹ GOD smelled the sweet fragrance and thought to himself, “I’ll never again curse the ground because of people. I know they have this bent toward evil from an early age, but I’ll never again kill off everything living as I’ve just done.

For as long as Earth lasts, planting and harvest, cold and heat,
Summer and winter, day and night will never stop.”

God blessed Noah and his sons: He said, “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill the Earth! ² Every living creature—birds, animals, fish—will fall under your spell and be afraid of you. You’re responsible for them. ³ All living creatures are yours for food; just as I gave you the plants, now I give you everything else. ⁴ Except for meat with its lifeblood still in it—don’t eat that.

“But your own lifeblood I will avenge; I will avenge it against both animals and other humans.

Whoever sheds human blood,
by humans let his blood be shed,
Because God made humans in his image
reflecting God’s very nature.
You’re here to bear fruit, reproduce,
lavish life on the Earth, live bountifully!”

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: ⁹ “I’m setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, ¹⁰ along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. ¹¹ I’m setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth.”

God continued, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. ¹³ I’m putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. ¹⁴ From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, ¹⁵ I’ll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. ¹⁶ When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I’ve set up between me and everything living on the Earth.”

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.

COMMUNION — from Matthew 11:28-29

Jesus said, “Come to me,
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”

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



Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth..

— Psalm 96:8-9

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”).

You Said — Reuben Morgan, 2003

You said, "Ask and you will receive, Whatever you need."

You said, "Pray and I'll hear from heaven, And I'll heal your land."

You said Your glory will fill the earth, Like water the sea.

You said, "Lift up your eyes, The harvest is here, the Kingdom is near."

You said, "Ask and I'll give the nations to you."

Oh Lord, that's the cry of my heart!

Distant shores and the islands will see Your light

As it rises on us.

You said, "Ask and you will receive, Whatever you need."

You said, "Pray and I'll hear from heaven, And I'll heal your land."

You said Your glory will fill the earth, Like water the sea.

You said, "Lift up your eyes, The harvest is here, the Kingdom is near."

Chorus x2

PAUL SCHULER, RUF-I, UPDATE

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, For ever. Amen.

Sending

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus — Robert Lowry, 1876

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus.

Whoaaaa Oh oh ohhhh oh
Whoaaaa Oh oh ohhhh oh

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus.

*Oh! precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Je-sus.*

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus;

Whoaaaa Oh oh ohhhh oh
Whoaaaa Oh oh ohhhh oh

Glory! Glory! This I sing
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus;
All my praise for this I bring,
Nothing but the blood of Je - sus

Chorus x2

BENEDICTION — Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them
to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **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

Nov 19: Thanksgiving Open Mic Service Our Annual Open Mic Tradition Continues. We invite everyone to reflect on, and share, what they are thankful for.

Dec 3: Romjues/First Aid Arts Lunch after Service! Hug the Romjues and celebrate stories of hope and healing with Cross Sound Church ministry partner First Aid Arts. Attendance is free and lunch is provided. Plan to join us immediately following worship in the 100 Building.

Dec 9: Women's Advent Brunch - You're Invited! for Saturday, Dec 9 at Island School. *Questions?* Email Ashley@CrossSound.org or bit.ly/cscwomensadvent2023

Dec 17: Kids Annual Nativity Play Mark your calendars! We'd love to invite your children to join in the Nativity Play this Christmas and tell the story of Jesus' birth. There will be parts for those who feel comfortable talking and also for those who'd like to participate quietly. Please stay tuned for sign-ups and rehearsal dates.

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you, your family and friends at our 10 am Family Service or 7pm Carols & Candlelight Service. Merry Christmas!

Angel Tree Christmas Gifting is BACK! Provide a tangible gift of God's love for local kids and families of incarcerated parents/souses this Christmas by participating in our annual Angel Tree program.

- SELECT A GIFT TAG from the tree at church services: November 12 and 19 (*Can't make it those Sundays? Email dede.knapp@hotmail.com for a gift request*)
- DEADLINE to drop off all wrapped gifts to church office (preferred) or church service is December 12. (*Please email dede.knapp@hotmail.com with any questions or if you are able to help deliver gifts. We need delivery teams December 16-20*).

Socks & Underwear Drive Cross Sound Youth is doing its annual Warm Winter Sock & Underwear Drive. We are looking to gather 200 pairs of new warm winter socks and underwear which will be part of our gift bags for the homeless this winter. Donations can be dropped at our office (600 Ericksen Ave. N.E., B.I) in a bin outside the office door or at church.

Pies For First Responders Do you love baking pies this time of year? If YES, you're invited to join Cross Sound's tradition of delivering pies to First Responders... any local fire/police station... any time. Thank you!

Women's Bible Study is studying "God of Creation: Genesis 1-11" by Jen Wilkin.

- Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
- Wednesday Morning 9:30 - 11:30 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

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: _____

We hope these are helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His people, the church.

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.