



Nothing but  
grace makes  
a man so  
humble and,  
at the same time,  
so glad.

Charles Spurgeon

# 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.



# Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — From Psalm 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**Trinity Song** — *Sandra McCracken*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in Holy Love

**I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)** — *Brian Doerksen*

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

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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.

**Living Waters** — *Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash*

Are you thirsty, are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Tired and broken, peace unspoken  
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters  
Lay your life down, all the old gone  
Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows,  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God,  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore, P  
raise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children to the shore line  
Life is in these living waters

*Chorus*

Are you thirsty, are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless  
Christ, He is our living waters

*Chorus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Speak, O Lord** — *Getty/Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

NOTES:

## MESSAGE

**Title: The Great & Wonderful Gift of God's Word**

**Text: Deuteronomy 8:2-3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 19:7-8, 10; Psalm 119:11&16**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years... He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna... to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. — Deuteronomy 8:2-3

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. — 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.  
They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.  
— Psalm 19:7-8, 10

I have hidden your word in my heart.  
I will not neglect your word. — Psalm 119:11&16

## QUOTES:

*“You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature.” — Mahatma Gandhi*

*“No spiritual discipline is more important than the intake of God’s Word. Nothing can substitute for it. There simply is no healthy Christian life apart from a diet of the milk and meat of scripture.” — Donald Whitney*

*“Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don’t have. For most of us, the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it.” — John Ortberg*

*“Visit many good books, but live in the Bible.” — Charles Spurgeon*

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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.

OFFERING — 1 Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.

**Call Him Good (Psalm 104)** — *Sandra McCracken*

Call Him good, my soul  
I am here to declare my affection for You  
Call Him good, my soul  
You who are wrapped in glory  
Dressed in greatness

*For covering, You choose light  
Your clothes, sunset and moonrise  
For a tent, You stretch out the heavens  
For a roof, You pitch the sky*

Call Him good, my soul

You who made the earth  
And You made its frame stable forever  
You who made the earth  
And you wrapped it in a gown of waters

MISSION UPDATE & CORPORATE PRAYER

First Aid Arts Trip to Eastern Europe  
(Curtis Romjue)

&

Cross Sound Church Trip to Cuba  
(Mike & Karen Mizrahi, Shannon Roa, Dave O'Connell)

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Offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound to support the worship and work of the church, it's 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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

**Behold The Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.

So, we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ  
Torn for you. Eat and remember.  
The wounds that healed, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

# Sending

## COMMUNION

It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed, but with the precious blood of Christ. — 1Peter 1:17-18

At this table we come face to face;  
with the God of all mercy, love, and grace.  
We eat and we drink to remember the One,  
Who died in our place, salvation won.  
His body and blood were given for you,  
This meal his great gift to fill and renew.  
Now celebrate Him and know that this taste,  
Is sure sign and seal of his glorious embrace. — The Communion Table

LEADER: What right do we have to dine at the Table of Jesus?

**CHURCH: We have every right to dine at his Table.**

LEADER: What gives us this right?

**CHURCH: We have this right because Jesus came not for the strong, but for the weak; not for the righteous, but for sinners; not for the self-sufficient, but for those who know they need rescue. To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who are weak and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior — Jesus welcomes into his circle, adopts into his family, and reserves a place at his Table.**

## BENEDICTION — 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the love of the Father,  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all. **Amen.**

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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").

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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

## **Intro to Cross Sound Church: Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 26, Noon—1:30pm at the BHS Library.**

What do we believe as a church? What is our theology, vision, mission? Where is God taken us and where is God leading us? This is a four week class that is required for church membership but in no way obligates you to become a member. In fact, why do we even have church membership? Come and find out more about Cross Sound Church. Email [dave@crosssound.org](mailto:dave@crosssound.org) with questions.

**Men's Board Game Group** Join in on a game night without compare - an evening of food, beverages, and most of all, Board Games! Be a learner, even a winner, in your favorite board game... have a great time and get to know some people. Who's got game? Sign up today on the clipboard or email [kristin@crosssound.org](mailto:kristin@crosssound.org)

**Women's Bible Study** Join us at the church office this week! This winter we are studying "*James: Mercy Triumphs*" by Beth Moore. Books have arrived and will be available at the Church Office. The cost is \$25 or whatever you can afford, payable upon receipt, or online: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1455598> Questions? Email [Ashley@CrossSound.org](mailto:Ashley@CrossSound.org)

- MONDAY EVENING 6:30-8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
- WEDNESDAY MORNING 9:15-11:15 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided

**Meals for Youth Group** Believe it or not, the students requested home cooking instead of pizza! If this is your gift, please consider sharing it with Youth Ministry Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Email [josh@crosssound.org](mailto:josh@crosssound.org) to sign up!

**Opportunities for leadership and service** Like a family, we each have a strengths that complement one another and are necessary to build relationships within the church and community. Will you share your strength with us? Currently our greatest needs for volunteers are:

- Sunday Morning Greeters - all you need is a ready smile and a strong handshake!
- Sound Crew Support - though we have a sound crew in place, there are times when we need a team to solve problems. If you are interested in learning the system, so you may be called upon in emergencies, let us know!
- Sunday School teachers - We have a wonderful group of students, eager to learn laugh and engage with God's Word. Would you consider being a part of this ministry? Many hands make light work, so we are inviting everyone to consider this opportunity: the more volunteers we have, the lighter the load on individuals.

# 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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*We hope these are helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His people, the church.*

## 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.*