



The Bible is a supernatural book with a supernatural story of creation and redemption done by a supernatural God. Preachers without supernatural understanding and expectations end up preaching a tiny gospel about a disappointingly skinny God.

Cornelius Plantinga, Jr

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 and Community Group Leaders, visit our website: crosssound.org call our office: (206) 842-6898 or email info@crosssound.org

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

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

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.

**Our good, good Father,
You have called us to live in you
and to follow you with faith and hope wherever you lead us.
But sometimes we turn from you and your ways.
You have given us light and life by your Word and Holy Spirit.
But sometimes our faith has withered when we face trouble.
Forgive us.
Assure us that we are your daughters and sons,
and fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that we would live ongoing lives of repentance and faith,
marked by humility and boldness.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Adapted from Isaiah 53

Jesus was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities.
The punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
Hear the good news!
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
Be at peace. Amen

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign, In our hearts again,
Increase in us we pray, Unveil why we're made,
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, Like wildfire in our very souls,
Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your Church, We need Your power in Us

We seek Your kingdom first, We hunger and we thirst,
Refuse to waste our lives, For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heavens cause

We are Your Church, We pray revive this earth

*Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear,
Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, Win this planet back,
Change the atmosphere, Build Your kingdom here we pray!*

Unleash Your kingdoms power, Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop, Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this, Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your Church, We are the hope on earth

Chorus (repeat)

Way Maker — Sinach, Arrangement by Leeland

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart, I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Even when I don't see it, You're working, Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, never stop working, You never stop, never stop working
Even when I don't see it, You're working, Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, never stop working, You never stop, never stop working

Chorus

That is who You are That is who You are,
That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are,
That is who You are That is who You are

I Speak Jesus — Song by Charity Gayle

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus, Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus, 'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus

*Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life,
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire*

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus, Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus

Chorus (repeat)

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness, over every enemy
Jesus for my family, I speak the holy name, Jesus (repeat)

*Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life,
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire (repeat)*

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus, Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Title: Full of Hope in 2025

Text: Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35, Matthew 13: 51-52, Hebrews 4:12

Speaker: Dave Sellers

The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of God will stand forever.

Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will last stand forever

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

QUOTES:

“In Scripture, God comes in person”. – David Powlison

“There are, in the end, only two questions to ask as we read the Bible: Is it about me? Or is it about Jesus? In other words, is the Bible basically about what I must do or about what Jesus has done?” – Tim Keller

“So anyone who thinks he has understood the divine scriptures or any part of them, but cannot by his understanding build up this double love of God and neighbor, has not yet succeeded in understanding them.” – Augustine of Hippo

“...the biblical story lifts up before us a vision of God as our Lover. The gospel is not an imperialist human philosophy making overrated universal claims; the gospel sounds the voice of our Husband who has proved his love for us and who calls for our undivided love in return. The gospel reveals that, as we look into the universe, ultimately reality is not cold, hard, blank space; ultimate reality is romance. There is a God above with love in his eyes for us and infinite joy to offer us, and he has set himself upon winning our hearts for himself alone. The gospel tells the story of God’s pursuing, faithful, wounded, angry, overruling, transforming, triumphant love. – Ray Orlund, Jr

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 — 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").

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

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



I urge you, in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy
and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual worship.

—Romans 12:1

Beautiful Things

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change At all

All this earth, Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground At all?

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found In You

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

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, We long for You
'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, All our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make all things new
'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, All our fears are washed away, washed away.

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(Instrumental)

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BENEDICTION — Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

The School of Discipleship is offering a new class for the New Year titled: *Follow Me: Finding Your Purpose and Fulfilling Your Callings in Christ*. One of the questions you may ponder is, "How am I created to make a difference in the world for Jesus?" Join us Sunday evenings, January 12th thru February 2nd, at the Church Office (600 Ericksen NE). Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP to katiepearson@crosssound.org

Women's Ministry: Bible Study will begin the week of January 13 at the Church Office on Monday Evenings at 6:30pm (soup and salad provided) and Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am. (childcare provided) We will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the BEMA Podcast.

Men's Ministry: 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 are given 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. Questions? Email Tony at merritts.wa@gmail.com.

Missions, Traditions and Activites at Cross Sound So many ways to connect!

ONGOING

Search + Rescue Mission
Men's Bible Study +
Bible Study Fellowship
Women's Bible Study
Monthly Men's Breakfast
Seasonal Men's Hangouts
Small Group
Evening Youth Group
School of Discipleship
Roundtable Discussions

OVERSEAS

Ensenada
Cuuba
Kenya
Mexico City

SEASONAL:

WINTER
Advent Brunch
Socks + Underwear Drive
Gift Bags for the Homeless
CS Kids Nativity Play
Christmas Eve Family +
Candlelight Services

SPRING

Women's IF: Gathering
Weeds to Flowers Project
Ash Wednesday Service
Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday Service
Easter Service
Women's Retreat

SUMMER

CS Kids Camp +
Tubing Parties
Youth Summer Program
Youth Immersion Trip
Book Club at the Park
Picnic With a Purpose
Women's Summer BBQ

FALL

Men's Retreat
Women's Hike
Pies for First Responders
Ensenada Auction Dinner
Ensenada Homebuilding Trip
Giving Thanks Service

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: _____

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.