

“We love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, extend kindness to the ungrateful, and flood evil people with mercy not because such behavior will always work at confronting injustice, but because such behavior showcases God’s stubborn delight in un-delightful people. Faithfulness rather than perceived effectiveness motivates our response to 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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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

How Great is Our God — *Chris Tomlin*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge:

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings:
with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet,
and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called,
and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost;
for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

— Isaiah 6:1-5

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).

Lord God Almighty,

As we look at your holiness we are undone by the uncleanness of our lips. We speak unimaginably unkind, unloving, and ungracious words freely from these lips. We also fail to say loving or truthful things because we'd rather save the trouble of loving you and loving others. We confess our sin.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand
A burning coal that he had taken with the tongs from
The alter. And he touched my mouth and said, "Behold,
This has touched your lips; your guilt is take away,
And you sin atoned for."

Amen.

Amazing Grace (It Covers Me)— *Watermark*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to a tree
As grace flows down and covers me

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

Before The Throne of God Above — *Charitie L. Bancroft (1863)*

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Text in bold is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise the One, risen Son of God!

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The Kind of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Ever Be — *Kalley Heiligenthal*

Your love is devoted, like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old
And Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge yourself to me
And that's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own
Now You're making me like You, clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name
And it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips

You will be praised, You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing, "Worthy are You, Lord!"
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GIVING THANKS

And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples...
proclaim that his name is exalted.

— Isaiah 12:4

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 3:1-12

Title: Just Sayin'

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

QUOTES

In Hebrew the term *dabar* means both “word” and “deed”. Thus to say something is to do something. *I love you. I hate you. I forgive you. I am afraid.* Who knows what such words do, but whatever it is, it can never be undone. Something that lay hidden in the heart is irrevocably released through speech into time, is given substance and tossed like a stone into the pool of history, where the concentric rings lap out endlessly.

—Frederick Buechner

She knew there were words so terrible you heard them with your whole body. *Guilty.*

—Marilynne Robinson, *Lila*

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

—James 3:10

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 word became flesh”, John said, of all flesh *this* flesh: holy hick, whore’s hero, poor man’s Messiah, savior as schlemiel. Jesus as Word made flesh means takes it or leave it: in this life, death, life, God finally manages to say what God is and man is. Means: just as your words have you in them—your breath, spirit, power, hiddenness—so Jesus has God in him.

—Frederick Buechner

I would go to the deeps a hundred times to cheer a downcast spirit. It is good for me to have been afflicted, that I might know how to speak a word in season to one that is weary.

—Charles Spurgeon

Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

—Mother Teresa

OFFERING

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

—based on 2 Corinthians 9:6,8

Brokenness Aside— *All Sons & Daughters*

Will your grace run out

If I let you down

‘Cause all I know

Is how to run

‘Cause I am a sinner

If it’s not one thing it’s another

Caught up in words

Tangled in lies

But you are the Savior

And you take brokenness aside

And make it beautiful

Beautiful

Will you call me child

When I tell you lies

‘Cause all I know

Is how to cry

You make it beautiful

You make it beautiful

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our Father,
your kingdom is a home for longing hearts,
but in our day to day lives longing can be a heavy load.
Renew the weary as you walk alongside your people,
that people everywhere may see you at work in the world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, our good King,
you gave everything you had
in your pursuit of us.
Help us let go of the things
that hold us back from loving
others as you have taught us to love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, without you we cannot
rightly speak in a way that brings you honor.
Let your wisdom rest upon us,
our neighbors and our leaders:
awaken hearts to seek your kingdom
and mouths that reflect your character.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
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.

May the Mind of Christ My Savior — *Words: Kate B. Wilkinson*
Music: Arthur C. Barham-Gould, 1925

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling all I do and all I say
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph, triumph only through His power

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort any sick and sorrowing
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self abasing, this is my victory

May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go
May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

No One Like Our God

— *Matt Redman*

Hallelujah, chains are broken
Your death has spoken life to us
And every accusation, all our condemnation
Silenced at the cross

Hallelujah, free salvation
The burden of a world so lost
Lifted from our shoulders
Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our Savior
How great is Your blessing
How great is Your love
There is no one like our God

Bridge:

Never has there been
Never will there be
A God like You who came down in mercy
Never will there be
A greater hope than this
There is no one like our 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

All Church Campout July 9-11 at Ft. Flagler group campsite.

Check-in at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, check-out at noon on Tuesday morning. Please come for the day, one night or the entire time. The cost per family is \$10 for a day pass, \$20 for one night of camping, \$40 for two nights of camping. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Carrie Sellers carriesellers206@gmail.com.

High School Event: Green lake hang out day with optional movie Stop. When: July 6 Cost: \$\$ for Ferry ticket, \$\$ for Dinner/snacks and \$4 for a movie if we stop. Details: Bring a friend, a pair of skates or a scooter and roll (or just walk) around Green lake. Meet at the Ferry terminal at 12:50 pm and we will be back on the 9:15 pm boat.

July 8th - All Church Lunch after the service Plan on hanging out for a bit after the service the 2nd and 4th Sundays of July and August. We will be providing lunch, feel free to bring snacks to share or just show up. We will enjoy the summer weather and some fellowship time together!

5th-8th Grade - Yakima River Tubing

When: July 9 Cost: \$20.00 + \$\$ for dinner Details: Drop-off will be @ the Ferry Terminal @ 8:00 am. We will drop off kids at their homes afterwards @ 9:30 pm. Bring: A towel, swimsuit, sack lunch, water shoes, hat, sunscreen and \$\$ for dinner/snacks.

Men of CSC - The Party is in Poulsbo!

Thursday, July 19th @ Sound Brewery. Starts at 5:30. Open to anyone who wants to come. Just show up at Sound Brewery 19815 Viking Ave NW Poulsbo, WA 98370. We will order the pizza as needed. Purchase your own beverages. Invite your friends!

Calling all Grandparents—NEW study in JULY!!

Starting this morning, the School of Discipleship will focus on the important role of a Christian grandparent in today's changing world. If you are a single, a couple, a long-distance, a live-in, or someone who has adopted grandchildren, this series can help you to be more intentional as you seek to be a person of influence and support to your grandchild. Your questions about the topics of: Leaving a Legacy, Giving a Blessing, Bearing a Torch, and Setting a Standard will be addressed in the new series by Tim and Darcy Kimmel. Please sign up on the golden clipboard today so books (available for \$10) are ordered for you? This class is offered during the 5 weeks in July. Join us in the library at 8:55am, where you will find coffee and snacks. Questions? Call Jim or Carolyn Gillick 360-779-3466.

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

Community Announcements

BYS Fun Run Opportunity: Poppa John is deeply committed to fostering the health and welfare of the Island's youth and gives generously of his time to Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS). One of the most important fundraising events for BYS is the annual Fun Run that occurs on July 4th. Poppa John has volunteered to recruit the 15-20 people needed along the course through Winslow to keep the runners on track and safe. Please notify him via text (206) 437-7937 or email jonjetmor@aol.com if you are willing and able. Volunteers are to report to the Pavilion in Winslow Green by 8:45 to check in, receive an assignment and get a vest. The first of two runs begins at 9 AM, the second at 9:15 AM and the work will be done by 10:30

CS Kids and Youth Group

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, Laura@crosssound.org 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- 4th grade Room #229

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

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.

