

“Forgiveness is at the very heart of the Christian faith. It’s not about getting better, becoming more religious, or following the rules so God will love you. It’s all about forgiveness, dummy! Everything else is secondary. If we don’t keep the main thing the main thing, then everything else will turn sour on us.”

— Steve Brown



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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Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

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

Arise O God And Shine

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow that
all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless
and fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise from every living thing;
Let all that breathe on every coast
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

— Micah 6:6-8

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).

Father,

Help us to approach you with reverence and freedom, not with presumption or anxiety. Give us holy boldness and confidence that you are our faithful covenant-keeping God, and that you cannot abandon us or reject us because of your promises. Forgive us, Lord, for we are not faithful followers of you. We confess that the things we say and things we do, do not agree. We have taken your name carelessly on our tongues and trampled on your kindness with our many sin. Forgive us we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If Abraham was justified by works,
He has something to boast about.
For what does the Scripture say?
'Abraham believed God and it was counted
to him as righteousness'.
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus, Christ!

Amen.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy,

Holy are you Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

(Chorus)

Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Glory! Glory! This I sing
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What a Beautiful Name

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...

GIVING THANKS

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
— Philippians 4:6-7

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.

MESSAGE

Series: The Gospel in Action: Big Faith

Text: James 1:16-27

Title: Truth

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

QUOTES

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

—New City Catechism, #30

‘I believe that much of our religious unbelief is due to a wrong conception of and a wrong feeling for the Scripture of truth. A silent God suddenly began to speak in a book and when that book was finished lapsed back into silence again for ever. Now we read the book as the record of what God said when He was for a brief time in a speaking mood. With notions like that in our heads how can we believe? The facts are that God is not silent, has never been silent. It is the nature of God to speak. The second person of the Holy Trinity is called the Word. The Bible is the inevitable outcome of God’s continuous speech. It is the infallible declaration of His minds for us put into our own familiar words.’

—AW Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

‘I trust the Word of the Bible, and I want that Word to become, more and more, flesh in me. Maybe the question is not so much to read the Bible often but to let the Bible read me and reveal me to myself.’

—Henri JM Nouwen

OFFERING

Freely you have received, freely give.

—Matthew 10:8

Late Have I Loved Thee

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so ancient

Late have I loved Thee, Beauty so new

I’ve tasted Thee

Now I hunger and thirst for Thee

Thou didst touch me

And I have burned for Thy peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of light, draw near to your people
as we live in the midst of a broken world,
too often marked by oppression and pain.
We anticipate and celebrate you making all things new
As you create a new heaven and a new earth.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you hold the nations in your hand.
We pray for our leaders and for rulers in this country and
throughout the world.
Give them understanding, wisdom, and courage and humility.
Let justice roll down like waters
And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of all compassion,
we remember various needs before you:
the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying;
the enslaved, the imprisoned, and all who are alone;
the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity;
and all who suffer in body, mind, or at the hands of others.
Give us big faith that you would use us to be blessing
bearers.
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.**”

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

Lord Jesus,

Your perfect life, your death and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as living sacrifice. Amen

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.

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.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
On Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us lead us with Your light

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God

Sending

BENEDICTION

In the love of the God of life:
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

^{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

“What’s Happening in Cross Sound Kids”

Cross Sound Kids leaders are excited about the opportunity to start an AWANA club this coming Fall for kids K-6. AWANA is a weekly discipleship program that reaches kids for Christ through fun, Scripture-rich experiences that lead them to know, love and serve God. Want to learn more about this possibility? Please attend our informational meeting after church TODAY from 11:45-12:15 in the high school library.

Cross Sound Youth - Summer is COMING!

5th-12th Grade - we are going to Wild Waves!! Friday, June 22. RSVP to josh@crosssound.org for a seat. 8:30am-8pm. Cost: \$25 for a ticket and bring \$\$ for lunch and dinner. Scholarships available. Meet at the Day Rd Park and Ride at 8:30am and pick up at Day Rd at 8PM. Bring a towel, swimsuit and sunscreen!

GRANDPARENTING STUDY coming in July!!

The grandparenting team has found a NEW resource in the excellent DVDs by Tim and Darcy Kimmel, psychologists, founders of Family Matters, and grandparents themselves. We will share a different topic each week in July at the 9am School of Discipleship hour. The five weeks will position you to think about the following topics as they relate to you and your relationship with your grandchildren. Resource books are available for \$10.

Session 1: Putting the Grand in Parenting

Session 2: Giving a Blessing

Session 3: Leaving a Legacy

Session 4: Bearing a Torch

Session 5: Setting a Standard

Plan to join us in the library at 9 each Sunday.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Questions? Call Carolyn and Jim Gillick @ 360-621-1533

Men’s Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden

Sign up TODAY for the summer men’s retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com

CS Kids and Youth Group

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:

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

Little Kids (3-5yrs) Room #232

Kindergarten Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

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.

