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# 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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*Photo: Lowman Beach, West Seattle (2019)*

A friend knows our difficulties and shadows and remains in sight, a companion to our vulnerabilities more than our triumphs, when we are under the strange illusion we do not need them. A diminishing circle of friends is the first terrible diagnostic of a life in deep trouble.

David Whyte  
"Friendship"

# Order of Worship

ORDINARY TIME / JULY 16 2023



*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

The Lord is My Shepherd

*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 and music Paul Zach*

*chorus:*

The Lord is my shepherd  
The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want (x2)

Goodness and mercy they will follow me  
All of the days all of the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever and ever / *chorus*

He leads my soul by the still waters  
In the green pastures I am restored  
Though I may walk through the dark valley  
Of the shadow of death  
I will not fear  
for your rod and staff comfort me / *chorus*

Psalm 65:5-8

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,

**God our Savior,**

the hope of all the ends of the earth

**and of the farthest seas,**

who formed the mountains by your power,

**having armed yourself with strength,**

who stilled the roaring of the seas,

**the roaring of their waves,**

**and the turmoil of the nations.**

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;

**where morning dawns, where evening fades,**

**you call forth songs of joy.**

**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

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## His Kingdom Now is Come (Behold! Behold!)

words and music by Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzo Baylor, Brian Nhira

The light shines in the darkness	God of justice,
And the darkness cannot overcome (2x)	righteous judge / Behold! (3x)
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	Our Defender,
	Prince of Peace / Behold! (3x)
The valleys will be lifted	Father to the fatherless,
and the mountains	our strong deliverer / Behold! (3x)
will be brought down low (2x)	He's troubling the water
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	and we're marching through
	Behold! Behold!
Hear the voice cry from the highway,	His kingdom now is come
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!" (2x)	
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

words and music by Edward Perronet and James Ellor

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!	Let every kindred, every tribe
Let angels prostrate fall.	on this terrestrial ball
Bring forth the royal diadem,	To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all,	and crown Him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem,	To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all.	and crown Him Lord of all.
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,	O that with yonder sacred throng,
ye ransomed from the fall,	we at His feet may fall!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,	We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all,	and crown Him Lord of all,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,	We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all.	and crown Him Lord of all.

## Confession

Almighty and merciful Father,

**We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have left undone things which we ought to have done;**

**We have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**Restore us according to your promises**

**declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*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.*

*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.*

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

John 3:16

*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.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west, strengthen our lives in Your kingdom and keep us upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of Community

*Following prayer, for the summer months, students PreK-5th will be dismissed to the commons for prayer, art, and games. Children will return to the service after the sermon.*

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.*

### 1 Samuel 18:1-11

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. 7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 And Saul eyed David from that day on.

10 The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. 11 And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall."

### Romans 8:18-25

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### John 15:5, 9-17

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;" 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

# Homily

a Faithful Friend

Rev. R.J. March

## Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you invite us to call you “friend.”

The Scriptures tell us you are the friend who is “closer than a brother.”

You know our difficulties and shadows,

and yet you do not flinch to draw near to us again and again,

even when we are under the strange illusion that we do not need you.

As we are surprised that yet again there you are, our faithful friend,

please make *us* into faithful friends

as we in our life together bump up against each other’s difficulties, and even each other’s sins.

Show us how to be courageous with our encouragement of one another:

Drawing out the best in each other, as you do with us— making us more of ourselves, not less.

We pray for your way of friendship, Jesus, to transform our relationships.

We pray for the way friendship can transform troubled marriages,

make professional rivalries honorable,

make sense of heartbreak,

and become the newly discovered ground in mature parent–child relationships.

May we be the sort of friends:

who forgive as we have been forgiven,

who rejoice as we are rejoiced in,

who grieve as we are grieved with,

who delight as we are delighted in— by you, Lord Jesus, our faithful friend.

Jesus, be to each of us today the friend each of us needs.

And teach us how to befriend one another as you befriend us.

**Amen.**

## Grateful Giving

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.





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  
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in  
9 Bless - ed 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.**

## We Abide, We Abide in You

*words and music by the Porter's Gate (2017)*

We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches:  
we abide, we abide in You.  
We abide, we abide in You.

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,  
rain on us with grace and favor:  
we abide, we abide in You.  
We abide, we abide in You

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.**

## Break Forth, O Joyful Heart

*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.

Where can my soul find living water?  
Apart from You we bear no fruit!  
O plant my feet down by the river:  
we abide, we abide in You.

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*

## Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us love and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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

**RSVP to Summer Suppers:** While Home Groups are on break for the summer, sign up to attend a meal and get to know some new friends and familiar faces in the All Souls community, including Vestry members:

**Sunday August 13** @ the March home. RSVP to: R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org)

**Friday August 25** @ the Case home. RSVP to: Suzanne (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame:** Save the date for **Tuesday July 18** to join your All Souls family and any friends or neighbors you want to invite to the DubSea Fishsticks game. The game starts at 12:05p. You can purchase tickets to the game using this QR code and find seats near R.J. who will be there early.



**Pint Night:** Pint nights are back for the summer! Join us at Future Primitive on **July 20 and August 24th at 7p** for drinks and community time. Kids and pets are welcomed to come! For any questions, contact Kelly (kelly@allsoulsseattle.org)

**Baptism in the Sound:** In anticipation of baptisms conducted at Lowman Beach on August 27th, interested adults and children with their families are invited to join R.J. and Suzanne for a Q&A and dinner immediately after the service on **Sunday July 23 from 5:15-6:15p.**

**Subscribe to the Summer Socials Calendar**



## Serve Together

**Get to know unhoused neighbors.** Seven days a week, unhoused neighbors gather at the West Seattle Veterans Center to eat a hot breakfast, take a shower, and do laundry. If you are interested in preparing or serving breakfast on a Thursday morning over the summer, please contact Kara (kara@) or use the QR code below.



## Group Life

**Home Groups** — *gathering informally throughout the summer but starting back in October 2023*

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 and gather informally.

### Grace Groups

Grace Groups @Work

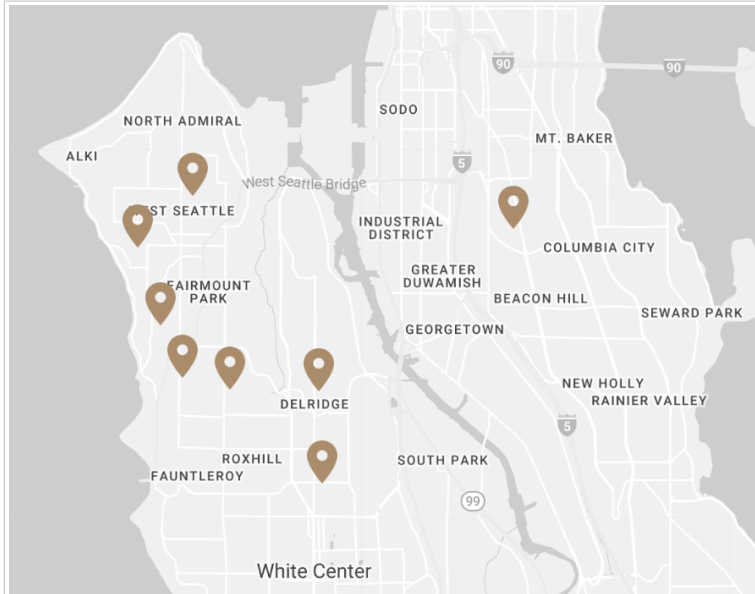
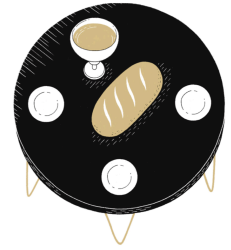
Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field. Contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

### Youth Group

Youth group is paused for the summer. Email suzanne@ for information about All Souls youth.

# 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  
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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