



It is good to be
children sometimes,
and never better than
Christmas, when its
mighty founder was
a child Himself.

Charles Dickens



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Order of Worship
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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 and Community Group Leaders, visit our website: crosssound.org call our office: (206) 842-6898 or email info@crosssound.org

As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and 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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 95:1-2,6-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen

Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:8-9

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
—Romans 8:1

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*4th candle – (purple) The Angel Candle or The Candle of Love:
The angels announced the good news of a Savior!*

“...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the
people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord” — Luke 2:10b-11

God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!
“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the
world, but to save the world through him.” — John 3:16-17

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

— *Words: 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.

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.

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.

Annual Christmas Pageant

Message: Kyle Schei

THE PROMISE OF THE PROPHETS

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;

Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Son of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

ANGEL GABRIEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY

Angels We Have Heard on High

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!

See Him in a manger laid, Jesus Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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.

THE ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray!
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And take us to heaven, to Live with Thee there.

THE BABY IS BORN, THE SHEPHERDS ARE TOLD

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The Herald Angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise.
Join the triumph of the skies.
With th’ Angelic Hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”¹
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace,⁵
Hail, the Sun⁶ of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His Wings.
Now He lays His Glory by,⁷
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the New-born king!”

THE WISE MEN

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

Joy to the World

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

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

THE END

OFFERING

Good Christian Friends Rejoice — *Words: Heinrich Suso (?-1366); trans. from Latin to English by John M. Neale, 1853. Music: In Dulci Jubilo, 14th cent. German melody*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Man and beast before Him bow; and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door and we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
For giving yourself to the world.
For being willing to become one of us,
so that we could be reconciled to you.
This season, accept our wonder, love, and praise.
For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
For giving up your riches,
so that we might be made rich in you.
Cause us to value you above all things,
And to provide for the needs of others too.
For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
For continuing to be our Immanuel – God with us.
Bring joy to the sorrowing, peace to the troubled,
and your love and grace into our needy world as we
Set our gaze again, upon your birth in Bethlehem.
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Update as of Dec 12, 2021: total \$40,053.50 Actual Income to Date \$412,772.96
Budgeted Income to Date \$508,375 Annual Budget (7/21-6/22): \$1,083,230.00

Sending

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angels' chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

BENEDICTION

JOIN US AFTER SERVICE FOR AN
ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Please join us in the 100 building for a Christmas
lunch and celebration after church!

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

Join us Christmas Eve! Family Service at 4pm. Candlelight Service at 7pm. Annual Christmas Pageant: December 19! Rehearsals are in full swing. The next one is Saturday 12/18 from 10am-12pm (HS 100 Building) and 12/19 at 9am. Email Laura O'Connell with questions: lauraoc@crosssound.org

GriefShare Group: "Loss of Spouse" Thursday, Dec 30 at 9:30am at the CSC Office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210). Bring anyone that would benefit from grief support. RSVP to Facilitator: Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or email info@crosssound.org

• 13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE STUDY GROUP, focusing on all forms of loss, begins January 27, 2022, Thursdays at 9:30am.

First Aid Arts' 2021 Annual Giving Campaign is happening now through December 31st! Please visit www.firstaidarts.org to make a donation to help trauma survivors find hope and beautiful healing in 2022. Thank you!

Angel Tree Gift Program Join us as we bless children of incarcerated parents by gifting them virtually. The 100 children Cross Sound has sponsored will receive a gift card (we know this may not be quite as fun as gathering actual gifts, but it is a huge blessing to these families during the holidays! Give today using access code NORHV (note that is a ZERO, not an O):



<https://vat.angeltreetool.org/921fc34f-ad74-4039-a4e6-dc1dd0ec6b4c>

Winter Session Community Groups: info at: crosssound.org/community-groups Sign up this and next week (12/12 & 12/26) for a ten-week session, beginning January 3. Email Roger Barber which group you'd like to join! irbarbers@gmail.com

Positions Available

- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEAD: PART-TIME POSITION** Women's Ministry at Cross Sound is committed to encouraging and equipping women to share the transforming presence of Jesus Christ, both in and outside the Church. If you're interested in finding out about this position email Dave Sellers dave@crosssound.org
- **SOUND & VIDEO LEAD: PART-TIME POSITION.** 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.