



“Lord, catch me off guard today. Surprise me with some moment of beauty... so that at least for the moment, I may be startled into seeing that you are here in all your splendor, always and everywhere, barely hidden, beneath, beyond, within this life I breathe.”



Frederick Buechner

# 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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# Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 150:1-2 & 6

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise him in his mighty heaven!  
Praise him for his mighty works;  
Praise his unequalled greatness!  
Let everything that breathes  
Sing praises to the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

# Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

*“To confess your sins to God is not to tell God anything He doesn't already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you confess them, they become the bridge.”*  
— Frederick Buechner

**Father, forgive us, we pray.**  
**Forgive the sins that we remember,**  
**and the sins we have forgotten.**  
**Forgive the times when we have been proud,**  
**and the times we have failed to boast in you.**  
**Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others,**  
**and the leniency we have shown to ourselves.**  
**Forgive us for the many ways, and many times that we**  
**have failed to trust, rejoice, and walk with you.**  
**Renew us in the love and grace of your Son, and**  
**make us more like Him we humbly pray.**  
**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Psalm 32:1-2, 5 (NLT)

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven,  
whose sin is put out of sight!  
Yes, what joy for those  
whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt.

I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.”  
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

### **Come Now Is The Time To Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God,  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

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Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God,  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength,  
We gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

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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.

**Cornerstone** — Hillsong United

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil

*Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne

*Chorus x2*

On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand  
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All other ground is sinking sand,  
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**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

ENSENADA TEAM SEND-OFF — TEAM MEMBERS TO PRAY FOR:

Bryan, Lillian and Ella Bell

Mary and Rebecca Van Eaton

Nick Grant

Carrie, Dave, Eli, Isaac, Emma, Grace Sellers

Chris Abraham

Oleg Maguire

Stu Childers

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Amanda, Eric, Oliver, Lillian, Henry and Madeline Opincar

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:

“True worship is when a person, through their person, attains intimacy and friendship with God.” — William Temple

“The Lord is not distant. He loves to be near his people. He is the sociable God... the Lord who draws near.” — Dale Ralph Davis

SERIES: GENESIS

**Title: God's Friend**

**Text: Genesis 18:1-15**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you a bit of food, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup> "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.

<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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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").*

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

— Mark 10:45

"No one can have greater love than to  
give his life for his friends."

— John 15:13 (NLT)

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](http://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



**Oh God** — The Citizens and Zach Bolen  
In the valley, oh God, You're near,  
In the quiet, oh God, You're near  
In the shadow, oh God, You're near,  
At my breaking, Oh God, You're near

*Oh God, You never leave my side,  
Your love stands firm through all my life*

In my searching, oh God, You're near,  
In my wandering, oh God, You're near  
When I feel alone, oh God, You're near,  
At my lowest, oh God, You're near

*Chorus*

Height nor depth nor anything else could pull us apart,  
We are joined as one by Your blood  
Hope will rise as we become more than conquerors through,  
the One who loved the world  
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Hope will rise as we become more than conquerors through,  
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*Chorus x3*

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

## **Pass The Promise**

I will pray rejoicing from my heart, Pray rejoicing from my heart  
For in Him my victory's lifted high, His salvation is my cry  
He has overcome my enemies, Our praises scorn the enemy  
I delight in His deliverance, The Lord is our deliverance

Pass the promise, To our sons and daughters,  
God most high, God our Father, We bear witness

There is no one holy like the Lord, Holy, holy is the Lord  
Our rock and refuge is our God, All the earth belongs to God  
Do not speak with pride of noble deeds, For the Lord will weigh our every deed  
See the strong have lost, the weak have gained, And from the dust my life He raised

Pass the promise, To our sons and daughters,  
God most high, God our Father, We bear witness

He will guard the feet of faithful ones, He will hold His faithful ones  
But the wicked they will not prevail, Not by might will man prevail  
He is coming soon to judge the earth, He is coming soon to judge the earth  
For the Lord gives power to His King, All Strength to His Anointed King

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We bear witness, We bear witness

BENEDICTION — 2nd Corinthians 13:14

May the love of the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

# Announcements

**Dec 1: Annual Open Mic "Giving Thanks" Service** This service is dedicated to hearing and sharing stories. We invite you to share if you are led... or just come and listen to the gratitude of our church family.

**Dec 15: Nativity Play** We'd love to invite your children to join in the Nativity Play this Christmas and tell the story of Jesus' birth. There are parts for those who feel comfortable talking and also for those who'd like to participate quietly. *Rehearsals will be on Sunday December 1 and Sunday December 8 and held directly after church for about an hour and a half.* The Play itself will be performed during church on Sunday December 15 at 10am but we will all arrive at the church at 8:30 that morning for a dress rehearsal. (If you can't make the rehearsals on the 1st and 8th, you can easily join in the angel choir on the 15th without having practiced.) Please review the available slots and follow the QR code to sign up!



If you're interested in a role that says it's "filled," or you're an adult who'd like to help out, you can reach out to me, Brooke Wellman, at (425) 647-8542.

**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](http://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 on the clipboard or through the CSC's Women's Group page: [bit.ly/crosssoundwomen](http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen)

**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 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](http://www.joinbsf.org). Questions? Email Tony at [merritts.wa@gmail.com](mailto:merritts.wa@gmail.com) or Teague [newpark@centurytel.net](mailto:newpark@centurytel.net).

**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](mailto:katiepearson@crosssound.org) or sign up on the clipboard during service.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.*