



Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favored sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

—Charles Wesley

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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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

### Christmas Choir

### Call to Worship

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

— Psalm 36:5-9

## Renewing

### Confession of Sin

Almighty God, give us grace  
that we may cast away the works of darkness,  
and put upon us the armor of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which thy Son, Jesus Christ  
came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day, when he shall come again  
in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the quick and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal,  
through Him who lives and reigns  
with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
now and forever. Amen.

### Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of all love and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>All</sup> Amen

### Advent Scripture Reading and Candle Lighting

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you now dismiss[a] your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

— Luke 2:25-32

### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand  
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to Earth descendeth  
our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on Earth he stood  
Lord of Lords in human vesture in the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the hosts of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away

At his feet the six wing-ed seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to his presence as with ceaseless voice they cry  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia Lord most high!

### We Three Kings

We three Kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.  
Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship him God most high.  
Myrrh is mine; it's bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.  
Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Earth to heaven replies.

### O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O co-me 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.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

### Open the Eyes of my Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of your glory  
Pour out your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you

### Giving Thanks

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

—Psalm 118:27-29

**Series: Welcoming God's New World at Christmas**

**Title: The Light of the World**

**Text: Isaiah 9:2-7, 60:1-3**

**John 3:19-21**

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as men rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

—Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>1</sup>“Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

<sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the LORD rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

—Isaiah 60:1-3

<sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

—John 3:19-21

**Quotes:**

“So that ‘He came down from Heaven’ can almost be transposed into ‘Heaven drew earth up into it,’ and locality, limitation, sleep, sweat, footsore weariness, frustration, pain, doubt, and death, are, from before all worlds, known by God from within.

The pure light walks the earth; the darkness, received into the heart of Deity, is there swallowed up. Where, except in uncreated light, can the darkness be drowned?”  
—C.S. Lewis

“I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of Gods, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.”

—Nicene Creed

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”  
—Psalm 119:105

“A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, ‘darkness’ on the walls of his cell.”  
—C.S. Lewis

### Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending us your Son. As one who shared with us in our flesh and blood, and who like us was tested by what he suffered, we know he sympathizes with us in our weaknesses. Give us confidence, therefore, in his mercy and faithfulness.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you minister on our behalf.

We now approach your throne of grace with boldness, to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need: we pray, then, for healing for the sick, comfort for the afflicted, dignity for the downtrodden, and provision for the needy.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, grant that we may speak with prophetic voices, and proclaim a mighty savior who rules even over enemies. May his light from on high break in upon all nations, give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and guide our feet, and those of all rulers, into the way of peace.

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

"The next time you walk down the street, take a good look at every face you pass in your mind say, Christ died for thee. That girl. That slob. That phony. That crook. That saint. That fool. Christ died for thee. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee."

— Fredrick Buechner

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.

### Christmas Choir

#### I Lift My Eyes Up

I lift my eyes up  
Up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You  
Maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need you Lord  
You are my only hope  
You are my only prayer  
So I will wait for You  
To come and rescue me  
Come and give me life

#### He Knows My Name

I have a Maker  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name.  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls and He hears me when I call.  
(Ending: And He hears me when I call  
And He hears me when I call.)

I have a Father.  
He calls me His own.  
And He'll never leave me  
No matter where I go.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

**Offering**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

— James 1:17

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.

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
from every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty power to save;  
bring them in vict'ry through the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, our Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thy advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations,  
bind all people in one heart and mind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be Thyself our King of Peace!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Benediction**

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

The LORD bless you, and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine on you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance on you,  
And give you peace.’

—Numbers 6:22-26

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)
- Tony Jacobellis
- Alice Bundrant (Surgery - recovery)
- Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)
- Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)
- Chris Harvey (thanksgiving for surgery - recovery)
- 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

## **TODAY! Christmas Carols around the piano, 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

**Cross Sound Christmas Pageant!** Performance on Dec. 20. Dress rehearsal 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! Nursery care available for the 6PM service. 11PM service will be a communion service.

## **Christmas Eve Cookies-**

Please bring a plate of cookies or goodies to share for after the 6PM Christmas Eve Service!

## **High Schoolers: Save the Dates!**

Monday, 12/28 and Tuesday, 12/29 for a retreat here on Bainbridge Island at a waterfront cabin. We'll eat, laugh, play, serve, sleep and study together for those two days. More details to follow....

**Prayer Group:** Every Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Getters home, all are welcome. Call the Getters at 855-9197 for prayer requests or for more information.

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## **Carden Country School Christmas Assembly**

Thursday December 17th, 6:30pm  
Grace Episcopal Church, Day Road  
Join us for an evening of singing, poetry, and the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

## **They're Coming This Winter...**

Cross Sound Community Groups are small groups of ten to sixteen members. The groups meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in homes. The time together is split among Bible study, personal application and relationships. Please sign the Golden Clipboard or contact Dave for more information. Dave@crosssound.org

## **Cross Sound Deacon Fund**

This gift-giving season offers a vivid reminder that, as a church, we are blessed to be a blessing. One of the ways we bless those in need is with financial assistance. The Cross Sound Deacon Fund exists to help those with financial needs in areas like housing, food and transportation. If you or someone you know has a need, we invite you to contact any one of the 14 Cross Sound Deacons or email Dave Murray at davemurray01@embarqmail.com.

## **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?

**“Please Keep This Confidential...”** When you say these words to your Stephen Minister, you can be assured that your Stephen Minister will keep quiet about what you share. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers don't reveal anything their care receiver says - and don't even tell anyone who their care receiver is. 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: : \$14,808.00

Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59

Giving for Month of December: \$14,808.00

“Worship Through Giving” *An envelope has been provided for your records and will be picked up at the end of the service.*



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