

“Grace... means that God is pursuing you. That God forgives you. That God sanctifies you. When you are apathetic toward God, He is never apathetic toward you. When you don't desire to pray and talk to God, He never grows tired of talking to you. When you forget to read your Bible and listen to God, He is always listening to you. Grace means that your spirituality is upheld by God's stubborn enjoyment of you.”

— 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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crosssound.org or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

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

Your Love, Oh Lord

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides

And I will lift my voice to worship You, my King
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

—Zephaniah 3:14-17

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).

Loving God,

Help us to be still and know that you are God and we are not. Please give us true grief for the ways we sin against you, and fill us with repentance and hope in you.

Open our eyes to see clearly your faithfulness and power; Your extravagant love and unending patience; your relentless determination to pursue us, capture us, and ravish us with the truth of the gospel. Show us the unstoppable love of the Savior, who was stricken for our sin, and who stands in heaven as our powerful Advocate who will never leave us, forsake us or hurt us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though tested with fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Lead Me to the Cross

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

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You wanted heaven opened to us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

Lion and the Lamb

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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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.

GIVING THANKS

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

—Psalm 42:11

MESSAGE

Series: Outrageous Hope

Text: 1 Peter 1:1-5

Title: Got Hope?

Speaker: Dave Sellers

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

QUOTES

“Beyond the tears of sorrow and sadness that we shed in this life, hope brings tears of sweetness and joy. Hope may break through in a song, a sunset, a poem, a movie, an unexpected act of kindness, a good laugh, the birth of a child, the embrace of a loved one. And when these moments come (they can't really be manufactured, although we can dispose ourselves to them) we should drink them in...and listen. If we listen, we can almost hear a voice whispering to our hearts: “It is good to be here. Rest here for a while. Savor it. For this is a taste, a taste of what is to come. Let it lift you up. Let it fire you up. Let it give you hope. You're not crazy. You're not wrong to believe there's something more. You will not be unhappy. Have faith. Trust. Open to the gift. It's coming. Your desire for Life is not in vain.”

—Christopher West

“I must confess equally boldly that my own solid hopes for the well-being of my country depend, not so much on her navies and armies, nor on the wisdom of her rules, nor on the spirit of her people, as on the persuasion that she still contains many who love and obey the Gospel of Christ. I believe that their prayers may yet prevail.”

—William Wilberforce

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.

OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone
who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister
in need and yet refuses to help?

Dear children, let us love,
not in word or speech,
but also in truth and action.

—from 1 John 3:17

Because He Lives

God sent His Son,
They called Him Jesus.
He came to love,
Heal and forgive.
He lived and died
To buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there
To prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives,
All fear is gone -
Because I know
He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

How sweet to hold
A newborn baby
And feel the pride
And joy he gives.
But greater still
The calm assurance -
This child can face
Uncertain days
Because He lives.

And then one day
I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final
War with pain.
And then as death
Gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Father of all mercies,
free us from the discouragement and unbelief
that cause us to hide from you in fear.
Raise us up and fill us with living, resurrection hope.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Gentle Savior,
free us from violence and oppression
in our city, country, and world.
Fill your people with gracious words and deeds.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Spirit of compassion,
free us from our anger
at those who have failed and offended us.
Remake us with your forgiveness.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

And for what else should we pray?
Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

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.

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

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
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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.

Sending

How Marvelous, How Wonderful

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

EASTER STORY

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

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 22 immediately after worship. Join us as we talk and dream together about a Ministry Center.

Women of Cross Sound - Clothing/Gadget Exchange

Start cleaning out those drawer, cupboards and closets for another Clothing/Gadget Exchange at the Cross Sound Church office - 600 Ericksen Ave, Suite #210. **Monday April 9 from 7 - 9 p.m.** Hopefully, this will be the perfect opportunity to motivate you to get to that Spring Cleaning done! Invite a friend or a neighbor - the more the merrier and it will be a fun evening of swapping junk - or treasures!

New Spring Women's Book Study Please consider joining us as we begin a new study every Wed from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., beginning Apr. 11 - June. We will be studying together several different books and discussing in small, book club style format. Childcare is provided. Contact Carrie at carriesellers206@gmail.com

Video Series & Class: Jesus Among Secular Gods

In some segments of society, the Christian worldview has been dismissed, or simply mocked as unintelligent. But is it? Is the Christian faith rational and reasonable? Do the popular philosophies of the day provide a coherent and thoughtful worldview? Join us for a 6-week study with world-renowned thinkers Ravi Zacharias & Vince Vitale (fresh of their sit down presentation at Google) as we explore the claims of Christianity and also consider topics such as atheism, pluralism, humanism, scientism, and hedonism. Begins at 9 am, April 15th, in the BHS Library.

Men of CSC - The Party is in Poulsbo! Thurs, April 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!

Welcome Lunch April 29: If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please join us directly after the service at Mark & Cheryl Harrison's home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island. Please email Penny@crosssound.org for more info or to RSVP.

Kids, are you ready for an ADVENTURE this summer?

Grow in your relationship with God during Cross Sound Kids Camp at Island Lake! Enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery, arts and crafts, low ropes course and lots of games. Best of all, campers will get to hear about God's love for them during Fireside skits/talks! **August 13-17, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm, Cost: \$150/child.** Full or partial scholarships can be provided. Ages: Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Kids will be divided up into age-related groups. For those entering 5/6/7 grades... Extreme Adventure Activities (high ropes course, dirt bikes) are available for an additional fee. Questions? Contact Katie Fixter at kfixter5@gmail.com

CS Kids and Youth Group

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:

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 Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

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.

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:

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 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.