



Who one believes God
to be is most accurately
revealed not in any
credo but in the way one
speaks to God when no
one else is listening.



Nancy Mairs

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 46:4-7

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

"It is fitting that by the confession of our own sinfulness, 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.

Heavenly Father,

**We confess it's our name we want hallowed among the nations,
and it's our own kingdom we want to be triumphant.**

**We believe we are the ones that put bread on our tables
and that we haven't wronged anyone.**

**We believe that we can withstand temptation without your help.
Forgive us for our self sufficiency and our pride.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

Hear the good news:

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

you are forgiven.

Be at peace!

Trinity Song — Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love

Continue to Love Me

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love
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I Cry Out

I cry out, for Your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak, and I need your love to free me.
Oh Lord, my rock. My strength in weakness.
Come rescue me, Oh Lord.

You are my hope and Your promise never fails me.
And my desire is to follow you forever.
For you are good, for you are good
For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good
For you are good to me

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STORY — Jacqueline Hutchin, Osaka, Japan

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.— Romans 15:7

Love one another deeply from the heart.—1Peter 1:22

QUOTES:

“A name given by God doesn’t just denote identity. It implies assignment. When God calls you by name, He’s calling you to fulfill His purpose.” – Priscilla Shirer

“In Scripture, names carry authority, ownership, and a destiny. When God calls us by name, it’s an invitation to relationship and purpose.” – Tony Evans

“God was never after our flesh, but our hearts. The true circumcision He desires is the cutting away of anything that keeps us from fully surrendering to Him.” – Beth Moore

“Circumcision was a mark of being set apart for God. In Christ, our hearts are ‘circumcised’ as we’re set apart by grace. It’s not outward, but an inward change of identity.” – Tim Keller

SERIES: GENESIS

Text: Genesis 17:15-27

Title: Laughter

Speaker: Dave Sellers

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” ¹⁹ God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

Gen.17:22 When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. ²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵ And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶ That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷ And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

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



Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.
But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.
And God will generously provide all you need.
Then you will always have everything you need
and plenty left over to share with others.

— 2 Corinthians 9:6,8

I Will Change Your Name

I will change your name.
You shall no longer be called
Wounded, Out - cast, Lonely or Afraid

I will change your name.
Your new name shall be
Confidence, Joyfulness, Overcoming One...

Faithfulness, Friend of God,
One who seeks my face.

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

Good Good Father — Pat Barrett, Tony Brown

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories, Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper, Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me, That You're pleased, And that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

Oh, and I've seen many searching, for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need, Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still, Into love, love, love

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

BENEDICTION — Jude 24-25

To Him who is able to keep you from falling
and to present you before his glorious presence
without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior
be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen!

Amen.

Announcements

Socks & Underwear, Socks and Underwear! Cross Sound Youth is doing its annual Warm Winter Sock & Underwear Drive. We are looking to gather 240 pairs of new warm winter socks and underwear which will be part of our gift bags to 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. The drive ends on November Dec. 1st. Thank you!

Women's Ministry For more Women's Event info go to: bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

- 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. Sign up through the CSC's Women's Group page: bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

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

Nov 17: Ensenada Banks Due! Students, don't forget to bring in your Ensenada banks! We'll collect them during service and have a friendly competition to see whether the girls or boys raised more this year. Thank you for supporting our homebuilding trip!

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).

Small Groups are places where meaningful relationships are developed, forming networks that provide support, inspiration, encouragement and accountability. A place to be prayed for and pray for others. Find a group: info@crosssound.org

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 or sign up on the clipboard during 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: _____

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.