

“Success and failure, ultimately, have little to do with living the gospel. Jesus just stood with the outcasts until they were welcomed or until he was crucified — whichever came first.”

— Gregory Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless*



# 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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**[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

**Seek Ye First**—*Karen Lafferty, David Huff*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord  
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia  
Nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet. (Chorus)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
    give to him glorious praise!  
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.  
All the earth worships you  
    and sings praises to you;  
    they sing praises to your name.”  
—Psalm 66:1-4

# 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).*

Heavenly Father,

Teach us to love prayer.

Help to live our lives before you,

in public and in private, at church and at home

wanting your will more than anything.

You invite us to come to you with all our

disappointments and desires.

Draw us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ignite our hearts with joy before you.

We confess that we seldom if ever pray,

and when we do our requests are laced with self-importance

and mixed with sinful motives.

Fill us with the imagination of faith,

believing you are a God who loves

and gives far beyond all we could ask imagine.

Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Now to him who is able to strengthen you

according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ,

according to the revelation of the mystery

that was kept secret for long ages

but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings

has been made known to all nations,

according to the command of the eternal God,

to bring about the obedience of faith—

to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!

— Romans 16:25-27

Amen.

Amen.

## **Hear My Cry, O Lord**—*Carlene Davis*

Hear my cry, O Lord

Attend unto my prayer

From the ends of the earth

Will I cry out to Thee

And when my heart is overwhelmed

Lead me to the Rock

That is higher than I

That is higher than I

For Thou hast been

A shelter unto me

A strong tower, Lord

Against the enemy

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

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**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.

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 King 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.

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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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**Desert Song**— *Hillsong*

This is my prayer in the desert,  
when all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need,  
my God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire,  
in weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold,  
so refine me Lord through the flame

I will bring praise, I will bring praise,  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare,  
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle,  
when triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ,  
so firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life, in every season, You are still God  
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest,  
when favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again,  
the seed I've received I will sow.

**GIVING THANKS**

“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
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.

“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

— Psalm 107: 1-2,7-8,14-15

## MESSAGE

**Series: Big Faith**

**Text: James 5:13-18**

**Title: Go Big and Go Home**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

## QUOTES

‘As far back as I can remember, I had the habit of thanking God for everything I received, and asking him for everything I wanted. If I lost a book, or any of my playthings, I prayed that I might find it. I prayed walking along the streets, in school and out of school, whether playing or studying. I did this not in obedience to any prescribed rule. It seemed natural. I thought of God as an everywhere-present Being, full of kindness and love, who would not be offended if children talked to him.’

—Charles Hodge

‘...the Psalmists insists that if the only prayer we have to offer is one of bitter anguish, we pray it nonetheless. The poet knows that in the release of anger, intimacy is realized. God longs for whatever lies in the depths of the soul.’

—Belden C Lane, *Ravished by Beauty*

‘In prayer we discover what we already have. You start from where you are and you deepen what you already have, and you realize you are already there. We already have everything but we don’t know it and don’t experience it. Everything has been given to us in Christ. All we need is to experience what we already possess.’

—Thomas Merton

## OFFERING

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

—Luke 21:1-4

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*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.*

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**I Need Thee Every Hour**—*Words: Annie S. Hawks (1872);*

*Music: Robert Lowry*

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Saviour,  
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou bless-ed Son.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Loving Father, send your church into the world  
as a people who look to the interests of others  
and who long for one another with the love of Christ.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We pray for leaders to strive for justice and peace;  
may all who suffer oppression or violence be delivered,  
that your church might freely minister reconciliation.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We ask your mercy upon all who are sick or in distress;  
heal and comfort them in both body and spirit,  
and deliver them from anxiety and grant them joy.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We beg your mercy upon the homeless, poor, and needy:  
grant them homes, opportunities, and resources to find relief.  
May we be messengers of your generous provision.  
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.*

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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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**What a Friend We Have in Jesus** —*Joseph M. Scriven, 1855;*  
*chorus - Romjue*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer  
When we leave our burdens in Your care  
For this, today, oh Lord we watch and pray  
Gracious Father, hear our prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

**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

[Chorus 1]

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

[Chorus 2]

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

[Chorus 3]

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

# 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.

<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

**Calling all golfers TODAY!** The TENTH Annual CSC Golf Tournament will be held on August 26 at Meadowmeer Country Club. Check-in starts at 2:00 and the shot gun start will be at 2:45. The format is a four person, nine hole scramble which is open to all ages and abilities. Please plan to stay for dinner and awards after the tournament. Cost is only \$70 per player which covers the cost of golf and dinner with profits going to the Ensenada home building mission.

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

Cross Sound Community Groups are small groups of ten to sixteen members. The groups meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in homes. The time together is split among Bible study, personal application and relationships. Please sign the clipboard or email Roger Barber [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining or changing a group. Please indicate the group or day of the week that you are interested in joining. Fall Community groups will start on 9/4 and end on 11/17.

## **All Church Summer Read – The Art of Neighboring**

When Jesus was asked to sum up everything into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society's biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past two thousand years? Join the whole church in reading the book "The Art of Neighboring" this month, and then in September, we are going to continue to explore this book together. You can purchase a book for \$10 after service on the book cart at the top of the Commons.

## **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](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com)

## **A youth discipleship program, AWANA, is starting this Fall!**

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 starting Tuesday, Oct. 23.

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](http://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](mailto:katie@crosssound.org).

**Mens Homebuilding trip to Ensenada Nov. 30-Dec.3:** Begin thinking about and praying about a men's trip to Ensenada. Trip will be open to 20 men ages 15 and up. If you are interested please contact Tom Crane [Tom@TILZ.com](mailto:Tom@TILZ.com)

# CS Kids and Youth Group

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, [Laura@crosssound.org](mailto: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](mailto:oconnells1908@yahoo.com) or  
Katie Fixter, [kfixter5@gmail.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*

