

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

“God knows
us to the
bottom yet
nevertheless
loves us to
the skies.”

— 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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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

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

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

Once in Royal David's City

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, Hymns for Little Children, 1848

Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from Heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And He is our childhood's pattern
Day by day, like us He grew
He was little, weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone

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.

Renewing

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy.
— Isaiah 12:4-6

CONFESSION 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).

God of all Grace,
You have loved us.
You have saved us.
You have made us yours in your Son.
Yet we confess that we have continued to stray from you.
We have loved things, instead of people.
We have sought our own pleasure, instead of yours.
We have at many points, ignored and forgotten you.
Father, forgive us once again for this, our sin.
Purify our lives and make us more like Jesus.
And assure us once again, of your never-changing love.
Lift us up from our low places, and in your grace,
Enable us to live beautifully for you.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray,
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:9

Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus... nothing can ever separate us from God's love.
—Romans 8:1 and 38

Know this joy this morning,
In Jesus Christ,
We are loved.
We are forgiven.
We are His.

Amen.

Amen.

What Child is This? — *Words: William C. Dix, “The Manger Throne”, 1865, Music: GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English melody*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him thru,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, Gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings, salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

O Come, All Ye Faithful — *Words: William C. Dix, “The Manger Throne”, 1865, Music: GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English melody*

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 adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing all ye citizens of heav’n above:
Glory to God in the Highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv’n;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

Angels We Have Heard on High — *Traditional French carol*
(*Les Anges dans Nos Campagnes*), *Translated by James Chadwick, 1862*

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

BAPTISM

Today we give thanks for Taylor Pearson
who has decided to be baptized this morning.

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
— Romans 15:7

Be devoted to one another in love. — Romans 12:10

Love one another deeply from the heart. — 1Peter 1:22

MESSAGE

Text: Deuteronomy 8:2-3 and 2Timothy 3:14-17

Title: What Do You Need?

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

² Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart... ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. — Deuteronomy 3:2

¹⁴ As for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. — 2 Timothy 3:14

QUOTES

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

“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

“Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.”
— A.W. Tozer

“We fail in our duty to study God’s word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it is work. Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy.” — R.C. Sproul

“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

“The Bible is the book of my life. It’s the book I live with, the book I live by, the book I want to die by.” — N. T. Wright

“The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.”
— Augustine of Hippo

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

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

— 1 Chronicles 29:9

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
“Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven’s all gracious King;”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

O ye, beneath life’s crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, you gave us your Son
to bring us back to you.
Now that you have given us life in Him,
and brought us into your family, continue to transform us,
and make us all that we were meant to be.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Father, you gave us your Word
to guide us to Christ and to guide us in life.
Give us a growing hunger for it, and commitment to it we pray.
Use it to transform us in your love and grace,
and to make us useful for you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Father, you have given us your Holy Spirit
to be our strength and help.
Teach us to depend on him,
and to keep in step with him each day,
As we live in a broken and fallen world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Father, you have given us a great calling in this world,
To be Jesus' agents of love, service, and blessing.
Guide us by your Word and empower us by your Spirit,
To bless our families, neighbors, city, and world in His name.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

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
and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow our own.
Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. —Isaiah 55:16

For you know that 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

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Thou didst leave thy throne and Thy kingly crown
when Thou camest to earth for me
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for Thy holy nativity.

CHORUS

O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming Thy royal decree.
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
and in great humility. (CHORUS)

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest,
in the shade of the forest tree
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
in the deserts of Galilee. (CHORUS)

Thou camest O Lord with the living word
that should set Thy people free
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
they bore Thee to Calvary (CHORUS)

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing
at Thy coming to victory
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room –
there is room at My side for thee."

My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when Thou comest and callest for me!

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all 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

Joy to the World — Words: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ANTIOCH by Lowell Mason, 1836

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of the Father,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all. — 2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

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

Dear Cross Sound Church,

Reconstruction of BHS Building 100 is well under way. Included in that work will be a remodeling of the Commons where we meet each Sunday. That work begins in early January. As a result, we will be moving to a new Sunday meeting space, so please mark your calendars:

Our LAST Sunday Service at BHS Commons: Sunday Dec 29th

Our FIRST Sunday Service at Sakai Intermediate School: Sunday Jan 5th

In scripture, we find that God called Abram to pick up and “go.” However, we also note that God did not say where, but rather, He invited Abram to go to “a land I will show you.”

Over the past year, we’ve worked with the school district on a move plan that would take us to Wilkes Elementary. Recently, a new door was opened for us to consider moving to Sakai Intermediate School. Church leaders and staff met with school district officials to discuss this new plan. And after a site tour and much prayer, the decision was made to make Sakai our new temporary home for Sunday services.

Going to Sakai offers practical advantages over Wilkes with a larger meeting space, larger classrooms with furniture and more parking, all while remaining more centrally located on Bainbridge Island.

While it is a change to our plan, we’re reminded that our journey is God’s plan and this new element of “disruption” is in His hands. We are in good hands indeed.

Astonished by Grace,
Cross Sound Elders

Women’s Events

SPRING RETREAT: Save the date! March 20-21 at Islandwood

Grandparents Ministry Grandparents are invited to meet and discuss ways to more deeply engage with grandchildren and God. Sessions start up again in the Spring, meeting 2nd Monday’s: 4/13, 5/11, 6/8. 5:30 pm at the church office.

Men’s Bible Study Fridays at 6:30am at Church Office. Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com with questions or interest.

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. Each minister is paired with a hurting person—men paired with men and women with women—and meet weekly with that person to listen, care, pray and encourage. Leaders: Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 and Dick Smith 415-847-8984

CS Kids and Youth Group

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

CROSS SOUND KIDS

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Kate Pippinger, katepippinger@gmail.com or Sandy Halbert sandy@crosssound.org
Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org. *Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.*

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

Lead Teachers: Chris and Joanna Livdhal, Keith and Mary Van Eaton, Lisa Grant and Lacey Redinger

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Keagan Daniels, Jason and Bethany Hickner, Candace Luckman, Kareese Pippinger,

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Ann Asher, Jennifer Cordell, Patrick and Jenny Kilby, Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Dianne Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Nate and Dinha Moore, Kate Pippinger, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

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

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org

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

EVENING YOUTH GROUP at the Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE

- WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm - High School (begins September 25)
- THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm - Jr. High (begins September 26)

Community Groups

Community Group Fall Session has begun. Unless otherwise noted each of the following groups meet on Bainbridge Island:

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Night</u>
Carrie and Dave Sellers	Tuesday (Kid Friendly)
Dafoe	Thursday (Kid Friendly)
Jennifer and Bob Cordell, Lisa and Bill Parrott	Thursday (Poulsbo)(Kid Friendly)
Kerri and Marc Koenig	Thursday (Poulsbo)
Linda Gordon and Roger Barber	Saturday
Jenny and Patrick Kilby	Sunday, noon–2 pm (Kid Friendly)
Laura and Dave O'Connell	Sunday (Kid Friendly)
Jeff Ogard	Sunday (Poulsbo)

For details contact Roger Barber - irbarbers@gmail.com.

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: _____

Comments

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of worship.

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Kristin@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.

NOTES:

Prayer for those Searching

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.
