

“If Jesus said we’re free, we ought to accept his declaration at face value and run with it. It ought to help us define ourselves. But it doesn’t. Christians will do almost anything to get away from the simple meaning of the word and the wonderful experience of freedom.”

— Steve Brown



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 — *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

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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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

—Psalm 93:1-5

As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

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,

Our love of sin surprises us. Whether we have known you for many years or new in faith, it is our nature to sin. Though we have died to the consequences of sin, we often choose to live as slaves to lust and selfishness, doing things we know we should not, and failing to do things we should. We medicate ourselves against pain in many sinful ways. We hate our weakness and inability to change ourselves, so we continue to try to reform, to prove to you that we are worth loving, worth having, worth keeping. Father, forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons and daughters of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

— Galatians 3:26-29

Amen.

Amazing Grace (It Covers Me)—*Watermark*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to a tree
As grace flows down and covers me

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

In Christ Alone —*Music: Keith Getty; Lyrics: Stuart Townend, 2001*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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.

Come Alive (Dry Bones)— *Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren*

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

BACKPACK BLESSING

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.

MESSAGE

Series: God's Story of Salvation

Text: Exodus 1:8-22

Title: The Hidden God...Revealed

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now 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."

QUOTES

‘...we love the beauty of the world, because we sense behind it the presence of something akin to that wisdom we should like to possess to slake our thirst for good.’

—Simone Weil,

‘To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul.’

—Simone Weil

‘If you are true to “yourself”, you will end up a complete mess. The challenge is to take the “self” you find within, and to choose wisely which impulses and desires to follow, and which ones to resist.’

—Tom Wright

‘How can we entrust our sorrows to the larger story of God?’

—Zack Eswine

OFFERING

I urge you, in view of God’s mercy,
to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—
this is your spiritual worship.

—Romans 12:1

Oh To Be Loved—

Oh to be loved by Jesus

Oh to be loved by Him

Oh to have joy and peace within

Oh to be loved by Him

He knows the names of my sorrows

He knows the names of my fears

Why should I let them bother me

For I know He is near

Oh to be loved by Jesus

Oh to be loved by Him

Oh to have joy and peace within

Oh to be loved by Him

And if no other will love me

In this life I roam

There’d be no love I would long for

I know I am His own

Oh to be loved by Jesus

Oh to be loved by Jesus

Oh to be loved by Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father of mercy,
we pray for the church,
which you entrust with your gospel of grace:
may we proclaim freedom in Christ to all,
whatever the nation, race, or background.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in positions of power:
may they imitate God, showing no partiality,
but serving the needs of all their people,
especially remembering the poor and weak.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for any suffering illness or distress,
whether in mind, body, or situation:
may they know your power to renew
and heal and enjoy the fellowship of your people.
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

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.

Near The Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain—
Free to all, a healing stream—
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and Mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

Sending

What a Beautiful Name— *Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood*

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...

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.

^{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

Fall women's Bible study: Isaiah has been called the "Romans of the Old Testament". Join us and find out why! Starting up on Sept 12 for Wednesday mornings: 9-11 am; childcare provided; or, Sept 18 for Tuesday evenings: 6:30-8 pm; meal provided. Meet @ Cross Sound Church office, 600 Ericksen NE. Sign up on the clipboard, or send an email or text: kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636

Backpack Blessings: Cannot believe its back to school time already and for Cross Sound Church that means its time for our annual Backpack Blessings. TODAY, we will honor ALL our students with a backpack lanyard and blessing. This year's lanyard comes from *Psalm 28:7*, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." Each student will be presented with a charm to put on their backpack, reminding them that their Cross Sound family is praying for them and we will send them back to school covered by a special blessing as well. A special thanks again to Cheri Brune, who makes each and every one of these charms with her own blessing and prayers for our students!

Opportunity to serve: Please join us TODAY for a brief informational meeting on Angel Tree Christmas, an opportunity for Cross Sound to share Christmas presents and the gift of the gospel with children of prisoners. We will meet on the main floor of the commons, just to the left of the worship area, immediately after church. Questions? Deby Berkimer (debyberkimer@outlook.com) or Kerri Koenig (kerri@crosssound.org).

All Church 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

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. 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.

Community Announcements

LuAnne Mast, Womens Event at Island Church

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 6:30 PM Sat, Sep 15, 2018 1:00 PM

When: Friday evening (6:30-8:30pm) and Saturday morning (9:30am-1:00pm)

“Legal Access & Open Doors,” a special women’s event with speaker LuAnne Mast will be take place downstairs at Island Church on Friday evening (6:30-8:30pm) and Saturday morning (9:30am-1:00pm). Nursery care provided, Intercessory prayer to follow sessions, food with coffee and tea for all. Contact Sarah Anderson (sarahhornanderson@gmail.com) or Kathy Ashley (kathy_ashley@sbcglobal.net).

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new–2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O’Connell, 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 or Katie Fixter, 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: _____

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.

