

“What is killing the church today is having the mission focused on keeping Christians within the church happy, well fed, and growing. Discipleship is continually pitted against evangelism and championed as the endgame of the church. The mission cannot be about us—it must be about those who have not crossed the line of faith.”

—James Emery White, *Meet Generation Z*



# 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**

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

## **You Said**

You said, "Ask and you will receive,  
Whatever you need."

You said, "Pray and I'll hear from heaven,  
And I'll heal your land."

You said Your glory will fill the earth,  
Like water in the sea.

You said, "Lift up your eyes,  
The harvest is here, your kingdom is near."

You said, "Ask and I'll give the nations to you."  
Oh Lord, that's the cry of my heart!  
Distant shores and the islands will see Your light  
As it rises on us.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is exalted over all the nations,  
his glory above the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
the One who sits enthroned on high,  
who stoops down to look  
on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
he seats them with princes,  
with the princes of their people.  
He settles the barren woman in her home  
as a happy mother of children.

Praise the Lord.  
— Psalm 113:4-9

# 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, let your judgment pass over us;  
let your mercy be our shelter.  
We confess that we have sinned  
against you and our neighbor.  
We neglect to meditate on your word  
and are guided instead by other voices.  
We do not listen for your wisdom,  
and so we act foolishly.  
May your forgiveness and restoration  
cover and heal our empty ways of life.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Almighty God  
has redeemed you  
not with perishable things  
like silver or gold,  
but with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ  
May he bring you his pardon and peace,  
now and always.

Amen.  
**Amen.**

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

### **Continue To Love Me**

Continue to love me, with that same love  
Righteous and unchanging  
Continue to love me, with that same love  
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky  
Your righteousness, a mountain high  
How priceless, Your unending love  
Both high and low among men  
Take cover under Your wings  
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love  
How priceless, Your unending love

### **Rising Sun**

Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God  
We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

Our Great Redeemer  
Glorious Savior  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning  
You shine forever  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Your name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Our Great Redeemer  
Glorious Savior  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning  
You shine forever  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Your name is higher than the rising sun

Hallelujah name above all  
Simply to speak Your name is praise  
Hallelujah I will always forever  
We lift your name in praise

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING**

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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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## MESSAGE

**Series: The Gospel in Action: Big Faith**

**Text: James 1:1-18**

**Title: Struggles**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:  
Greetings.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

<sup>9</sup>The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. <sup>10</sup>But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. <sup>11</sup>For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

## 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

‘Until we suffer, we are untested. Only suffering can stamp us with the hallmark of authentic faith...’

—Christopher Ash

‘While we may have a simple plan for our life - to be happy, prosperous, successful and at peace - what God wants is for us to learn to trust him deeply and against the odds. Trouble comes for us when these two programmes are going in opposite directions, for God’s is stronger and he will prevail.’

—Charlie Cleverly

## OFFERING

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

——2 Corinthians 9:7

### **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

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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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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father God, we are grateful that you include us in your story of redemption, told since the beginning of the world. Grant that we would let your story shape us; give us eyes to see how your peace and truth are at work in the broken world around us.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ Jesus, you intervened in our world so that we might have a king who knew poverty, and a savior who knew pain. Make us sensitive to the hurt and hopeless among us: give us courage to live and walk with them as you lived and walked with us.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of God, who spoke to the prophets, speak now to our minds and hearts; comfort and empower us. Bring faith to homes and neighborhoods torn by conflict; bring healing to people and lands damaged by injustice. Grant that we would live out the story of God's forgiveness in our daily lives, in places of deep hurt and injury, confident that the God of creation will make us and the world around us new.

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.**”

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

‘The Lord’s Table...isn’t just a visual aid to remind us, as though it were a memory-jogging tool. As we gather together around the Table, we are being trained to eat at the “big table” in Jerusalem. And we’re announcing to ourselves, and to the satanic powers in the air around us, what’s really true. “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die” is a sham. The alternative is not a refusal to eat, drink or be merry. That would be ingratitude. Instead, with the resurrected Jesus we sing out, “Let us eat, drink and be merry, for yesterday we were dead.”’

—Russell D Moore



### **Call Him Good (Psalm 104)**

Call Him good, my soul  
I am here to declare my affection for You  
Call Him good, my soul  
You who are wrapped in glory  
Dressed in greatness

For covering, You choose light  
Your clothes, sunset and moonrise  
For a tent, You stretch out the heavens  
For a roof, You pitch the sky

Call Him good, my soul

You who made the earth  
And You made its frame stable forever  
You who made the earth  
And you wrapped it in a gown of waters

### **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

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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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# 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

**Aloha Bowl - Immersion Hawaii Fundraiser** TODAY from 2-4pm at All Star Lanes / Silverdale. Tickets are \$20.

**Graduating Seniors, Sunday, June 24th** During the service, we will publicly honor and bless all our 2018 graduating high school seniors. If you are or have a graduating senior please email penny@crosssound.org and include a picture by 6/14.

**Welcome Lunch TODAY:** If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please consider joining us for a welcome lunch at Mark & Cheryl Harrison's home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island.

## **“What’s Happening in Cross Sound Kids”**

Cross Sound Kids leaders are excited about the opportunity to start an AWANA club this coming Fall for kids K-6. AWANA is a weekly discipleship program that reaches kids for Christ through fun, Scripture-rich experiences that lead them to know, love and serve God. Want to learn more about this possibility? Please attend our informational meeting after church Sunday, June 10 from 11:45-12:15 in the high school library.

## **Kids summer camp sign-up closes June 3rd! Register NOW!**

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

## **GRANDPARENTING STUDY coming in July!!**

The grandparenting team has found a NEW resource in the excellent DVDs by Tim and Darcy Kimmel, psychologists, founders of Family Matters, and grandparents themselves. We will share a different topic each week in July at the 9am School of Discipleship hour. The five weeks will position you to think about the following topics as they relate to you and your relationship with your grandchildren. Resource books are available for \$10.

**Session 1: Putting the Grand in Parenting**

**Session 2: Giving a Blessing**

**Session 3: Leaving a Legacy**

**Session 4: Bearing a Torch**

**Session 5: Setting a Standard**

Plan to join us in the library at 9 each Sunday.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Questions? Call Carolyn and Jim Gillick @ 360-621-1533

## **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

# CS Kids and Youth Group

## **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:**

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** Room #231

## **First & Second grades** Room #229

## **Third & Fourth grades** Room #225

## **Fifth & Sixth grades** Room #222

## **Junior High**, Bainbridge High School Library

## **Senior High**, Bainbridge High School Library

## YOUTH GROUP

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](mailto:josh@crosssound.org) with any questions or to be involved.

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.*

