

“There are certain queer times and occasions in this strange mixed affair we call life when a man takes this whole universe for a vast practical joke, though the wit thereof he but dimly discerns, and more than suspects that the joke is at nobody’s expense by his own.”

— Moby Dick



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

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

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence
All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna! Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make all things new

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is my strength and my song;
 he has become my salvation.
Glad songs of salvation
 are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
the right hand of the LORD exalts,
 the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

This is the LORD's doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.
— Psalm 118:14

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).

Father in heaven, in your word you tell us

our sins are forgiven,

you are now our Father,

we are strong in you,

and we have overcome the evil one.

Forgive us for the times when we have lived as if

our sins were not forgiven,

you were not our Father,

we had no resources in you,

and we had not overcome the evil one.

Transform us into a people who walks boldly, faithfully, and confidently in your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his own Son to die and to rise from the dead for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. Amen.

Amen.

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in Holy Love

I Cry Out

I cry out, for Your hand of mercy to heal me.

I am weak, and I need your love to free me.

Oh Lord, my rock. My strength in weakness.

Come rescue me, Oh Lord.

You are my hope and Your promise never fails — me.

And my desire is to follow you fore — ver.

For you are good, for you are good

For you are good to me.

For you are good, for you are good

For you are good to me

Come Alive (Dry Bones)

Through the eyes of man it seems
There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road
Where all the prodigals have walked
And one by one the enemy
Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God,
Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come
That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us
We step into the valley unafraid

We call out the dry bones,
"Come alive, come alive!"
We call out to dead hearts,
"Come alive, come alive!"
Up out of the ashes,
Let us see an army rise.
We call out to dry bones,
"Come alive!"

God of endless mercy,
God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter
Bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe

GIVING THANKS

Blessed be the LORD!

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.**

—Psalm 28:6-7

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.

SERMON

Text: Exodus 1:1-2:10

Title: Walking in the Dark: How do you walk by faith when God keeps you in the dark?

Speaker: Drew Burdette, RUF Pastor at University of Washington

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. ⁷But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.

~~⁴And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done~~
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.

to him. ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

OFFERING

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

—Psalm 96:8-9

Lord of Lords

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

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of peace,
may we see you this week in the ending of strife:
bring to an end conflicts across the world
that expose many to violence,
suffering, and loss.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace,
help us to know Christ:
to be amazed by the beauty of his life,
to find rest in his goodness,
and to long for his presence.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,
you know us in our darkness;
you know the places
we will struggle the hardest today to love with our words;
in our closest relationships,
in our conflicts, in our differences.
Help us to know you in our darkness
and lead us to walk in your light.
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.**”

COMMUNION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Lord, Lord, Lord

Lord, Lord, Lord, please restore our trust
We've lost our way, Lord, we've strayed from love
We've broken vows, we've wasted breath
We've stolen life, we've tasted death

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

Lamb of God, take away our sin
Have mercy, have mercy
Jesus Christ, holy sacrifice
Have mercy, have mercy on us

We need you now to forgive our sin
Replace our stone hearts with flesh again
Undo the curse, and heal our faith
Unleash your power, Lord, come and save

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
On Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us lead us with Your light

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God

BENEDICTION

Let us go forth to serve the world
as those who are loved
and love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

^{All} **Thanks be to God.**

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 Retreat - Save the Date: Mar. 9-10 IslandWood

5th-8th Grade Pool Party TODAY- join Cross Sound Youth as we head to the pool for some fun! We will meet at the B.I. pool at 4:15, swim until 6:00 and afterward, we will make our way down to Casa Rojas Express, Subway or West Side Pizza for dinner. Pick-up at the restaurants at 7 pm. We have the entire pool, so invite your friends!

School of Discipleship Continues- Onward: Engaging our Culture without Losing the Gospel - 9 am in the BHS Library.

K-4th grade Bible study continues 9am Kindergarten room BHS.

DivorceCare is a 13-week Christ-centered seminar/support group. Our Spring session runs from January 23 through April 13th. We meet Tuesday evenings at the church office from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, please join us. For more information, contact Lisa Wangen at (206) 488-8404 or lisamwangen@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday Service February 14, 7PM CSC@Ericksen: Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 40 days leading to Easter. This is a service that marks the beginning of gospel renewal in our lives.

CS Kids Valentine Service Project - We will be hosting a Valentine's party at the Bainbridge Island Rehabilitation Center! Our kids will make crafts and play games with the residents.

Who: Cross Sound Kids (up to 6th grade)

When: Feb. 13 (the day BEFORE Valentine's Day) Meet in lobby 3:45, party at 4, deliver Valentine's to entire building 4:45-5:15

Where: 835 Madison Ave. N.

If your child is interested in reading aloud or playing music please email Katie Fixter: Kfixter5@gmail.com

Intro to Cross Sound Church We would love for you to consider becoming a member if you are not yet. Four week class will begin Feb. 25 and continue Mar. 4, 11, and 18th. Email Penny@crosssound.org

Children's Ministry Lead: Part-time Position. The mission of Cross Sound Church's Children's Ministry is to partner with families as we reach out to children and draw them into a loving, serving relationship with Jesus Christ and with their church; and to train, resource and support those who minister to children. If you're interested in finding out about this position email Dave Sellers dave@crosssound.org

Women's Ministry Lead: Part-time Position. Women's Ministry at Cross Sound Church is committed to encouraging and equipping women to share the transforming presence of Jesus Christ, both inside and outside the Church. If you're interested in finding out about this position email Dave O'Connell daveoc@crosssound.org

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: