



He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.  
— Psalm 1:3

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Welcome to Cross Sound Church. This page includes some of the elements of today's worship. It's designed to give you scriptures, prayers, and thoughts for further reflection during your week.

## Gathering

### O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.

O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us a - dore Him,  
O come let us a - dore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

### Call to Worship

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of power,  
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD  
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of  
the earth.

— Isaiah 11:1-4

## Renewing

### Confession of Sin

Gracious Father,  
You have united us to your Son  
and called us to bear fruit.  
Yet we have misused your good gifts and failed to  
love and serve our neighbors.  
Have mercy on us and heal us.

### Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of mercy,  
Who forgives all your sins,  
Strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life.

<sup>All</sup> Amen

### Advent Scripture Reading and Candle Lighting

— Luke 2:6-7

### Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

### **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one lay down  
thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
till traveling days are done.

### **Our Great God**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight  
around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night  
in praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee  
before our Sovereign God!

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God,  
who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (4x)

### **King of Glory**

Your face outshines the brightest sun  
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious  
With eyes that blaze like burning fire  
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

King of glory, have Your glory  
King of glory, have Your glory

Your voice like rushing waters sounds  
Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful  
And in Your hands You hold the stars  
Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful

### **Giving Thanks**

**But I am like an olive tree  
flourishing in the house of God;  
I trust in God's unfailing love  
for ever and ever.**

**I will praise you forever for what you have done;  
in your name I will hope, for your name is good.  
I will praise you in the presence of your saints.**

—Psalm 52:8-9

**Series: Welcoming God's New World at Christmas****Message: The Tree of Life.****Scripture:**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
 which yields its fruit in season  
 and whose leaf does not wither.  
 Whatever he does prospers.  
 — Psalm 1:3

And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of  
 the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good  
 for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life  
 and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.  
 — Genesis 2:9

On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will  
 produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid  
 cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find  
 shelter in the shade of its branches.  
 — Ezekiel 17:23

Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the  
 river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail.  
 Every month they will bear, because the water from the  
 sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food  
 and their leaves for healing.”  
 —Ezekiel 47:12

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
 from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
 the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
 the Spirit of counsel and of power,  
 the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD

<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.  
 — Isaiah 11:1-3

The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—  
 whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.  
 — Acts 5:10

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that  
 we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his  
 wounds you have been healed.  
 — 1Peter 2:24

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, con-  
 tinue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strength-  
 ened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing  
 with thankfulness.  
 — Colossians 2:6-7

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,  
 as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of  
 the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city.  
 On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing  
 twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And  
 the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.  
 — Revelation 22:1-2

**Quotes:**

“O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
 Ordained those holy limbs to bear;  
 Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough,  
 Proclaims the King of glory now.

Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore  
 The wealth that did the world restore,  
 The price of human kind to pay,  
 And spoil the spoiler of his prey.”  
 —Venantius Fortunatus

**Prayers of the People**

Heavenly Father,  
 You have surrounded us with signs and symbols of your  
 love and care.

Through your Son you are making all things new.  
 Help us during this season of Advent to see, celebrate  
 and live in your new world.  
 For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Jesus,  
 You are the true Tree of Life,  
 Through your coming, dying, and rising from the dead  
 You are bringing new creation to the whole world.  
 Help us during this season of Advent to abide in you,  
 feed on you and be healed.  
 For this, O Lord, we pray:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit,  
 You live in us, Your Church, and through us bring beauty  
 and fruitfulness into a barren world. Help us during this  
 season of Advent to bear fruit.  
 Help us to comfort the grieving, befriend the lonely, love  
 our families and neighbors and seek justice and mercy in  
 your name.  
 For this, O Lord, we pray:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

And for what else should we pray?  
*Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,*  
*“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,*  
**“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

**Communion**

“Jesus is that branch, now grown into a tree, now flourishing with fruit. He is the vine of the true Israel, rising from the dead stump of the Davidic vine in order to give us the rich food of this table.” — Peter Leithart

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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
 No light in the darkness you see?  
 There’s light for a look at the Savior,  
 And life more abundant and free!

His Word shall not fail you - He promised;  
 Believe Him, and all will be well:  
 Then go to a world that is dying,  
 His perfect salvation to tell!

CHORUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
 Look full in His wonderful face,  
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
 In the light of His glory and grace.

**Repentance and Rest (Isaiah 30)**

In repentance and rest is your salvation  
 In quietness and trust is your strength  
 The LORD longs to be gracious to you  
 He rises to show to show you compassion

CHORUS:

Whether you turn to the right or to the left  
 Your ears will hear a voice behind you  
 Saying, “This is the way -- walk in it.”

For the LORD is a God of justice  
 How blessed are all those who long for Him.  
 He will surely be gracious to you  
 When He hears your cry He will answer you.

CHORUS

In repentance and rest is your salvation  
 In quietness and trust is your strength

**Trinitarian Prayer**

Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
 Set up your kingdom in our midst.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:  
 Have mercy on me, a sinner.  
 Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:  
 Renew me and all the world.

**Offering**

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.  
 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.  
 — 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

The heart of the gospel is the overwhelming generosity of God to us in Christ. We are “blessed to be a blessing.” If you, or anyone you are aware of, is in need of assistance with housing, rent, utilities, medical bills, etc. We as a church would love to try to help.  
 Contact any one of the deacons, pastors or staff listed in the bulletin.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Come Thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the world Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**Benediction**

Live a life worthy of the Lord, please him in every way, bear fruit in every good work, grow in the knowledge of God, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.  
(Based on Colossians 1:10-12)

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

**Prayer of Belief**

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 the 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.

PRAYER NEEDS

The Blain Family (Peace and Comfort)  
Friend's daughter - mental illness & suicide attempts  
Alice Bundrant (Surgery - recovery)  
Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)  
Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)  
The Chadwick Family  
Our Youth  
Missions  
Our Military  
Families in Crisis

(If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share on this page please email Penny@crosssound.org or fill out a Welcome card and drop it on the offering basket. Our Prayer teams will be praying for these things as well.)

# Cross Sound Announcements

**Round Table:** Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, 8:45 Informal time to gather and share Christ centered Holiday traditions and ways to keep a Holy focus throughout the season (first floor under Sunday School classes)

**New Class, Trafficking 101:** Dec 6 and Dec 13, 8:45 in the library. This class will be an overview focused on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and how this is occurring in the U.S., our state, and yes, our community. Find out how pornography is driving the demand for the prostitution of America's children, and why the body of Christ needs to be involved. "The UN claims that the trafficking of human beings has surpassed the drug trade to become the 2nd largest source of money for organized crime after the illegal arms trade." Facilitators: Dan & Becky Allender, Dave Sellers, Bonnie Stevens, and Paula Rovik.

**Cross Sound Christmas Pageant!** Performance on Dec. 20. Rehearsal at 8:45 AM, Dec. 6, 13 and from 10-12, Sat. Dec. 19. Questions, contact Lisa Bernardin jimlisab@comcast.net

**Christmas Eve Services 6:00PM & 11:00 PM:**  
Please join us with your friends, family, and neighbors for a beautiful evening of worship and celebration!

**Pool Party TODAY!** To celebrate our Tijuana team work we will gather at the Bainbridge Pool for a fun-filled winter swim. **Sunday, Dec. 6, 5:30-6:30PM.**

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## 5th and 6th grade Scavenger Hunt:

TODAY after church. We will be meeting in the High School library around 12:00 to eat and head off to our PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT! The kids will be in groups, each with a digital camera and a list of "items" to find and photograph in downtown Winslow. Each group will have an adult accompanying them. We will then meet back at the church office for a slideshow of our pictures and some type of refreshment. Please pick your kids up at the church office (in the Pavilion) @ 3.

## Bainbridge Island MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

We will only be having one meeting in December, the 11th of December - full of great food, music and an excellent message by Betty Ann Lyons about the joy of the season! We meet from 9:30-11:30am, Island Church foyer. Childcare will be lovingly provided. This year the theme is: Together on Planet Mom. For more info contact Cynthia @ bithieles@comcast.net

## Christmas Carols around the piano Dec. 13, 4:00 PM

Gather together at the Ogards house for an afternoon of good old fashioned Carol singing. Hot Cider will be ready, bring goodies to share if you wish. 6262 NE Early Dawn Ln. Poulsbo 360-779-3675

## Would you reach to someone in need for the holidays?

The deacons ask you to pray for those whom you may know that need family to be with during the upcoming holidays. Consider asking someone over for Christmas celebrations with your family. God created us all for relationship with Him and with others. Is there someone you could reach out to who might be longing for companionship over the holidays?

**Trust Me!** Has someone ever told you, "Trust me," and then let you down? Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust. They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers. They are people you can trust and depend on. If you or someone you know would like to explore the idea of working with a Stephen Minister please speak with Pastors Dave or Paul or Lynnette Rogers 842-3012. Info. is available at the greeters tables.

## Financial Update

Weekly Budget Needs: \$13,989.00  
Last Week's Giving: : \$6,075.50  
Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59  
Giving for Month of November: \$64,526.43



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