



Grace is God's
aggressive pursuit
of, and stubborn
delight in, freakishly
foul people.

Preston Sprinkle

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

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Christ suffered for our sins once for all. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. — 1Peter 3:18a (NLT)

Know this joy this morning.
Celebrate Him, and His grace.

You are loved.
You are forgiven.
You are His.

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God— *Getty/Townend*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

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.

My Hope is Built — *Lyrics: Edward Mote, West Sussex, 1834, Music: William Bradbury, 1863, Arrangement: Norton Hall Band, 2016*

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne

Come Alive (Dry Bones) — *By 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

THANKSGIVING — Psalm 118:1-4, 28-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say:

“His love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the Lord say:

“His love endures forever.”

You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

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

STUDENT DISMISSAL

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

NOTES:

Renewing

Series & Sermon Title: Why Church?

Speaker: Dave O'Connell, Passage: Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. . . . ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. . . .

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

QUOTES:

The local church is not ancillary or optional or replaceable, even when church-like things are widely available at our fingertips. The local church is and will always be central to the Christian life: a priceless jewel we should treasure and not trade anything for.—Brett McCracken

Jesus came into our world as a man to embody grace. He left us, the church, to be the body of Christ, not a flock of parakeets that repeat Christian jargon but the ongoing in-the-flesh presence of His grace. We are the evidence that God's grace is more than just words.—Preston Sprinkle

It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission.—Christopher J. H. Wright

There is nothing like the local church when the local church is working right.—Bill Hybels

Jesus is the hope of the world, and the local church is the vehicle of expressing that hope to the world.—Andy Stanley

OFFERING — 2Corinthians 9:7-8

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. If you prefer to give online, go to www.crosssound.org/give

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me — *City Alight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet
not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

Help us to know the great depths of your love.
And in the grace of Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
Glorify yourself in all that we are, say, think and do;
That through your church the world would see you.

For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

There is no one greater, yet you came to serve;
You came to give your life as a ransom for many.
As objects of your rescue and love, make us reflect you.
Help us to celebrate you, follow you, and serve others in your love.

For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

This world needs your transforming power & touch.
To calm our fears, and to heal our pain.
To break through our selfishness and sin.
To bring life, fullness, and peace that is found in Jesus alone.
Transform and unite us in Him, and use us everywhere we go.

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

Sending

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted, For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning, Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me, The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings, Through his blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches, Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me, Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth, My Redeemer is to me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION — *at the theater entrance directly following service*

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

He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.
He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed.
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.
But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him...
And when he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish,
He will be satisfied.—Isaiah 53:5-6 & 10-11

BENEDICTION — Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom
be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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").

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

GriefShare Program Will meet at the Church Office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is.) Questions? *Reach out to Linda Gordon at LLGonbi@gmail.com, Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawowsky at info@crosssound.org*

- **LOSS OF A SPOUSE (ONE-TIME SESSION)**

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 9:30am to 12:15pm. We hope you will join us for a one-time session focusing on the death of a spouse. Grief has a way of sneaking up on us. We understand it takes courage for some to come but you will be with others who also know the loss of a spouse.

- **ALL FORMS OF LOSS (13-WEEK SESSION)**

Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. February 3 through April 28, 2022.

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there may not be many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. It may also be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Please consider joining us for our winter session beginning Wednesday, January 12th from 9:15 - 11:15 at the CrossSound office. We will be studying *The Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose* for the next 12 weeks and we'd love to have you be a part of it! Questions? Contact Carrie (carriesellers206@gmail.com), Kathy (hopkins.kathryn148@gmail.com), Ashley (ashleydevenyns@gmail.com) or Rachel (rlong4@icloud.com)

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY Friday mornings, via Zoom. *Email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link*

- **MEN'S CYCLING GROUP** 4th Saturday of the month. Women also welcome! Just show up at 8am the BHS Flagpole, weather permitting, and have fun!

Part-time Position Available

- **SOUND & VIDEO LEAD** Primarily performed on Sunday mornings, this person would be in charge of overseeing the sound and livestream set-ups, managing livestream videos, and managing the high school students and grads who are currently doing these tasks. Experience in these areas or related technology aptitude is helpful, but not required for those interested in the position. *Please reach out to info@crosssound.org with interest or inquiries.*

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?

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: _____
Second time visitor _____ Ministry Please add me to:
Regular attendee _____ Email list
Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests/Comments: _____

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.