

‘You say grace before  
meals.

All right.

But I say grace before  
the play and the opera,  
And grace before the  
concert and pantomime,  
And grace before I open  
a book,

And grace before  
sketching, painting,  
Swimming, fencing,  
boxing, walking, playing,  
dancing;

And grace before I dip  
the pen into the ink.’

— GK Chesterton



# 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

PASTORS:

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**[crosssound.org](http://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

## **Our Great God**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God!

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (4x)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

    Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

    It is he who made us, and we are his;

    we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

    and his courts with praise!

    Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

    his steadfast love endures forever,

    and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100

# 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,

We come before you to confess our sins.

Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves.

Though you should rule us, we control ourselves.

Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

We think your ways are too high, your will too hard,  
your power too remote, your love too free.

But they are not! And without them, we are all people most miserable. Lord, send your Spirit up to us in this moment, that we would see our sin, and make honest confession before you for the sake of your Son, who loves us and gave himself for us.

Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

— Romans 5:18-19, 1 Cor. 15:22

**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.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
Dayspring from on high appear;  
Come, thou promised rod of Jesse,  
Of Thy birth we long to hear;  
O'er the hills the angels singing,  
News, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing,  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

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.

**Lord of Lords** — *Hillsong United*

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for  
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire  
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure  
Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration  
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise  
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory  
As is fit for the work of Your hands

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne  
Be glory and honor and praise  
All of creation resounds with the song  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

Spirit now living and dwelling within me  
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face  
Let not the things of this world ever sway me  
I'll run 'til I finish the race

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne  
Be glory and honor and praise  
All of eternity echoes the song  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

Holy Lord, You are holy  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne  
Be glory and honor and praise  
Call all the sinners to join in the song  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords

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*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.*

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**Blessed Be Your Name** — *Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

**GIVING THANKS**

**Praise the Lord!**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord,  
or declare all his praise?

Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.

—Psalm 106:1-2,47

## MESSAGE

**Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Title: Thanksgiving**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## OFFERING

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust consume  
and where thieves break in and steal;  
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust consumes  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
—Matthew 6:19-20

**George Miladin instrumental**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, give to people everywhere a deep longing  
to look at the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.  
Bless all those who, at this time of year,  
might be touched by the church's worship and service,  
that they would see your steadfast love for them.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, our mighty priest and humble king,  
look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much  
that you left heaven and came to rescue the world.  
Strengthen all those who labor to share  
the reign of justice won through the gospel.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, bring hope through the incarnation of Christ  
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,  
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,  
and in his life to know their salvation.  
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.*

### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**— Matt Maher

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emma - nuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou wisdom from on high  
Who orderest all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emma - nuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice  
For unto us is born the Savior of the world  
Take heart, oh weary soul, take heart  
For help is on its way, and Holy is His name

Rejoice, rejoice! Emma - nuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

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*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.*

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**Good, Good Father**— *Pat Barrett, Tony Brown*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me  
That You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are,  
It's who You are,  
it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am,  
it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching  
for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just  
what we need  
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all  
of Your ways  
You are perfect in all  
of Your ways  
You are perfect in all  
of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still [x3]  
Into love, love, love

# Sending

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-25

All Amen.

<sup>All</sup> Amen

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*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.*

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# Announcements

**LAST day to order wreaths!** Start your holiday decorating with a purchase of Christmas evergreens to benefit the 2018 Cross Sound Housebuilding trip to Mexico. Made right here in Kitsap County, the fullest, freshest boughs with natural tips from Pacific Northwest native noble firs are used to handcraft elegant Christmas wreaths and evergreens. Your clients, friends & family will also be delighted to receive these as gifts. Order forms can be found on the clipboards.

**TODAY- CSC Annual “Giving Thanks” service.** This service is dedicated to hearing and sharing stories. We invite you to share if you are led to do that or just come and listen to the amazing stories of how our church family is thankful.

**Cross Sound youth is gathering NEW underwear** for the UGM Search and Rescue vans for which the 7th-8th and HS volunteer for. We are also gathering 300 pairs of new warm winter socks for the 5-8 grade gift bags for the homeless service project on Dec. 15th. Please bring donations to church and place them in the big white box.

**“Watching for the Light”— Women of CSC,** please join us for our annual Advent Brunch, Dec. 1, 10 am-noon, at Island School, 8553 NE Day Rd. This is a great time to invite friends and family, middle school and HS girls as well, to come as we gather and ponder the upcoming season. We will also be partnering with Cross Sound youth in their service project for the homeless. Bring NEW socks and underwear to donate! Questions? [kerri@crosssound.org](mailto:kerri@crosssound.org); 402-770-5636.

**Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree Program** provides a Christmas gift for a child on behalf of their incarcerated parent. You may select a gift tag & instructions from the Angel Trees located at the upper & lower entry. Bring your wrapped gift & tag to church or to the church office anytime prior to December 12th. Want to help with organizing gifts, making cards or delivering gifts? Contact Dede Knapp at [dede.knapp@hotmail.com](mailto:dede.knapp@hotmail.com)

**Dec. 10 Grandparenting Event 6-8PM:** Join us at the church office for a simple meal at 6: 00 pm and then watch the 7th DVD in the Tim and Darcy Kimmel series. ? Jim or Carolyn Gillick at 360-621-1533.

**“For unto you is born.....”** We would love you and/or your child to participate in our 12th annual CSC Christmas Pageant on Sun, Dec 16 during church. (Two practices; Sun, 12/2 and Sun, 12/9 8:45 – 10 a.m. & a dress rehearsal on Saturday, 12/15 @ 10:00 a.m. @ BHS.) Many roles are available and helpers needed in all areas. Fliers on greeters tables and at kids classrooms!

**Christmas Eve Services:** We will be having 2 services for Christmas Eve. The first will be a family friendly service at 5PM. The second will be a candlelight Lessons and Carols service at 7pm. Childcare will be provided for the 7pm service. Both services will be at BHS Commons.

**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: Women’s Spring Retreat is coming—**  
March 22–24 at Cascades Camp and Conference Center, Yelm, WA.  
More details to come!

# Missions

## **Please pray for the 2018 Ensenada home building team.**

This year Cross Sound Church will be sending a group of 22 men ranging in Age from 15 to 70+ to build two homes near Ensenada Mexico. The team leaves November 30 and will Return December 3.

## CS Kids and Youth Group

### **CS Kids and Youth Group**

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](mailto: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](mailto:lauraoc@crosssound.org), Katie Fixter, [katie@crosssound.org](mailto:katie@crosssound.org), or Kate Pippingier, [katepippingier@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:josh@crosssound.org) with any questions or to be involved.

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**Financial Update:** Last week's total: \$23,902.84 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$346,042 Actual Income to Date \$354,761

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email [Penny@crosssound.org](mailto: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.*

