

Lent

# 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 safe place to begin 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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[allsoulsseattle.org/kids](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids) ( /youth )

## How can I serve?

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*illustration by Lori White*

Christ became what we are, in order that we might become what he is.

Irenaeus

# Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT / MARCH 12 2023



## **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](https://allsoulsseattle.org/covid) or email [info@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:info@allsoulsseattle.org).

**Lent** is a 40-day season preparing us for Easter, when we celebrate God's victory over death and the promise of new life in Jesus. The journey begins by facing our brokenness and deep need for God's healing.

Lent is about more than giving things up for the sake of giving things up. It's about taking a close look at the unmatched beauty of — and our need for— our Savior.

During Lent, we take inventory of the heart, and fall headlong into grace.

**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.

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. *This is a safe place to begin from anywhere.*

STANDING

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 95*

*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 adapted from the Scripture and music by Evan Wilson (2016)*

Come, let us sing for joy unto the Lord  
Let us shout to the rock of our salvation  
Oh, let us sing to him with thankful hearts  
Shout for joy with music and song  
Oh, come

For the Lord is a great God (2x)  
In his hands are the earth, the seas (2x)  
For the Lord is the great king (2x)  
The seas are his, he has made them (2x)

Psalm 95 (NRSV)

O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

**Let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with  
thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise  
to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,  
**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
**the heights of the mountains  
are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and his hands formed the dry land.**

O come, let us worship and bow down;

**Let us kneel before the Lord our  
Maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people  
of his pasture,

**And the sheep of his hand.**

O, that today you would listen to his voice!

## Collect

Book of Common Prayer (2019)

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

# It's God Who Saves

words and music by Nathan Partain (2010)

Like all God's prophets,  
his kings, and judges,  
were thieves and killers, adulterous liars,  
that he had chosen,  
to show his greatness.  
Just like those heroes,  
by grace he called me,  
so dead in my sin, it's him I boast in,  
I breathe but only, through faith in Jesus

chorus:

And, Oh, what joy and bliss,  
To enter Sabbath rest.  
It's God who saves, not I,  
It's God who justifies.  
He calls he makes holy,  
It's God who saves, not I.  
It's God who saves, not I,  
It's God who is my life. All I bring is nothing,  
It's God who saves, not I.

Christ came to me, who hated God  
and was bent to chaos,  
and served destruction,  
in love he died, and  
paid my pardon.  
And then he raised me,  
with him in union,  
a wretch adopted, triune affection!  
eternal power,  
and love unyielding. / chorus  
If my salvation, to me was trusted,  
if we must hold fast,  
or keep love fervent,  
I'm lost already, my love unsteady.  
But once redemption,  
is won it's finished,  
his sure deposit, his steadfast Spirit,  
From grace beginning,  
to grace unending. / chorus

# Thy Mercy, My God

words by John Stocker (1776) music by Sandra McCracken (2001)

Thy mercy, my God,  
is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart.  
and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone,  
from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections,  
and bound my soul fast.  
Without Thy sweet mercy  
I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness,

my spirits revive,  
And He that first made  
me still keeps me alive.  
Great Father of mercies,  
Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of  
Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit,  
Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon,  
and righteousness mine.

# Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Prayer (2019)

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by  
what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors  
as ourselves...**

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.

## 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.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*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*

*Fine*

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

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*D.C. al Fine*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_ me.

## Receiving of Grace

1 John 2:1-2

*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.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

## Liturgy of Community

*Following prayer, students are dismissed to their classes downstairs, where they, too, can hear about the love and grace of God in their own language. Bear Class (2nd-5th) dismissed from the front, left of stage; Lion Class (PreK - 1st) dismissed from Sanctuary entrance.*

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.

**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.*

Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" 4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hebrews 3:1-6 (NRSV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also "was faithful in all God's house." 3 Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. 6 Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Consider Jesus

Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett

## Interlude

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

## Baptism

Charlotte Moira McSwiggan

*Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

*Here we ask our heavenly Father that Charlotte, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body.*

FOR RYAN

Will you, by your love, prayers, and bearing witness to God's grace, help Charlotte to grow in love and reliance on Jesus?

*I will, with God's grace.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*I do.*

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Bible?

*I do.*

Do you repent of your sin?

*I do.*

Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust?

*I do.*

Do you renounce the Enemy and all evil?

*I do.*

Will you follow Jesus faithfully and obey his commands throughout your life?

*With God's help, I will.*

FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Charlotte in her life with Jesus?

**We will.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I do.**

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I do.**

**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.**

BAPTISM + WELCOME + PRAYER

Friends, with applause, let's welcome the newest member of Christ's Church, Charlotte Moira McSwiggan!

Lord Jesus, **who embraces children with the arms of mercy, and makes them living members of your Church, give Charlotte grace to stand fast in your faith, to cherish and obey your word, and to abide in your love. Being made strong by your Holy Spirit, may she, our sister, resist temptation and overcome evil, rejoice in the life that is now, and dwell with you in the life that is to come; through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen!**

Grateful Giving

Freely you have received; freely give.

Matthew 10:8





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.

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

## 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow - er,  
hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
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.**

## Steadfast

words and music by Sandra McCracken (2016)

I will build my house  
Whether storm or drought  
On the rock that does not move  
I will set my hope  
In your love, O Lord  
And your faithfulness will prove  
You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke  
All the starry host  
Are called out by name each night  
In your watchful care  
I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light  
You are steadfast, steadfast

I will not trust in the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice  
Glory, glory to the Lamb!  
You are steadfast, steadfast

In the moment of emptiness  
All was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness  
Your light was revealed  
In the presence of death  
Your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness,  
You are still God.  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

## Break Forth

words by Fanny Crosby (1881) and music by Nathan Partain (2009)

'Twas Jesus sought my wandering soul,  
And with a shepherd's care,  
He brought me kindly to his fold,  
And still protects me there.

*chorus:*

Break forth (Break forth),  
O joyful heart (O joyful heart)  
Break forth and no more silent be!  
Break forth (Break forth),  
In grateful praise (in grateful praise),  
To him who came to ransom thee.

He is my Advocate with God,  
My Savior and my Friend,  
His mercies new with every morn,  
Like healing showers descend. / *chorus*

My soul shall magnify the Lord,  
My voice his love proclaim,  
And every power within me join  
To bless and praise his name. / *chorus*

## Announcements + Benediction

Now go into the world in peace. Have courage, hold on to what is good, and honor all people. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Restore the wandering, comfort the grieving, and share the gospel. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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

*Scripture appears in the English Standard Version (ESV) or 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

**Lent** is a season in which the Church gathers around the world to be invited to enter into the “wilderness” for forty days as a time of preparation for Easter. Lent is not so much an invitation to wander or drift, but a call to acknowledge that we do. And to begin to resist the forces, appetites, and habits that keep us moving in circles rather than making progress toward freedom. Find resources to observe Lent on our website [allsoulsseattle.org/lent](http://allsoulsseattle.org/lent).

**Let's Pray** As we journey through this period of transition, we need God's help to grieve, to heal, to care for one another, and to discern next steps. Over the next three months, members of staff and vestry will gather in The Upper Room (above the kitchen at Trinity) every Sunday from 3:30-3:45p to pray for the All Souls community. Please come pray with us. Nursery will open at 3:25pm for children 0-6 years old. Older children are welcome to join the time of prayer.

## Serve Together

**Trinity Spring Cleaning** We would love to say ‘Thank You!’ by joining Trinity for their church-wide spring cleaning event on Saturday, March 18th from 9a-12p. Contact Alyssa ([alyssa@](mailto:alyssa@)) with any questions.

**Meals for Unhoused Neighbors** Throughout February, groups from All Souls prepared hot meals for unhoused neighbors seeking shelter at the West Seattle Veterans Center. WSVC provides the only emergency shelter in West Seattle. One of WSVC's primary needs is help with feeding folks. There are opportunities for groups or individuals to continue providing hot meals throughout the month of March. Groups bring a meal or prepare a meal onsite on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5-6p. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kara ([kara@](mailto:kara@)).

**Warm Springs Summer Service Trip 2023** - *Team meeting March 19th after the service. Dinner provided.*  
All Souls will, for the third summer, send a team of youth (age 13+) and grown-ups to serve on the Warm Springs Reservation in Central Oregon (near Madras, hour north of Bend), **July 29 - August 5**. The week on the Rez offers a mix of opportunities for work, play, and rest, and allows a generous window into ways God is mightily at work beyond the “world” of our neighborhoods, as we simply show up to love our First Neighbors. To learn more and/or to secure your spot, please contact Suzanne ([suzanne@](mailto:suzanne@)) this month. Scholarships are available to help cover trip costs.

## Group Life

**Home Groups** — *New Home Group at the Case's on Mondays in Arbor Heights*

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@](mailto: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. Contact R.J. ([rj@](mailto:rj@)) to learn more.

### Youth Group

Weekly student gatherings are on **Wednesdays, 6:30-8p** at Trinity.

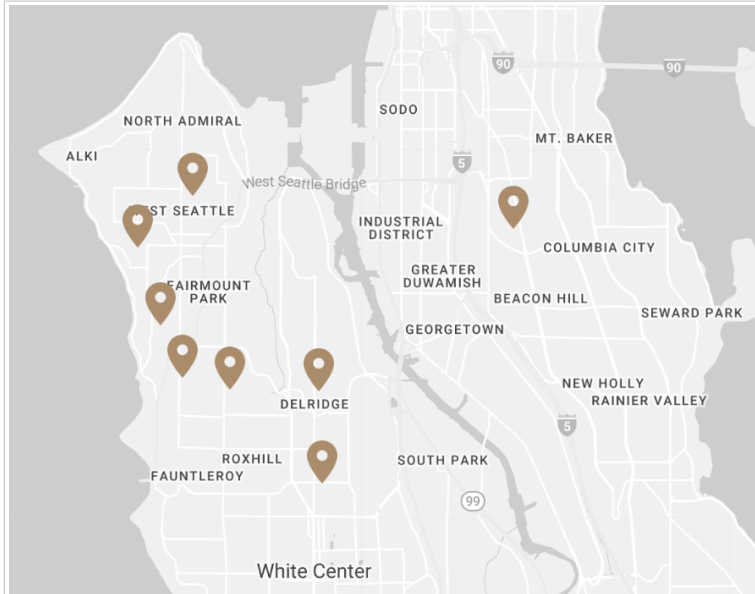
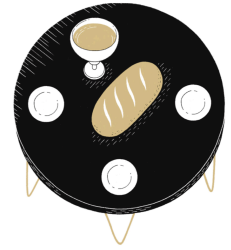
MS students meet in the Commons; HS students meet in the youth room. Dinner provided; invite a friend!

*Upcoming:* Nerf battle with Grace Seattle youth. March 25th Time TBD.

Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with questions ([suzanne@](mailto:suzanne@)), and follow us on Instagram ([@allsoulsyouth\\_parents](https://www.instagram.com/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

## ARBOR HEIGHTS

Jeff + Suzanne Case  
**Every other Monday, 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: [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 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 0-5. **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 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

- Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](https://allsoulsseattle.org/give) (ACH now available)



- For any assistance or questions about:

Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact [bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org)

*The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.*

*Amidst one of the longest seasons of challenge most of us have ever experienced, we want to celebrate how God has continually met our community's financial needs. This has allowed All Souls to continue in her mission, entering our eleventh year of worship together, as a church in and for our neighborhood seeking to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable. We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.*

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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