



“If we think
deeply and truly,
we will know
whom to thank.”



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

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 107:1-3,8-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—

those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.^b Let them give thanks to the LORD
for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for humankind, for he satisfies the
thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

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.

Merciful God,

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;

we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;

we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,

the courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Yes, Adam's one sin brought condemnation upon everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness makes all people right in God's sight and gives them life. 19

Because one person disobeyed God, many people became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many people will be made right in God's sight.

Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ, the other man, will be given new life.

— Romans 5:18-19, 1 Cor. 15:22

Hear the good news:
in the name of Jesus Christ
you are forgiven! Amen.

Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING — Jeremiah 33:14-16
1st candle – (purple) The Candle of Hope:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

King of Kings — Hillson Worship

In the darkness, we were waiting, Without hope, without light
Till from heaven, You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in one
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

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Chorus x2

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty — arranged by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

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Angels We Have Heard on High — arranged by Elevation Worship
Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains
Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King

*We Sing Gloria, We Sing Gloria, We Sing Gloria, We Sing Gloria,
In excelsis deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee, Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song

*We Sing Gloria, We Sing Gloria, We Sing Gloria, We Sing Gloria,
In excelsis deo*

Gloria, In excelsis deo... Gloria, In excelsis deo...

OPEN MIC: STORIES OF GRATITUDE

QUOTES:

I never talk about gratitude and joy separately, for this reason. In 12 years, I've never interviewed a single person who would describe their lives as joyful, who would describe themselves as joyous, who was not actively practicing gratitude.

—Brene Brown

'When we are not grateful for the little things, it is only a very short step to no longer being grateful for anything. When we do not enjoy and savor and love and love and laugh and delight in the little things, then we are heading towards losing our delight in anything.'—David Gibson

“Our fall was, has always been, and always will be, that we aren't satisfied in God and what He gives. We hunger for something more, something other.”

— Ann Voskamp

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



Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume
and where thieves break in and steal;
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

— Matthew 6:19-20

When Love Crossed Over — Paul Baloche

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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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and Heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery medal flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee

Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song
Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song of life

BENEDICTION — Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope. Amen.

Amen.

Announcements

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.

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services Come celebrate our Savior's birth with us!
4pm Family Service at the BI HS Theater
7pm Carols and Candlelight Service at the BI HS Theater

LAST CALL: 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

- 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

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 or Teague 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

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.