

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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## All Souls Kids + Youth

[allsoulsseattle.org/kids](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids) ( /youth )

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*illustration by Lori White*

you have shown your strength in choosing the humble,  
for it was a sign of poverty  
For you to sit on the donkey; but as the Glorious One,  
you shake all of zion.  
The cloaks of the disciples pointed to frugality;  
but the song of the children and the throng of people  
were a sign of your strength,  
As they cry out, "Hosanna in the highest," a plea to Save us!  
you who are on high, we pray, do save the humbled!  
Heeding the palm branches, take pity on us,  
Look upon those who cry out:  
"you are the blessed One who come to call up Adam."

- Romanos, sixth-century Byzantine poet and deacon

# Order of Worship

PALM SUNDAY / APRIL 2, 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 24*

*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 (Psalm 24) and music by Evan W. Wilson*

The earth is the Lord's  
And everything in it  
The earth and all who live in it  
Come now and receive  
Blessing from the Lord  
And vindication from our God

Lift up your heads (lift up your heads)  
You mighty gates (you mighty gates)  
Be lifted up (be lifted up)  
You ancient doors (you ancient doors)  
That the king of glory may come in

*from Psalm 118 and Zechariah 9*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

### **Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;  
Triumphant and victorious is he,  
Humble and riding on a donkey.

### **Hosanna in the highest!**

### Prayer of Adoration

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

# Glorify Your Name

words and music by Alex Peterson (2022)

God of glory we can't help but praise  
All your works declare  
that you are holy, you are worthy  
Draw us near under your wings of grace  
Glorify your holy name.

chorus:

Glorify your na - me (3x)  
Glorify your holy na - me!

Holy Spirit fall on us we pray  
Fill our hearts with joy  
oh you are holy, you are worthy!  
By your power work in mighty ways  
Glorify your holy name! / chorus

Jesus brother, Savior, Prince of Peace  
Lamb of God enthroned  
oh you are holy, you are worthy!  
At your table we are whole and free  
Glorify your holy name! / chorus

# Be Still My Soul

words Katharina von Schlegel; Transl. Jane Borthwick (1855) music by Page CXVI (2010)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change, He will remain.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your mind,  
Your will let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright

Be still, my soul:  
The hour is hastening on  
When we shall be  
Forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment,  
Grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored.

Be still my soul (repeat)

# Prayer of Confession

O King of Glory,

**we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint,  
our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous.**

**For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins.**

For our treason you died, Lord Jesus.

For our restoration, you rose again.

Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week,  
that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears,  
and our hearts, the wonder of your grace.

**By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline,  
let us be loyal and loving servants of the King.**

**Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*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.*

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

*from Psalm 118*

*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.*

Let those who fear the Lord say,  
His steadfast love endures for ever.  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!  
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## Liturgy of Community

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 118:19-29

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
23 This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!  
26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
27 The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.  
28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.  
29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Homily

Who is this?

Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett

## Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

*Sung:*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
His love love love love love  
Let Isreal speak along with the priests  
His love love love love love  
Is steadfast

From my distress I called on him  
His love love love love love  
The Lord answered me and set me free  
His love love love love love  
Is steadfast

Good and gracious God,

as we walk together to Jerusalem, through Gethsemane,

and to the hill of the cross, we bring with us our concerns, worries, and troubles.

Be with those who are struggling to hope in the resurrection.

Answer us, Lord. **Become our salvation.**

Be with those who are grieving, those whose “alleluia” will be tear-stained.

Answer us, Lord. **Become our salvation.**

Be with those who are seeking employment, affordable housing, or access to health care.

Answer us, Lord. **Become our salvation.**

Be with us all as we seek to prepare for your resurrection by following you to your death.

Answer us, Lord. **Become our salvation.**

Help us to find rest and refuge in your everlasting arms of love.

Answer us, Lord. **Become our salvation.**

*Sung:*

The Lord is my strength and he is my song  
His love love love love love  
He has become my salvation  
His love love love love love

Hear songs of joy victorious  
the hand of the lord  
From the tents of the righteous  
the hand of the Lord  
I shall not die but I shall live  
the hand of the Lord  
Helped me helped me helped me

## Grateful Giving

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches  
in glory in Christ Jesus.





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  
excelsis Deo. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in excelsis Deo.

### 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.**

# You Were Not My People

words and music by Nathan Partain

You hid from me, and so I called to you,  
Then you accused, and so I blessed you.  
Your heart was cold,  
so jealous was I for you,  
You had contempt, and I just held you.

You closed your ears, so I displayed for you,  
You shut your eyes, so I fed you.  
You fought but I, was patient to wait for you,  
You yelled and cried, while I clothed you.

You, you were not my people,  
but I called you my own.  
You, you had been so hateful,  
I brought you to my home.

Your mind was bent and so I sang for you,  
Your feet were bound, I untied you.  
You could not speak, and so I taught you to,

You were so scared, but I gently drew.

*chorus:*

You, you were not my people,  
but I called you my own

You, you had been so hateful,

I brought you to my home.

You, your own hands shed my blood,

I have made you mine

You, illegitimate, uncovered, now you  
are my child.

You spit on me, even as I kissed you,

You struck my face, while I bathed you.

You raged, I poured

my spirit all over you

You crucified, and I let you. / *chorus*

STANDING

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

words by Edward Perronet and music by James Ellor

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all,  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,  
we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all,  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

## Announcements + Benediction

May God, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help us this week to take up the cross and follow Jesus. **Amen.**

7 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

**Holy Week** Join us as we imaginatively engage the last days Jesus spent on Earth, as his story shapes our story. Click the QR code for more information and to sign up for a Maundy Thursday meal and a time slot for Stations of the Cross. We'll celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday at our usual time of 4p at Trinity.



**Transition Committee** is available for questions and to pray with and for you throughout our current leadership transition as they support the work of Vestry (our nominated, lay leadership team). You can reach out to Luke Crook (lukecrook@gmail.com), Andrew Eckert (trihokie85@gmail.com), Marc Gleason (marc.gleason61@outlook.com), Matt Huey (mhuey@pointb.com), Ruth Rogers Lewis (ruthrogerslewis@comcast.net), or Lydia Peterson (lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com).

**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

**Serve Unhoused Neighbors.** The West Seattle Veterans Center is opening its doors from 7:30-10:00 am, seven days a week, for unhoused neighbors to have a cup of coffee, receive a warm meal, take a shower, and do laundry. Groups from All Souls will be volunteering on Saturdays this spring (April-June). If you are interested in participating, please contact Kara (kara@).

## Group Life

**Home Groups** — *New Home Group at the Case's house 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@) 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@) to learn more.

#### Parents Night Out!

Parents, drop off your kids ages 2-10 on Saturday, April 22nd 5:30pm-8pm for a parents night out! Suggested donation of \$25 per family, dinner provided. All donations will help subsidize registration fees for the All Souls team going to Warm Springs this summer. Email [suzanne@](mailto:suzanne@) to RSVP.

### Youth Group

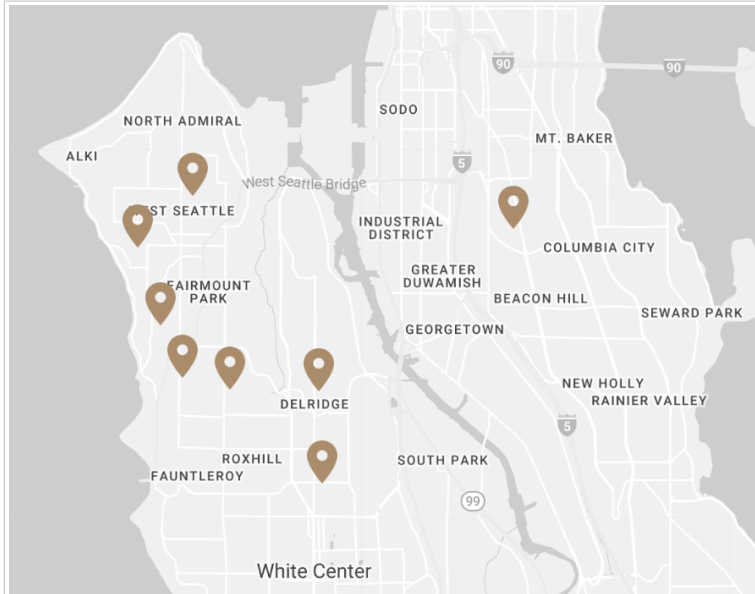
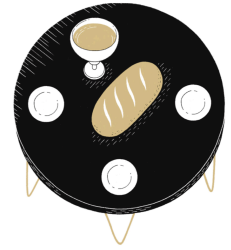
Weekly student gatherings are on Wednesdays, 6:30-8p at Trinity.

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

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  
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## 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