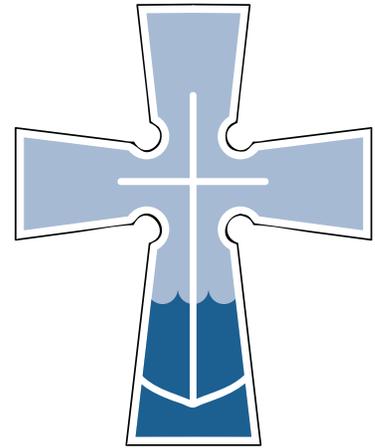


What's the significance of the Church Logo?

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Our church logo is a way to simply express some of our priority and identity. In a small way, we hope it captures who we want to be as Grace Presbyterian Church – South Shore: *a current expression of an ancient message.*



1. **Identity and Priority** - We are a people associated with the Cross of Christ – the central feature. It is the symbol of the gospel of grace, where Christ offers his life that we might know the love and joy of God. The central message of church – *“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”* (1 Corinthians 2:2). The cross is our glory!

The inner cross is also an anchor that conveys our priority of being tied in both the subtle drifts and violent storms of life to Jesus. He has all the beauty, supremacy, and authority that we need; as Scripture affirms:

“¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” Colossians 1:13–19 (ESV)

2. **Geography and Priority** – The water speaks to our geographical identity (near the coast) and our priority to not only be *on* but also *for* the South Shore. We love where we live and the people of this region. We believe God has called and placed us here to serve our communities through the ministry of word and deed. Our desire to see the South Shore changed spiritually, socially and culturally through the local church by equipping men and women to proclaim the gospel to all people and to practice the gospel in all areas of life.
3. **Identity and History** - The outer cross is not an ordinary cross, rather a *Celtic cross*. For Presbyterians, it is a reminder of our historical roots in the British Isles which date back to the 5th century, through the Protestant Reformation, and on to the great missionary movement to plant new churches in the new world. It reminds us of our calling to continue being a missional church, true to this great heritage.

Celtic crosses were originally carved on Runes, stones that dated back to Druid times. One story traces the origin of the Celtic cross to St. Patrick, who was living with Christians who earlier had been Druids. Patrick took one of their Runes etched with a circle, which symbolized the moon goddess (or the sun) and scratched a cross on top.

It was a conscious testimony to the gospel's power to change people and places that were originally deeply hostile to Christ. Regardless of its exact origins, the Celtic cross is an important reminder for Christians in post-Christian America that the gospel is still the most powerful force working amid all the principalities and powers of the world. (*Celtic Cross reflection - Rev. Scott Seaton)