



# Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

So let us explore. Let us worship!

# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

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

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

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

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

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

## How can I serve?

allsoulsseattle.org/connect

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I was raised in a sort of village. I have a huge family, and I think there is strength in that. It helped me to deal with some of the complications of living in the South, because I always felt like 1 belonged, no matter what. Chadwick Boseman



#### Please help us to be hospitable:

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

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

If you have any questions about our precautions, check out our website at allsoulsseattle.org/covid or email info@allsoulsseattle.org.

STANDING

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.

## Call to Worship

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

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

My soul magnifies the Lord

My spirit rejoices in God

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

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

from Psalm 113:1-5

Praise the Lord!

You who serve the Lord—praise!

Praise the Lord's name!

Let the Lord's name be blessed

from now until forever from now!

From sunrise to sunset,

let the Lord's name be praised!

The Lord is high over all the nations;

God's glory is higher than the skies!

Who could possibly compare to the Lord our God?

## Acclamation

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him.

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

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

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

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

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.

## Abide with Me

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

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

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

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

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

## 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

BE SEATED

## Confession

From the lies we've told and the lies we've been told, **heal us, Jesus.**From the ways we've dismissed others and been dismissed by others, **heal us, Jesus.**From our quickly speaking when attentive silence was needed,
and from our cowardly silence when a brave word was needed, **heal us, Jesus.**From our othering of people and our being othered by people, **heal us, Jesus.**From our failing a friend and being failed by a friend, **heal us, Jesus.**From our slowness to give grace, **heal us, Jesus.** 

Let's acknowledge these things silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus. After a brief silence we will sing our confession together:



Receiving of Grace

Hebrews 10:10

Only by the blood of Christ have we been declared righteous in God's eyes. He has raised to new life those whose trust is in him. And so we remember the hope of His grace:

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone, because of Christ's one sacrifice, finished on the cross.

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Benjamin Michael Yoke

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 **Ben**, 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 PARENTS

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

We 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 Elsie 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I do.

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

### **BAPTISM**

For you, **Ben**, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

It was for you that the Word of God became flesh

and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

For you, Jesus Christ suffered death

crying out at the end, "It is finished!"

John 19:20

And for you Christ triumphed over death,

rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, before you could know anything of it

and we will continue to tell you this good news, as it becomes more and more your own.

And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

## WELCOME + PRAYER

Friends, with applause, let's welcome the newest member of Christ's Church, Elsie Aljets!

Lord Jesus, who embraces children with the arms of mercy, and makes them living members of your Church, give Ben 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 he, our brother, 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!

## Liturgy of Community

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

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

## 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.

Mark 15:1-15

- 1 Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.
- 2 "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.
- "You have said so," Jesus replied.
- 3 The chief priests accused him of many things. 4 So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."
- 5 But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.
- 6 Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. 7 A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. 8 The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.
- 9 "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, 10 knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.
- 12 "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.
- 13 "Crucify him!" they shouted.
- 14 "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

How Exploitation Ends

Rev. R.J. March

## Prayers of the People

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us, as we ask God to honor our hope that we are becoming a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world:

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Petitions may be added silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For Foley Beach, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA); for Todd Hunter, our Bishop, of the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO); for our pastors and for the clergy and people of C4SO; and for our lay leadership, staff, and for our entire All Souls family.

Petitions may be added silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Governor Jay Inslee, and Mayor Bruce Harrell.

Petitions may be added silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For our city and the election of officials and representatives who will seek the flourishing of all people, the wealthy and the poor, the privileged and excluded, the native, and minorities of every kind.

Petitions may be added silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; for those grieving and rebuilding in the wake fires, flooding, hurricanes, and violence.

Petitions may be added silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these requests for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# Grateful Giving

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)



# 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.

## Communion

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

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

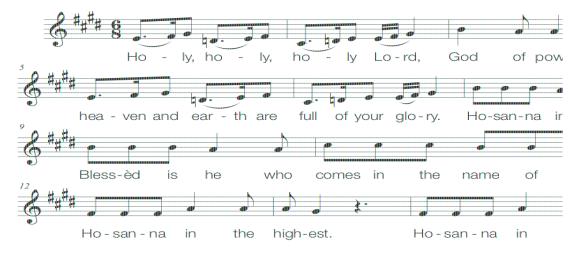
The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

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

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

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



BREAK BREAD

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

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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

## We Will Feast

words and music by Joshua Moore and Sandra McCracken (2015)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things,
We will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful One And from the garden to the grave

STANDING

## It is Well with My Soul

words by Horatio G. Spafford; music by Philip Bliss

When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul

chorus:

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Chorus

And Lord haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

chorus

## Announcements + Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## And also with you.

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

### Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine and on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion.
For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa

seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce

### A word to parents:

powder, sea salt).

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

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

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

**Community-wide Ordination Celebration**: On Saturday, October 22, at 4p, we will gather as a whole community to witness Kara Nichols Barrett be ordained by our Bishop, Todd Hunter, to the diaconate. This will mark a significant milestone in both ours and Kara's journey, as we welcome her to our pastoral staff. Join us for the service and afterparty at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church (California and Hanford); childcare details tba.

## Serve with Us

**Sunday Volunteers**: We are looking for a few more volunteers to round out our fall/winter schedule! Our current areas of need are in our set-up/teardown, greeting and entry supervision (during the service) roles. Please take a moment to scan the QR code survey and fill out the survey with dates you are available. You can also reach out to Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@) with questions or for more information!



# Group Life

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

## **Grace Groups**

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

### New and continuing from Fall Souls:

Grace Groups @Work: Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us, and as such we need community, prayer, and the Holy Spirit's work as we join in what God is doing in and through our vocations. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: 1. Medical Work 2. Engineering/Architecture 3. Business/Finance/Real Estate/ Retail 4. Social Services/Mental Health/Non-Profit 5. Law/Politics 6. Tech 7. Education and 8. Home Management (also including Retirement). These groups can gather at a rhythm and pace that suits each group, or at least twice a year. To join, to learn more, or to create another Grace Group @Work for another field, contact R.J. March (rj@).

## Coming this winter:

Lord, where are you?: Seeking God in the midst of disappointment, unbelief, and hurt. Join hosts Rachel and Andy Pelander after worship on Sundays for dinner and interactive conversation. We'll explore scripture and learn how to pray in 'wilderness' and lament-filled seasons of life. Stay tuned for more details (andy@).

## **Youth Group**

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

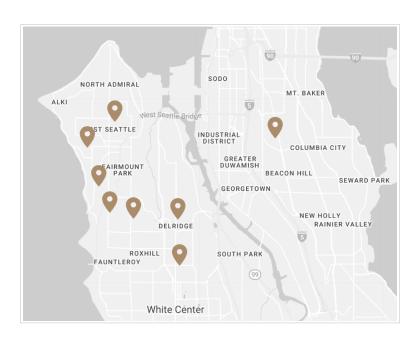
Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@), and follow us on Instagram (@allsoulsyouth\_parents).

# Home Group Map + Details

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

The Fall Home Group season begins the week of October 16.





#### ALASKA

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

## **BEACON HILL**

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

## GATEWOOD - NORTH

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

## GATEWOOD - SOUTH

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

#### HIGHLAND PARK - NORTH

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

### HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

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

### **SEAVIEW**

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

## WESTWOOD

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

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



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

# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

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



# Sunday School

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

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

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

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

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

# After Worship

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

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

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

## F.A.Q.

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

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

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

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

### What will they be learning?

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

## Is there an at-home connection?

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

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

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



Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org

# Giving as Part of Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Souls PO Box 16613 Seattle, WA 98116

Visit 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

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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