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a document containing
enough dynamite to blow
all civilization to pieces,
turn the world upside down
and bring peace to a battle-
torn planet. But you treat it
as though it is nothing more
than a piece of literature.



Mahatma Gandhi

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 34:1-3, 8

I will praise the Lord at all times.

I will constantly speak his praises.

I will boast only in the Lord;

let all who are helpless take heart.

Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;

let us exalt his name together.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

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.

Father in Heaven,

**We thank you this morning for the love,
freedom, and grace that you have given to us
in and through Christ. But we also confess to you
our continual need of that same grace.**

**Instead of living like you delight in us,
we often avoid you in shame and guilt.**

**Instead of receiving your favor as a gift,
we often try to earn it with our efforts.**

**Instead of pursuing your good purposes,
we often cling to our short-sighted agendas.**

Forgive us, grow us, and lead us to higher places we pray.

We ask this together, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — From Psalm 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

Blessed Be Your Name — Matt Redman, 2002

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

Chorus

You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name
You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

*Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name
(repeat)*

You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name
You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

10,000 Reasons — Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Be Thou My Vision — Dallan Forgaill, Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor Hull, Slane (Irish folk tune)

Be thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

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

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly
love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart... — 1Peter 1:22

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today, In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, All Your purposes for Your glory

QUOTES:

“When you open your Bible, God opens His mouth.” — Mark Batterson

“The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation.”—D Moody

“No spiritual discipline is more important than the intake of God's Word. Nothing
can substitute for it. There simply is no healthy Christian life apart from a diet of
the milk and meat of scripture.” — Donald Whitney

“For most of us, the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that
we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a
mediocre version of it.” — John Ortberg

“A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.”— Charles Spurgeon

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students may proceed to their individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, Preschool Rm 232, K-1st Rm 231, 2-4th Rm 229, 5-6th Rm 231

Title: Growing in our Love for God's Word

Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Psalm 119:11&16

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. — 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years... He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna... to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. — Deuteronomy 8:2-3

I have hidden your word in my heart.

I will not neglect your word. — Psalm 119:11&16

NOTES: *If you are interested in making Bible reading a new part of your life (or would like to re-engage with it again), here are a few recommendations to consider:*

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| 1. Make a Plan | 4. Utilize Resources | 7. Apply it that Day |
| 2. Pick a Time | 5. Take Notes | 8. Invite Others In |
| 3. Avoid Distractions | 6. Talk to God | 9. Give Yourself Grace |

“Ultimately, the goal of personal Bible study is a transformed life and a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.” — Kay Arthur

COMMUNION — 1Peter 1:17-18

It was not with perishable things
such as silver or gold that you were redeemed,
but with the precious blood of Christ.

PASTOR: What right do we have to dine at the Table of Jesus?

CHURCH: **We have every right to dine at his Table.**

PASTOR: What gives us this right?

CHURCH: **We have this right because Jesus came not for the strong, but for the weak; not for the righteous, but for sinners; not for the self-sufficient, but for those who know they need rescue. To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who are weak and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior — Jesus welcomes into his circle, adopts into his family, and reserves a place at his Table.**

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](mailto: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").

It Is Well With My Soul — Words: Robert Robinson, 1757; Tune: Nettleton by John Wyeth
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Here by thy great help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

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, For ever. 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.

Chorus

(Instrumental)

Chorus x2

BENEDICTION — 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the love of the Father,
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

Amen. **Amen.**

Announcements

Suquamish Kitchen: January 3 Another Suquamish Community Kitchen is coming up! If you would like to help in some way, register online: www.crosssound.org or follow this QR code. If you can't help this time, but would like to be part of the group, you can request to be added and receive emails (online or QR code). There are many opportunities and none include running the entire show. ;)



School of Discipleship Returns in January: for four Sunday evenings in January to draw closer to Jesus through a program called “The Prayer Practice”. Dinner and Childcare provided! Interested? email: katiepearson@crosssound.org

Women’s Bible Study begins Jan 15 “Gospel on the Ground” by Kristy McClelland. Books on order! For info: Ashley@crosssound.org or <http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen>
MONDAYS 6:30-8:30pm. Soup and Salad Dinner Provided
WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11:30am. Breakfast and Childcare Provided

Women & Children’s Walk In The Woods Join us Thursday mornings at 9:15am for a 3 mile walk around Gazam Lake (stroller suggested). Park at 7377 Springridge Rd NE Bainbridge Is. Questions and/or RSVP to Brooke Wellman at (425)647-8542

Men’s Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Thursdays 6:30-8pm at the Church Office
BSF starts up again next week! For info, or to sign up, go to: bit.ly/joinBSF.
Questions? Email Teague: newpark@centurytel.net

Men’s Breakfast: Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

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.