

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

# Love came down at Christmas.

— Christina Rossetti



Order of Worship  
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# Welcome

Welcome to Cross Sound Church. Whether you are a follower of Jesus, someone interested in Christianity, or a skeptic about faith—we are glad you are here. Wherever you are in life, we hope you feel welcome and at home with us. 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. Jesus came, 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.

Let's worship God together.

## Say hello

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# Order of Worship

## WELCOME

Opening Prayer

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

A Shepherd's Story – *Part 1*

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

A Shepherd's Story – *Part 2*

**Silent Night**

A Shepherd's Story – *Part 3*

**Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

A Shepherd's Story – *Part 4*

**Go, Tell it On the Mountain**

A Shepherd's Story – *Part 5*

**Hallelujah** (*please break glow sticks as the song begins*)

## Sending

### BENEDICTION

This Christmas,  
May the God of hope fill you with all  
Joy and peace as you trust in Him.  
Amen.

### SONG OF CELEBRATION

**Joy to the World**

### CHRISTMAS PONDERINGS

“The virgin birth has never been a major stumbling block in my struggle with Christianity; it’s far less mind-boggling than the Power of all Creation stooping so low as to become one of us.”  
—Madeleine L’Engle

“All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put all together, have not affected the life of man upon earth as much as the one who was born in a stable, and laid in a manger.”  
—Vaughan Roberts

“We could more easily catch a hurricane in a shrimp net than we can understand the wild, relentless, passionate, uncompromising pursuing love of God made present in the manger.”  
—Brennan Manning

“The story of Christmas is the story of God’s relentless love for us.”  
—Max Lucado

“The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the incomparable gift of His Son.”  
—Robert Flatt

# Kids' Corner

Kids, we are so excited that you are here for this Christmas Eve Service! This evening, we will be listening to a story from the viewpoint of one of the shepherds that first heard about Jesus' birth. It is a story that reminds us of God's great love for us, and God's greatest gift: Jesus himself. Try to listen carefully to each part of the story, and then feel free to use the space below to draw a picture or two based on what you hear.