



# Welcome

All Souls, seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.

Launched in 2010, we are a worshipping community rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, wholeness, and hope.

We seek to embody and articulate this gospel of grace, bringing about spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in Seattle and, through it, the world.

Please feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of God's grace, freely given to you.

As a church, we are part of that historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build, sustain, and perfect.

Anyone is welcome in worship, and we encourage you to come as you are. We understand that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating. So it's our commitment to walk you through each component of the worship service so no one feels like an outsider. There will be no obscure, tribal language. No 'in-house' moments.

Our worship is structured, with liturgy and rich music that connects us to the church of old and those who've gone before us— we are deeply rooted in something much larger than ourselves or our own cultural moment. But worship should be accessible and enjoyable if it's to be meaningful.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful.

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

So let us explore. Let us worship!

# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- · We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

## How do I get connected?

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### All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

### How can I serve?

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Many people think of saints as plaster saints, men and women of such paralyzing virtue that they never thought a nasty thought or did an evil deed their whole lives long. As far as I know, real saints never even come close to characterizing themselves that way. On the contrary, no less a saint than Saint Paul wrote to timothy, "I am foremost among sinners" (I timothy 1:15), and tesus himself prayed God to forgive him his trespasses, and when the rich young man addressed him as "good teacher," answered, "No one is good but God alone" (Mark 10:18).

In other words, the feet of saints are as much of clay as everybody else's, and their sainthood consists less of what they have done than of what God has for some reason chosen to do through them. When you consider that Saint Mary Magdalene was possessed by seven devils, that Saint Augustine prayed, "Give me chastity and continence, but not now," that Saint Francis started out as a high-living young dude in downtown Assisi, and that Saint Simeon Stylites spent years on top of a sixty-foot pillar, you figure that maybe there's nobody God can't use as a means of grace, including even ourselves.

the Holy Spirit has been called "the Lord, the giver of life" and, drawing their power from that source, saints are essentially life-givers. to be with them is to become more alive.

### Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering is optional on the main floor of the building (recommended downstairs).

Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive.

If you have any questions about our precautions, check out our website at allsoulsseattle.org/covid or email info@allsoulsseattle.org. Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter God's Word, celebrate Communion, and to simply be together.

### Call to Worship

In the Bible, God calls us to worship, because it is not our natural impulse to come to Him. But He calls, reminding us of His pursuing love, and we respond in gratitude.

words (based on Luke 1:46-49) and music by Evan Wilson

**STANDING** 

My soul magnifies the Lord

My spirit rejoices in God

My soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior (2x)

For he has done great things For he has done great things for me (2x)

from Job 19:23-27; Psalm 17:8 (MSG)

"If only my words were written in a book better yet, chiseled in stone!

Still, I know that God lives— **the One who gives me back my life**— and eventually he'll take his stand on earth.

And I'll see him— see God myself, with my very own eyes.

Oh, how I long for that day!"

Lord, keep your eye on me;

hide me under your cool wing feathers

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

If you, or someone with you this afternoon, has special needs we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.

Please introduce yourself and let us know how we can support you best.

### Acclamation

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

O come, let us adore him.

### How Great Thou Art

words by Stuart K. Hine; music: trad. Swedish melody

chorus:

Then sings my soul to my Savior God To thee we sing, "how great thou art" (2x)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin / chorus

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
And heal the world,
what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim:
"My God, how great Thou art!" / chorus

Music at All Souls is comprised of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19).

These are often works that date back as far as Jewish antiquity, anchoring us in the ancient roots of Christian faith. Sometimes these are newer works that reflect prayerfully and prophetically on our current moment.

They contain theological richness and focus on God's character and redemptive work. They also lend poetic voice to our deepest emotional expressions: praise and thanksgiving, anger and sorrow, hope and joy.

We sing because we believe God is with us— present in our worship; inhabiting the praises of his people.

### Abide with Me

words by Henry Lyte and Justin Smith; music by Justin Smith

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace
can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

## Confession

Mighty God, because you are merciful and patient, we confess our selfishness, short-sightedness, and lack of trust in you.

You have said that you are the Most High God,

but we have given greater authority, power, and reverence to 'things' and feelings. You have said that you are the God who is peace,

but we have been a people marked by anxiety, arguments, and foolish judgments.

You have said that you are the God who makes promises and keeps them,

but we have not trusted in your life-giving promises.

You have said that you are the God who is our righteousness,

but we have sought our own way.

You have said that you are the God who is our shepherd, **but we do not rest in your care.** You have said that you are our only Savior, by your grace,

but we have tried to be our own gods and to justify ourselves, by our performance.

You have said that you are our Father, but we have not acted like your children.

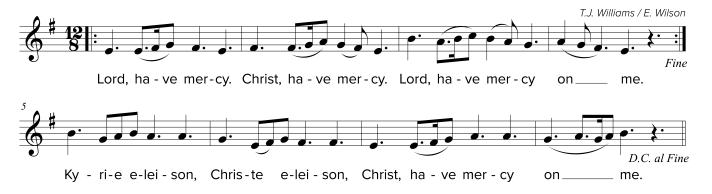
Lord, forgive us, renew us, and change us.

### BE SEATED

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Sin, in its essence, is a word that means, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives as our loving Creator and Savior.

Let's acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.



## Receiving of Grace

Lord, you have said that you are our Most High God who provides for us, is our peace, keeps your promises, is our righteousness, is our Shepherd, is our Savior, and is our Father.

Because of this, we are called:

your beloved children, forgiven of all our sins, and brought into new life, cherished, transformed, and cared for, redeemed, rescued, and delighted in!

Let our hope be in Jesus alone. Amen.

### STANDING

# Liturgy of Community

Following sending prayer, Pre-K - 5th-grade students are dismissed to their classes downstairs, where they, too, can hear about the love and grace of God in their own language.

Lord, bless these children whom you love, as they discover in their own language who you are. Give them a sense of being known and loved by you, and the freedom to come fully as themselves. Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction this morning. Beloved children, **go in peace. Amen.** 

As you're able, please stand and greet those around you— especially someone you haven't met!

# the Reading

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

Psalm 22:1-8, 11, 16-31

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?
- 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

- 4 In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- 8 "He trusts in the Lord," they say,
  "let the Lord rescue him.
  Let him deliver him,
  since he delights in him."
- 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- 16 Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.
- 17 All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.
- 18 They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.
- 19 But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- 20 Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

- 22 I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!

  All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

  Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.
- 25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- 26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him may your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth
  will remember and turn to the Lord,
  and all the families of the nations
  will bow down before him,
- 28 for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- 30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- 31 They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:

  He has done it!

Mark 15:37-47 (NRSV)

37 Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

40 There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. 42 When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. 45 When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Word of the Lord.

Homily Self-Giving Love

Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett

### Interlude

Musical interludes are included to provide space for reflection and worship.

# the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed has for centuries helped people understand who God is, and the essential truths of Christian faith. To confess the creed now unites us with the Church globally and across the ages. We say this together as a community, because we need each other in life with God, and so that we may grow as a vibrant expression of who God is and how God loves.

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

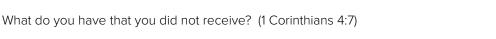
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Grateful Giving

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE

Because All Souls is a church not only for the convinced but also for those journeying toward trust in Jesus, we gladly extend room for you to consider and dialogue. Use the prayers below during Communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR 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

Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, 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 OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit.

Amen.

### Communion

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all the company of heaven, we praise you with one voice:



**BREAK BREAD** 

For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

<sup>\*</sup>Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"

### **Trinity Song**

words and music by Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation Bind us together in Holy love.

#### STANDING

### We Praise Thee, O God!

words by W.P. Mackay, 1863; music: Nathan Ryan © 2016 All Souls

We praise Thee, O God!
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died, and is now gone above
We praise Thee, O God! (2x)

chorus:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light, Who hath shown us our Savior, And scattered our night. We praise Thee, O God! (2x)

chorus

All glory and praise,
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins,
And hath cleansed every stain.
We praise Thee, O God! (2x)

chorus

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Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be rekindled With fire from above. We praise Thee, O God! (2x) All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine and on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion.

For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce powder, sea salt).

#### A word to parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the leadership of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

Scripture appears in either the New International Version (NIV) or the Common English Bible (CEB) unless otherwise noted.

### Announcements + Benediction

The love of the Father surround you, the grace of Christ attend you, and the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore.

Let us rejoice in the Lord always. Amen.

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Our pastoral staff and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.

### Gather + Serve

Local Pilgrimage - Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O Lord, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. - Psalm 84:5

Pilgrimage has been defined as "physical travel with a spiritual destination." Pilgrimages can be undertaken anywhere and at any time! All Souls is offering a "local pilgrimage" within West Seattle on Saturday, November 12.

Join co-hosts Steve Simmons and Kara Barrett from 9a to 3p as we venture together to several sacred spaces. Steve, Kara and others will guide us in purposeful reflections prompted by the places we go. Our final destination will be Trinity Church, where we'll conclude with Communion and a sharing of meanings of the day.

Call or text Steve (651-767-2667) with questions or to register.

**Support Foster Care Families**: When extended family members (called kinship caregivers) receive children into their homes for foster care, they don't receive the same benefits and support provided by the state to licensed foster care parents. One tangible way All Souls can come alongside kinship caregivers is by providing meals. Our goal is to assemble 40 meal kits with non-perishable items as well as a gift card to purchase perishable items. The kits will be distributed by social workers at the Department of Children, Youth, and Family located in Delridge.

Purchase a full kit for \$150, a half kit for \$75, or a meal for \$25. Please give via check or online (memo 'Meal Kits'). Want to help prepare and assemble meal kits? Contact Nancy Spiro for more info (nancyspiro@gmail.com).

# Group Life

**Home Groups**: In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to receive and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 for details and contact R.J. March (rj@) to learn more.

### **Grace Groups**

More Than a Mom: Join us for connection, prayer, nourishment and encouragement, through scripture and practical takeaways, as we read *More Than a Mom*, by Kari Kampakis. Join us on Fridays through Thanksgiving week from 9:30-11a. Contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@) to RSVP, for the location, and for more info.

New and continuing from Fall Souls:

Grace Groups @Work: Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us, and as such we need community, prayer, and the Holy Spirit's work as we join in what God is doing in and through our vocations. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field. To join, to learn more, or to create a Grace Group @Work for another field, contact R.J. March (rj@).

### Coming this winter:

Lord, where are you?: Seeking God in the midst of disappointment, unbelief, and hurt.

Join hosts Rachel and Andy Pelander after worship on Sundays for dinner and interactive conversation. We'll explore scripture and learn how to pray in 'wilderness' and lament-filled seasons of life. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Youth Group**

Weekly student gatherings are on Wednesdays, 6:30-8p here at Trinity. Middle school students meet in the Commons. High School students meet in the youth room. Dinner provided; Invite a friend!

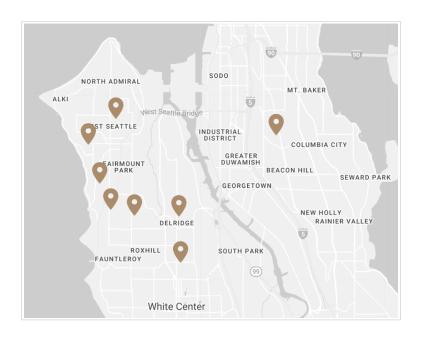
Upcoming: No youth group November 23— Happy Thanksgiving! Christmas Party is Friday, December 9 at 7p.

Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@), and follow us on Instagram (@allsoulsyouth\_parents).

# Home Group Map + Details

These are open groups anyone can join at any time, built to be a place to share—food, stories, hopes, and life.





#### **ALASKA**

Peter + Kara Barrett

Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

### **BEACON HILL**

Janiece Jenkins and Ryan + Leah Yoke
Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

### GATEWOOD - NORTH

Andrew + Jen Eckert and Steve + MaryAnn Simmons Every other Thursday, 6-7:30p online, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

### GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook
Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p
mixed group of adults, meal included

#### HIGHLAND PARK - NORTH

Dan + Alyssa Reeve and Jonathan + Rachel Faunce Every other Monday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

### HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March
Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

### **SEAVIEW**

Dustin + Kelley Long Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

### WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p mixed group of adults, kids welcome

Preview the three-part rhythm that guides our time together:



To connect with one of these groups, visit: all souls seattle.org/connect

# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



# Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: Lion Class (PreK-1st grade) and Bear Class (2nd-5th grades)— hear them roar! Both classes meet downstairs.

Parents: please sign your child(ren) in prior to the start of the worship service. Sign-in sheets are located at the ASK table, just past the greeting table when you arrive.

### First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Nursery provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out downstairs in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom.

### House Rules

In order to keep kids safe and extend hospitality toward our community and Trinity hosts, some house rules:

- · Balcony, stage, and downstairs areas are closed to children and youth
- Walking feet only (no running) in the commons and hallways areas
- · Adult supervision required in the sanctuary

Table activities are welcome and encouraged in the Commons! Families, please feel free to bring board games, etc. for kids during coffee hour. Encourage them to invite an adult friend to play!

### F.A.Q.

#### Can I join my child in class, if they need me?

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

### Can my child stay in the service with me?

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time.

### What will they be learning?

This fall we are sharing with children the immense love Jesus has for each of them, through story, song, and prayer. We will be sharing stories using *The Jesus Storybook Bible* series, as well as the Bible. Classes are designed to be engaging for all children, whether this is their first or hundredth Sunday at church!

### Is there an at-home connection?

Yes! Each Sunday we send home the story we read, as well as a short scripture verse. We encourage parents to ask children questions about what they learned! Perhaps these questions may help guide your discussion:

- Ask your child to retell the story from class today.
- What does this story teach you about God?
- Is there anything you'd like to ask God about this story?
- · What is one thing you'd like to remember about this story?
- · How is this story about you?



How can I view your child protection policies? Simple! Scan the code.

Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org

# Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All giving goes toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice—that you might grow in faith.

We recognize, too, that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus' death on the Cross represents the most generous gift ever given— when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship— not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel is intended to be worshipful. When we are generous with others we are reminding one another of the great generosity of God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

There are a few ways, in addition to during worship, that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:

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Matthew 13:32