

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 2018

“Christmas is telling you that you could never get to heaven on your own. God had to come to you.”

— Tim Keller



Order of Worship
www.crosssound.org

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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Dave O’Connell: daveoc@crosssound.org, or (314) 853-2695

To learn more about the entire staff and our team of Elders, Deacons, International Ministers, Stephen Ministry and Community Group Leaders please visit our website:

crosssound.org or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri — *Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century*

Music: Karl Digerness, 2009

Glory be to the Father	As it was in the beginning
Glory be to the Son	Shall be forever
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One	Amen, Amen, Amen

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus— *Charles Wesley (1745)*

Music: Rowland Prichard (1830)

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.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, thou promised rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear;
O'er the hills the angels singing,
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing,
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend;
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the ever-lasting wonder:
Christ was born the Lord of all!

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let's sing to the Lord;
Let's make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Let's worship the Lord –
For he has visited and redeemed his people.
—Adapted from Psalm 95:1-2 & Luke 1:68

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

Renewing

CONFESSIONS OF SIN

(Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins removing all of our past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently).

Heavenly Father,

At the outset of this Advent season,
Help us to slow down enough to ponder
The wonder and glory of what has taken place.

**The infinite, became an infant.
The king traded his throne for a cradle.
Jesus stepped into the world, for us.**

We confess that in this season it is easy for us
To be distracted,
To be forgetful,
And to even find ourselves indifferent to these things.

Father, Forgive us.

Work in our hearts this season,

**That we might love, worship and celebrate Jesus —
And be made instruments of His joy, His love, and His peace.**

We ask these things, in His most wonderful name,
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
—Psalm 103:1, 11-12

Amen

Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*1st candle – (purple) The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope:
We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises
made to us. Our hope comes from God!*

“And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” —Romans 15:12-13

O Come, O Come Emmanuel — *Words: 12th Cent, Translated
from Latin by John M. Neale, 1851*
*Music: VENI EMMANUEL, from a 15th Cent.
processional of French Franciscan nuns*

O, come, O, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

O, come O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save;
Bring them in vict'ry through the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, 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 you, 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 you, O Israel!

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

What a Beautiful Name —*Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood*

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You wanted heaven opened to us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

Come Alive (Dry Bones) —*Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren*

Through the eyes of man it seems
There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road
Where all the prodigals have walked
And one by one the enemy
Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God,
Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come
That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us
We step into the valley unafraid

We call out the dry bones,
“Come alive, come alive!”
We call out to dead hearts,
“Come alive, come alive!”
Up out of the ashes,
Let us see an army rise.
We call out to dry bones,
“Come alive!”

God of endless mercy,
God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter
Bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe

GIVING THANKS

King of My Heart presented by our AWANA KIDS.

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
—Romans
Be devoted to one another in love.
—Romans 12:10

MESSAGE

Text: Luke 10:38-42

Title: What Kind of Advent Will You Have?

Speaker: Dave O’Connell

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

QUOTES

“The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.”
—J.I. Packer

“The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son.”
—Robert Flatt

“The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.”
—Bill Crowder

“The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.”
—Ralph W. Sockman

OFFERING

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your speaking, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love — I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving... You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.
—2nd Corinthians 8:7 & 9

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding — *Latin hymn, 5th cent.;*
Music: MERTON, by William H. Monk

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
“Christ is near,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness
O ye children of the day!”

Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next He comes in glory,
Wrapping all the world in fear,
May He with His mercy shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord Jesus,
When you entered the world,
The angels sang out in awe and with praise.
Allow us this season, to share their wonder,
And to bring you the fullness of our praise.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,
When it was time for you to be born,
There was no room for you except in a stable.
Be with those in our community who are in need,
And provide for those who are in want.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,
The first people to hear of your birth were shepherds,
Those who were often belittled in their day.
Make us a church that truly values others; a church that
Shows love and dignity to all people in your name.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,
When it was time for you to be born,
You chose to be born of a simple teenage girl.
May you continue to use simple people like us,
To be your vessels of blessing to your world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our
Savior has taught us:

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 and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen

COMMUNION

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

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

—Isaiah

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

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 turn me 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.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence— Words: Liturgy of St. James,
4th Century Translated from Greek to English by Gerard
Moultrie, 1864. Music: PICARDY, French carol melody

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
Lords 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 host 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
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord most high!

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 instead to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection"). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Sending

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen— 16th cent. English carol

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray

O, tidings of comfort & joy, comfort & joy!

O, tidings of comfort and joy!

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this bless-ed Babe was born
And laid within a manger upon this bless-ed morn
The which, His mother Mary, did nothing take in scorn

From God, our heavenly Father, a bless-ed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

The shepherds at these tidings rejoic-ed much in mind
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest storm and wind
And went straightway to Bethlehem, the bless-ed Babe to find

Now, to the Lord sing praises all ye within this place
And in true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace

BENEDICTION

This Christmas season,
May the God of hope fill you with all
Joy and peace as you trust in him.

—Romans 15:13a

^{All} **Amen**

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

Announcements

AWANA needs volunteers and leaders! Please sign the clipboard or contact Katie Fixter kfixter5@gmail.com

Feeling alone, anxious, perhaps grieving this Christmas season? Consider a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you
Call Sue (206)714-5986 or Dick (415)847-8984

Wreaths orders may be picked up after the service on Dec. 2

Cross Sound youth is gathering NEW underwear for the UGM Search and Rescue vans for which the 7th-8th and HS volunteer for. We are also gathering 300 pairs of new warm winter socks for the 5-8 grade gift bags for the homeless service project on Dec. 15th. Please bring donations to church and place them in the big white box.

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program provides a Christmas gift for a child on behalf of their incarcerated parent. We have about 20 more gifts that need to be sponsored – stop by the Angel Tree table after service. You may select a gift tag & instructions from the Angel Trees located at the upper & lower entry. Bring your wrapped gift & tag to church or to the church office anytime prior to December 12th. Want to help with organizing gifts, making cards or delivering gifts? Contact Dede Knapp at dede.knapp@hotmail.com

Dec. 10 Grandparenting Event 6-8PM: Join us at the church office for a simple meal at 6:00 pm and then watch the 7th DVD in the Tim and Darcy Kimmel series. ? Jim or Carolyn Gillick at 360-621-1533.

“For unto you is born.....” We would love you and/or your child to participate in our 12th annual CSC Christmas Pageant on Sun, Dec 16 during church. (Two practices; Sun, 12/2 and Sun, 12/9 8:45 – 10 a.m. & a dress rehearsal on Saturday, 12/15 @ 10:00 a.m. @ BHS.) Many roles are available and helpers needed in all areas. Fliers on greeters tables and at kids classrooms!

Christmas Eve Services: We will be having 2 services for Christmas Eve. The first will be a family friendly service at 5PM. The second will be a candlelight Lessons and Carols service at 7pm. Childcare will be provided for the 7pm service. Both services will be at BHS Commons.

DivorceCare will begin Jan. 14th- April 8th 6:30-8:30 at CSC office
Contacts: Lisa Wangen 206-488-8404 or Trish Hendrick 509-599-2060

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Spring Retreat is coming—
March 22–24 at Cascades Camp and Conference Center, Yelm, WA.
More details to come!

Save the Date: Men's Retreat: June 13-15, 2019 @ Fort Warden. Walt Wiley, founder/president “Winning with Encouragement” will speak. A former *Walk Thru the Bible* seminar instructor and chaplain of the Atlanta Braves, Walt speaks and teaches regularly in various settings. His style is motivational, inspirational, Biblical, practical and peppered with lots of humor. Walt and his wife Patti live in Charlotte, NC and have two grown sons.

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$9,393.00 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$364,255 Actual Income to Date \$364,154

Hope & Healing

Mario and Miriam Espinosa have 4 children, David 2 mos, Lilia 3 yrs, Ezequiel 7yrs and Eliazer 8 yrs, They live in one small room. Mario earns \$55 a week as a builder and has saved enough to buy a lot for a home.

Rosalia lived a hard life growing up. At 17 a sickness caused her to go to church where she accepted Jesus into her heart and God healed her. At church she met her husband, Jose, who works as a field worker. They with their daughter Diana, age 10, live in a small structure made of wood scraps. They love Jesus.

Across **2** cultures, over **2** days this weekend, at **2** sites in Ensenada Mexico, **22** men from Cross Sound Church are building **2** homes for these **2** families who need them. Blessed **2** be a blessing!

CS Kids and Youth Group

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All children newborn through 6th grade need to check in and wear their printed nametag before they arrive at class.

Small Beginnings Nursery (new-2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

Cross Sound Kids:

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Katie Fixter, katie@crosssound.org, or Kate Pippingier, katepippingier@gmail.com. Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Little Kids (2-4 years, must be potty trained) Room #232

Lead Teachers: Lacey Redinger, Krista Schei, Richard St. Cyr,
Joanna Wang, Keith and Mary Van Eaton

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Andy and Kristin Dafoe, Keagan Daniels,
Candace Luckman, Kareese Pippingier,
Dan and Michelle Layton

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Jennifer Cordell, Beth Johnston, Betty Ann Lyons,
Nate and Dinha Moore, Diane and Veronica Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Patrick and Jenny Kilby,
Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Lead teachers; Carrie Sellers, Trish Maguire, Bill Parrott.

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Carrie Beyer, John Daniels, Sean Luckman

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Jamie Brouwer, Chip Halbert, Kerry Sutorius,
Dana Webber

TUESDAYS: 6-7:30 Grades K-6 Youth Club (Awana) at Island School off of Day Rd. Contact Katie Fixter with any questions at katie@crosssound.org

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210. Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

NOTES:

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
Second time visitor
Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:
_____ Ministry

Please add me to:
Email list Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Penny@crosssound.org or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.

