



# 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.

All Souls is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere. 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.

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## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

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Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to thee, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." Let me hear thee speaking in my heart.

A. W. Tozer

# Order of Worship

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY / FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 4 2024



*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 simply to be together. This a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere.*

## Call to Worship

The Lord is King

*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 Josiah Conder (1824) music Nathan Partain (2003)*

The Lord is King Lift up your voice  
O earth and all ye heavens rejoice  
From world to world the joy shall ring  
"The Lord omnipotent is King"

The Lord is King Who then shall dare  
Resist his will distrust his care  
Or murmur at his wise decrees  
Or doubt his royal promises / *chorus*

STANDING

*chorus*

Sing his praise sing his praise  
Lord of lords Ancient of Days  
Sing his praise sing his praise  
All your days all your days

The Lord is King bow down you must  
The Judge of all the earth is just  
Holy and true are all his ways  
Let every creature sing his praise / *chorus*

Psalm 86:8-12

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;

**no deeds can compare with yours.**

All the nations you have made

will come and worship before you, Lord;

**they will bring glory to your name.**

For you are great and do marvelous deeds;

**you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, Lord,

**that I may rely on your faithfulness;**

**give me an undivided heart,**

**that I may fear your name.**

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;

**I will glorify your name forever.**

***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 Lord has shown forth his glory:

**O come, let us adore him.**

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

words Joachim Neander (1680) tune "LOBE DEN HERREN" (1665)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
Now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, Who hath fearfully  
Wondrously made thee  
Granted thee health and  
When heedlessly falling  
hath stayed thee  
What need or grief  
Ever hath failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee

Praise to the Lord  
Who, when tempests  
Their warfare are waging  
Who, when the elements  
Madly around thee are raging  
Biddeth them cease  
Turneth their fury to peace  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

*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.*

## Behold Our God

words and music Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge (2011)

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice  
  
Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach  
The one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him

Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him

Who has felt the nails upon his hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

You will reign forever  
(let Your glory fill the Earth) x4

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.*

## Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.

**We confess that our selfishness and pride hide the brightness of your light.**

**We avoid or turn away from those who are isolated or in need;**

**we are blind to the spiritual complacency and deception in our own lives;  
and we do not seek justice, or peace in our relationships.**

*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.*

In your mercy, cleanse us;

**renew us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and free,**

**it would be your glory and your light that is most evident in our lives, Jesus.**

*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.*

*T.J. Williams / E. Wilson*



Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_ me. *Fine*

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_ me. *D.C. al Fine*

## Receiving of Grace

Colossians 2:13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:11

*We serve a God of limitless power and might. Yet, in all of his power he looks on us with mercy, and draws us into his family, because of what Jesus Christ has done.*

Once dead because of our sinfulness, God made us alive with Christ, who forgives. He has canceled the record of the charges against us, and taken it away by nailing it to the cross. You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hear and know that you are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. **Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing for Learning

*Childcare in the Giraffe classroom is provided for children ages 1-3. All classes ages PreK-5th meet today. Zebra class is in the sermon today.*

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.

**Help us all to become learners.**

**Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.**

*Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word.*

*Music by Rain for Roots (2014)*

**Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.**

**Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.**

**Pull the blinds. Open wide all the windows. Fill our hearts with the light of your truth.**

## 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.*

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*"Alleluia" is a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" Just before the gospel reading, the church has traditionally sung "Alleluia" as a celebration of God's desire to draw near to us, even becoming one of us taking on our humanity in Jesus Christ. The gospel book is carried as a symbol of Christ into the aisle and read in the midst of the people as a reminder that God draws near to us.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Luke 2:41-47

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. 43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## Musical Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

*from The Anglican Church of Kenya*

God the Father, creator of the universe and all that is there.

**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, the Savior of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit the comforter of humanity.

**Have mercy on us.**

From all evil plotting against your Church.

**O Lord deliver us.**

From malice and hatred, from all forms of corruption and wordiness.

**O Lord deliver us.**

From disordered and sinful affections and from the deceits of the world.

**O Lord deliver us.**

Guide our President and other leaders of this country into ways of justice, peace and unity.

**Hear us O Lord.**

For political tolerance among people of different political persuasions, for greater respect for one another's opinions and convictions, for greater thirst after truth and justice for all.

**Hear us O Lord.**

Heal the sick and provide for those experiencing homelessness and hunger.

**Hear us O Lord.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, the oppressed and the voiceless.

**Help and comfort them.**

Preserve and guard your creation against exploitation, misuse, or abuse.

**Hear us O Lord.**

## Grateful Giving

And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

Isaiah 6:3





## Communion

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

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

*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.*

### 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow  
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in  
9 Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of  
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

### 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.**

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

## Eternal Light

words and music Paul Zach, Joshua Jay Miller and Kate Bluett (2021)

Eternal light shine in my heart	You are the same
Shine in my heart and drive the dark away	Yesterday today forever x3
Eternal hope lift up my eyes	You never change
Lift up my eyes to see your dawning day	You have no beginning
Eternal light shine in my heart	And you have no end
Eternal hope lift up my eyes x2	
Eternal peace quiet my soul	Eternal light shine in my heart
Quiet my soul like the waters flow	Shine in my heart
Eternal love stand by my side	And drive the dark away
Stand by my side and never let me go	
Eternal peace quiet my soul	
Eternal love never let go x2	

God Most High,

**We thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work. Grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Instrument of Peace

words a prayer by Francis of Assisi music and adapted text by Porter's Gate (2020)

<i>chorus</i> Lord make me	Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
An instrument of peace	Where there is doubt let me sow faith
An instrument of peace	Where is injury your pardon give
	Your consolation to those in pain
Where is there hatred let me sow love	<i>/ chorus</i>
Where there is darkness let me sow light	
For in the giving we shall receive	
And in the dying we're given life <i>/ chorus</i>	

## Benediction

Matthew 28:19-20

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. **Amen.**

Now go into the world in peace. Have courage, hold on to what is good, honor all people, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, restore the wandering, and share the gospel.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*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 non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).*

### **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 questions about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.*

*Scripture appears in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.*

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

## Announcements

**Co-Work Fridays:** Share morning coffee and the day's work in community at the All Souls offices. Bring a colleague, invite a friend, host a neighbor. Drop by or stay all day starting from 8:15a. **Please BYOLunch.**



**We're Hiring:** All Souls is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a Set Up + Tear Down Specialist.

Please see the job descriptions linked to the QR code and invite interested persons to reach out to R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

**Kara's Ordination:** Join us for a special worship service next Sunday **February 11** when we will be joined by our Bishop Todd Hunter as he ordains Kara to the priesthood.



**Super Bowl Sunday:** Please join us in the Commons after church on February 11th to celebrate Kara's ordination and for a Super Bowl watch party on the big screen (the game will be recorded so we can watch from the beginning). All Souls will provide hot dogs for a hot dog bar. Please sign up with your favorite toppings and/or Super Bowl appetizer. BYOB.



**Women's Retreat.** Join us in North Bend at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center the evening of **Friday, March 8th** through the morning of Sunday, March 10th. Use the QR code to register.

## Serve Together



**Help feed unhoused neighbors.** Join us for the next Westside Neighbors shelter meal prep gathering on **Sunday, March 3rd from 2-3:30pm** at Trinity. All recipes and ingredients will be provided. Use the QR code to sign up. Contact Kara (kara@) with any questions.

**Summer 2024 service trip.** All Souls is sending a team of 19 adults and youth to Warm Springs, Oregon to serve with Sacred Road Ministries. **Dates are July 27-Aug 3.** First come first served, secure your spot by paying the \$150 deposit. Suzanne@ for more info.

## 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 enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 or contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

### Grace Groups

#### Grace Groups @Work

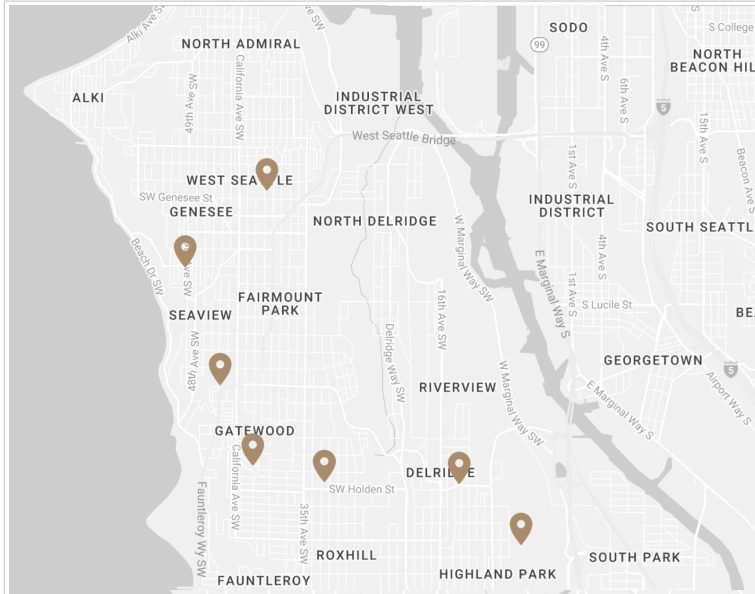
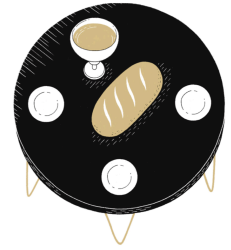
Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: for tech (contact Greg, greg@kroleski.com), for education (contact Tyler, tylerashby@gmail.com), to start a new group (contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org)

### Youth Group

**8th-12th grade-** Youth group is on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 at Trinity.** Dinner provided!

# 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

## 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 - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids 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

To connect with one of these groups,  
visit: [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](https://allsoulsseattle.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 four classes: Lion Class (PreK-K), Deer Class (1st-2nd grade), Bear Class (3rd-5th) and Zebra Class (6th-7th). All classes meet downstairs. Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

**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.

Lion and Deer classes meet teachers at the back of the sanctuary. Bear and Zebra classes meet your teachers at the front of the sanctuary. Look for the clipboard with your class animal!

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

## 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. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

*What will they be learning?*

Children ages PreK through 7th grade will be learning about Jesus and the big story of the gospel through lessons from the Dwell Curriculum. Lessons include story, prayer, and fun activities. 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 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 dependence 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:

All Souls  
PO Box 16613  
Seattle, WA 98116

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**Fiscal Year 2023/24** began this October as we hope to see All Souls this year grow in organizational health, wisdom, and listening to God. Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,300/month. January giving was \$48,559.84.

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Steve Simmons, *prayer + listening*

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It is the smallest of all seeds,  
but when it has *grown* it is  
larger than all the other garden  
plants and becomes a tree, so  
that birds of the air come and  
make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:32