

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 2019

“Though
our feelings
come and
go, God’s
love for us
does not.”

— C.S. Lewis



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**

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 Marvelous, How Wonderful — *Charles Hutchinson Gabriel*

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, “Not My will, but Thine”
He had no tears for His own griefs
But shed drops of blood for mine

How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior’s love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
‘Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord;
it is fitting to praise him.
For the word of the Lord holds true,
and we can trust everything he does.
He loves whatever is just and good;
the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth.
—Portions of Psalm 33:1,3-5

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).

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

Lord God,

We gather before you this day to rejoice in your goodness, to celebrate your grace, to drink deeply of your love that is ours in Jesus. We have come to meet with you, our glorious and wonderful God.

But we also want to acknowledge that we need your grace. You know us. You know that we regularly fail to live lives that reflect your love, your grace, and the riches that we have in you. We should be on fire, but we are often cold & complacent. We should be lavish with our resources and love, and yet often times remain stingy and focused on ourselves. Forgive us. Continue to change us we pray. Lead us further and deeper in! Make us more like Jesus, and cause our hearts and lives to burn brightly with holiness, joy, and love in and for Him we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

—1John 1:8-9 (NLT)

Know this joy.

Celebrate Him and His grace.

You are loved.

You are forgiven.

You are His.

Amen.

Amen.

Lead Me to the Cross— *Brooke Ligertwood*

Savior, I come, quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled for my ransom

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me,
Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death
Now You're risen

Satisfied — *Karl Digerness*

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.

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.

Lion and the Lamb — *Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown,
Brian Johnson*

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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GIVING THANKS

**I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?
What can mere mortals do to me?
I will fulfill my vows to you, O God,
and will offer a sacrifice of thanks for your help.
For you have rescued me from death;
you have kept my feet from slipping.
So now I can walk in your presence, O God,
in your life-giving light.**
—Psalm 56:11-13

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

MESSAGE

Texts: Matthew 3:1-17
Title: Prepare the Way
Series: The Promised King
Speaker: Dave O'Connell

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

OFFERING

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

—2nd Corinthians 8:9

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

My Worth is Not in What I Own— *Keith & Kristyn Getty*

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,
Awaken us again to the fact,
That the Promised King has come.
Continue to work in our lives and hearts,
To make them fit for Him.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,
You were perfect, yet took our place,
Both in your baptism, and then upon the cross.
What staggering love! What breathtaking grace!
Help us to turn to you, follow you, and love you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,
You have come to purify us, to empower us,
And to fill us with life in Christ.
Continue your work in us, and
Make us agents of blessing in your world.
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

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.
—Isaiah

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
Nothing can ever separate us from God's love.
—Romans 8:1&38

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.

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.

Remembrance — Hillsong

I take the bread of life
Broken for all my sin
Your body crucified
To make me whole again

I will recall the cup
Poured out in sacrifice
To trade this sinner's end
For Your new covenant

Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget

I'll walk salvation's road
With fear and trembling
Your way borne as my own
As Christ is formed in me

Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget

If ever I should lose my way
If ever I deny Your grace
Remind me of the price You paid
Hallelujah
I'll live in remembrance

Sending

You've been so, so good to me
You've been so, so good to me
Oh to think where I would be
If not for You
If not for You

As far as heights reach from the depths
As far as east is from the west
So far Your grace has carried me
Until I see You face to face
Until at last I've won my race
Remind me You're not finished yet

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
I'll live in remembrance

Who You Say I Am — *Hillsong*

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen / Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me / Not against me
I am who You say I am

BENEDICTION

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through
grace, comfort your hearts, and establish them in every good work.
—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

^{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

Women's Bible Studies starting up again! We are studying the Sermon on the Mount — join us for either the morning study or the evening study, whichever fits your schedule best. Wednesday mornings, starting Jan. 9, 9-11:15 am (child care provided); Tuesday evenings, starting Jan. 15, 6:30-8 pm (meal provided). Questions? kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636.

AWANA started up again!

Who: Kids grades K-6

What: AWANA is a ministry that encourages kids in their walk with Christ through studying God's Word, games, singing and engaging bible lessons.

When: Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm started Tuesday, Jan. 7 for 5 weeks.

Where: Island School, off of Day Road.

Why: To spread the good news of JESUS to Bainbridge kids! And to help kids strengthen their faith.

How: To register go to crosssound.org. Under the Giving tab click on "Event" then choose "AWANA".

To learn more about volunteer opportunities (we need you!) email Katie Fixter at katie@crosssound.org.

You don't need to go it alone...Join a Community Group!

Cross Sound Community Groups are small groups of 10-16 members. The groups meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in homes. The time together is split among Bible study, personal application and relationships. Please email Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or changing a group.

DivorceCare will begin Jan. 14th- April 8th 6:30-8:30 at CSC office
Contacts: Lisa Wangen 206-488-8404 or Trish Hendrick 509-599-2060

SAVE THE DATE March 22-24: Women's Spring Retreat

CSC Women's Retreat: join us this spring for our retreat— "Holding On to Hope", with guest speaker Ekemini Uwan. We will be gathering at Cascades Camp in Yelm, WA for a weekend of great teaching and fellowship, as well as time to reflect, relax, and rejuvenate. Cost is \$200/ pay what you are able. Register and pay online at crosssound.org. Space is limited, so don't delay!

Questions? kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636

Save the Date: Men's Retreat: September 13-15, 2019 @ Fort Warden. Walt Wiley, founder/president "Winning with Encouragement" will speak. A former *Walk Thru the Bible* seminar instructor and chaplain of the Atlanta Braves, Walt speaks and teaches regularly in various settings. His style is motivational, inspirational, Biblical, practical and peppered with lots of humor. Walt and his wife Patti live in Charlotte, NC and have two grown sons.

CS Kids and Youth Group

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

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:

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Katie Fixter, katie@crosssound.org, or Kate Pippingier, katepippingier@gmail.com. Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

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

Lead Teachers: Lacey Redinger, Krista Schei, Richard St. Cyr,
Joanna Wang, Keith and Mary Van Eaton

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Andy and Kristin Dafoe, Keagan Daniels,
Candace Luckman, Kareese Pippingier,
Dan and Michelle Layton

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Jennifer Cordell, Beth Johnston, Betty Ann Lyons,
Nate and Dinha Moore, Diane and Veronica Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Patrick and Jenny Kilby,
Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

TUESDAYS: 6-7:30 Grades K-6 Youth Club (Awana) at Island School off of Day Rd. Contact Katie Fixter with any questions at katie@crosssound.org

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

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.

Community Groups

Unless otherwise noted each of the following groups meet on Bainbridge Island:

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Night</u>
Dave Sellers	Tuesday (Kid Friendly)
Chip Halbert	Thursday (Kid Friendly)**
Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott	Thursday (Poulsbo)(Kid Friendly)
Marc Koenig	Thursday (Poulsbo)
Linda Gordon & Roger Barber	Saturday
Patrick Kilby	Sunday (late afternoon- Kid Friendly)
Dave O'Connell.	Sunday (Kid Friendly)
Jeff Ogard	Sunday (Poulsbo)

** Group is full - currently closed

To sign up or get further information on any of our community groups please 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: _____

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.

NOTES: