

Man is an enigma whose solution can be found only in God.

Herman Bavinck

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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

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Revelation 19:5-7

Praise our God, all his servants, and the ones who fear him, both small and great! Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns! Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory.

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.

Heavenly Father,

Nothing is hidden from your sight. You know our weakness. You know our need. You know the depths of our sin.

Forgive us once again, For all of the ways that we have failed to love others. And for all the ways that we have failed to honor & to love you.

Turn us away from the darkness of our sin, And allow us to know the joy of walking intimately with you.

Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he 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.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. — Isaiah 53:4-6
Amen

Indescribable — Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea Creation's revealing Your majesty From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring Every creature unique in the song that it sings All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name You are amazing, God All powerful, untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night None can fathom

Incomparable, unchangeable

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same You are amazing, God You are amazing, God

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

No One Like Our God — Matt Redman

Hallelujah, chains are broken Your death has spoken life to us And every accusation, all our condemnation Silenced at the cross

Hallelujah, free salvation The burden of a world so lost Lifted from our shoulders Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

There is no one like our God There is no one like our Savior How great is Your blessing How great is Your love There is no one like our God

Hallelujah, free salvation The burden of a world so lost Lifted from our shoulders Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

Chorus

Never has there been Never will there be A God like You who came down in mercy Never will there be A greater hope than this There is no one like our God

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

> Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7

> > Be devoted to one another in love. — Romans 12:10

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Title: Come, Lord Jesus! Text: Revelation 22:6-21 Speaker: Dave O'Connell

The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

⁷ "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

1⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

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.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

NOTES:

I. The Book

II. The Lord Jesus

III. The Church

IV. The Promise

COMMUNION

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. — Mark 10:35

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ. — 1Peter 1:17-18

OFFERING — Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, it's 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

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart. — 1Chronicles 29:9

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").



Revelation — Third Day

My life has led me down the road that's so uncertain Now I am left alone and I am broken trying to find my way Trying to find the faith that's gone

This time I know that You are holding all the answers I'm tired of losing hope and taking chances On roads that never seem to be the ones that bring me home

Give me a revelation, show me what to do Cause I've been trying to find my way I haven't got a clue Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move Give me a revelation, I've got nothing without You I've got nothing without You

My life has led me down this path that's ever winding Through every twist and turn I'm always finding That I am lost again, tell me when this road will ever end

Chorus

I don't know where I can turn, tell me when will I learn Won't you show me where I need to go Let me follow Your lead I know that it's the only way that I can get back home (Give me a...)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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

Living Waters — *Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash* Are you thirsty, are you empty Come and drink these living waters Tired and broken, peace unspoken Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing At the cross of living waters Lay your life down, all the old gone Rise up in these living waters

There's a river that flows With mercy and love Bringing joy to the city of our God There our hope is secure Do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving, mercy washing Healing in these living waters Lead your children to the shore line Life is in these living waters

[Chorus]

Are you thirsty, are you empty Come, and drink these living waters Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless Christ, He is our living waters

[Chorus] There our hope is secure Do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

BENEDICTION — Revelation 22:21

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you 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

CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! October 7 at Meadowmeer Golf Club All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. Sign up on the clipboard, or follow this QR code >>

The Coffee Oasis is looking for snacks for lunches and after school. Please drop off at the church office by Monday August 28th. If you have any questions contact Rachel Long at <u>rlong4@icloud.com</u>.

Shoe Collection for Cuba Our Missions Team is collecting shoes...please consider donating a NEW pair of kids' shoes (sizes 13-5 1/2). Sneakers and sturdy sandals (No flip flops or Crocs please).

Men's Ministry email Dave Sellers at dave@crosssound.org with questions

• MEN'S RETREAT SEPT 15 - 17, 2023 AT FORT WORDEN: SAVE THE DATE! This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK (largest church in Alaska), focused on the theme: "Living Dangerously for God." *How we become the type of men that are* effective tools in the hands of our King? SIGN UP TODAY! Follow QR >



Or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023 (The first 26 men to sign up will get

private rooms, after that they will be in semi private room or bunk room.)

- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am via Zoom. Email brian@crosssound.org for info
- MEN'S BREAKFAST Second Saturday of the month. 8am at the Church Office.

Women's Ministry Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at ashley@crosssound.org • SOUND OF SUMMER CONCERT, AUGUST 30 AT 6:30PM: Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a snack to share as we gather at Battle Point for the final Sound of Summer concert! More info at: bit.ly/CSCSUmmerConcert2023

GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7. A support group for people experiencing grief after death of a loved one.Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. GriefShare is a Christ-centered ministry, now an 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. For info call Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.

Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023 Only a few spots left! Interested? Sign up here! bit.ly/ensenada2023 or QR code>> Questions? please contact Stu Childers at stuart@seattlepump.com.

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:		
Prayer Requests/Comm	ents:	

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 that 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.