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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?

visit [allsoulsseattle.org](http://allsoulsseattle.org) for the latest

## All Souls Kids + Youth

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

## How can I serve?

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It is mainly the deeds of a love so noble that lead many to put a brand upon us.

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# Order of Worship

ORDINARY TIME / OCTOBER 29 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.*

## Call to Worship

## One Thing I Have Asked (Psalm 27)

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

*words adapted music Nathan Partain (2017)*

The Lord is my salvation and my light  
Whom shall I fear  
He is my refuge and my strong defense  
If foes rise up against me they will fall  
Though war surrounds me  
Yet my heart in Him is confident

In the day of trouble he will hide me  
He will shelter me  
Under the cover of his tent  
He will lift me high upon a rock  
Above my enemies  
In victory he lifts my head / *chorus*

STANDING

*chorus*

One thing I have asked the Lord  
That I will seek  
That I may dwell within his house  
To be with him  
All my days to gaze upon his beauty  
And to find new joys in him  
Whose glory has no end  
Whose glory has no end

In your mercy hear my cry  
Your dear presence do not hide  
Though mother father may forsake  
The Lord will take me in  
The Lord will keep me safe  
  
I believe that I shall look upon  
The goodness of the Lord  
Among the land of those who live  
Wait upon the Lord be strong  
And let your heart take courage  
And do not doubt but wait for him / *chorus*

**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.

*from* Psalm 136, CEB

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the God of all gods—

**God's faithful love lasts forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of all lords—

**God's faithful love lasts forever.**

Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders—

**God's faithful love lasts forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven—

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

*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.*

## Let This Heart Not Wander

*words and music Young Oceans (2016)*

Let my eyes see nothing (x2)  
But Your glory my Lord  
Let my eyes see nothing (x2)  
But Your glory my Lord

Let this heart not wander (x2)  
From Your mercy my Lord  
Let this heart not wander (x2)  
From Your mercy my Lord

May I always linger (x2)  
In Your presence my Lord  
May I always linger (x2)  
In Your presence my Lord

I will ever praise You (x2)  
You are worthy my Lord  
I will ever praise You (x2)  
You are worthy my Lord

## Establish the Work of Our Hands

*words and music The Porter's Gate (2017)*

If You don't build it we labor in vain  
Without Your Spirit  
We stand with no strength  
I know my life is passing away  
But the works of Your hands  
Are what will remain  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

*chorus*

O Lord establish the work of our hands  
O Lord establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number  
The length of our days  
Pour out Your power  
We'll pour out Your praise  
Teach us to run to finish the race  
For only what's done  
In love will remain  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

*chorus*

Hallelujah

## Confession

**Almighty and most 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 offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

**and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*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

1 John 2:1-2

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

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

May 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 His kingdom and keep us upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of Community

### the Reading

*It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.*

Exodus 22:21-27

21 “Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

22 Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. 23 If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. 24 My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.

25 If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest. 26 If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, 27 because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.”

James 2:14-26, CEB

14 My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? 15 Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. 16 What if one of you said, “Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!”? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? 17 In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

18 Someone might claim, “You have faith and I have action.” But how can I see your faith apart from your actions?

Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action. 19 It's good that you believe that God is one. Ha! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble with fear. 20 Are you so slow? Do you need to be shown that faith without actions has no value at all? 21 What about Abraham, our father? Wasn't he shown to be righteous through his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 See, his faith was at work along with his actions. In fact, his faith was made complete by his faithful actions. 23 So the scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and God regarded him as righteous. What is more, Abraham was called God's friend. 24 So you see that a person is shown to be righteous through faithful actions and not through faith alone. 25 In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute shown to be righteous when she received the messengers as her guests and then sent them on by another road? 26 As the lifeless body is dead, so faith without actions is dead.

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

Matthew 22: 34-40

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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

## Homily

The Implanted Word  
Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett

## Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

*We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act of obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. You can share prayer requests to [prayer@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:prayer@allsoulsseattle.org). If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us. Music by The Porter's Gate (2017).*

**Lord, have mercy (x4)**

**Holy Spirit rest upon us**

**Lead us in the way of your justice**

**Holy Spirit rest upon us**

**Teach us how to serve in our weakness**

*Prayer for New Horizons youth shelter in Belltown*

**Lord, have mercy (x4)**

*Prayer for Westside Neighbors Shelter (at the American Legion building in West Seattle)*

**Lord, have mercy (x4)**

**Holy Spirit rest upon us**

**Lead us in the way of your justice**

**Holy Spirit rest upon us**

**Teach us how to serve in our weakness**

## Baptism

Torin Robert Eckert

*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 Torin, 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 THE FAMILY

Will you by your prayers and witness help Torin to grow into the full stature of Christ?

***We will, with God's grace.***

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

***We do.***

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

***We do.***

Do you repent of your sin?

***We do.***

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

***We do.***

Do you renounce the Enemy and all evil?

***We do.***

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

***With God's help, we will.***

FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Torin in his life in Christ? **We do.**

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

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

**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 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

WELCOME + PRAYER

Friends, with applause, let's welcome the newest member of Christ's Church, Torin Robert Eckert!

Lord Jesus, **who embraces children with the arms of mercy, and makes them living members of your Church, give Torin 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!**

## Grateful Giving

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:2).





## Communion

### 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, 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  
ex - cel - sis, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in  
ex - cel - sis.

### BREAK BREAD

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

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

### DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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

## It's God Who Saves

*words and music by Nathan Partain (2013)*

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

*chorus*

And oh what joy and bliss  
To enter Sabbath rest  
It's God who saves not I  
It's God who justifies  
He calls he makes holy  
It's God who saves not I  
It's God who saves not I  
It's God who is my life

All I bring is nothing  
It's God who saves not I

Christ came to me who hated God and was bent to chaos  
And served destruction  
In love he died and paid my pardon  
And then he raised me with him in union  
A wretch adopted triune affection  
Eternal power and love unyielding / *chorus*

If my salvation to me was trusted  
If we must hold fast or keep love fervent  
I'm lost already my love unsteady  
But once redemption is won its finished  
his sure deposit his steadfast Spirit  
From grace beginning to grace unending / *chorus*

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.**

## It Is Well

*words Horatio Spafford (1873) music Philip Bliss (1876)*

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

*chorus:* It is well with my soul  
It is well it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet  
though trials should come

Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for my soul / *chorus*

My sin O 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*

## Benediction

1 Thessalonians 3:12, The Message

May the Lord pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you. **Amen.**

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

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

**Picture Day:** Alyssa Reeve, who you may or may not know as a talented photographer, is available to take a portrait of you and/or your crew **November 5** before and after the service. We'd like to use the portraits in our very first church directory to better connect and know each other as a church family.



**Second Sunday Suppers:** Join us on **November 12** for our new monthly tradition of community feasting after worship. Sign up to bring food using the QR code.

**Co-Work Fridays:** Bring your work to the All Souls' Upper Rooms on **Fridays starting at 8:15a**. Stay or drop in. A call room is available. Coffee + lunch are provided at Noon with a short midday prayer. Happy Hour (and ping pong) begins at 3p. Invite a colleague or friend! Want to help and serve as a host? Have questions? Contact R.J. (rj@).

## Serve Together

**Thanksgiving Dinner for Unhoused Neighbors.** We're partnering with the West Seattle Food Bank to serve a Thanksgiving dinner at the Westside Neighbors Shelter (housed at the American Legion building) on Thursday, November 23rd at 6:30pm. Interested in cooking, baking, setting up, please contact (kara@).

**Assisting asylum-seeking neighbors.** If you have flexibility to make a new friend as you drive them to an immigration appointment or have opportunities to assist with employment and housing, please contact R.J. (rj@).

## Group Life

### Home Groups —

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community—a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. See page 9 or contact R.J. (rj@) to learn more.

### Grace Groups

#### Women's Book Study — on Fridays, 9:30a

Alissa Moor and Lydia Peterson are co-leading a study by Jen Wilkin, *None Like Him*, exploring ten attributes of God. We will meet **most Friday mornings through December 15 9:30-11:00a** (not meeting on public school holidays). For childcare, email: [alissamoore@gmail.com](mailto:alissamoore@gmail.com) or [lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com).

#### Grace Groups @Work

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

#### Grace Group @Home

Join a conversation centered on Justin Early's book *Habits of the Household* (contact [info@](mailto:info@) to learn more).

### Youth Group

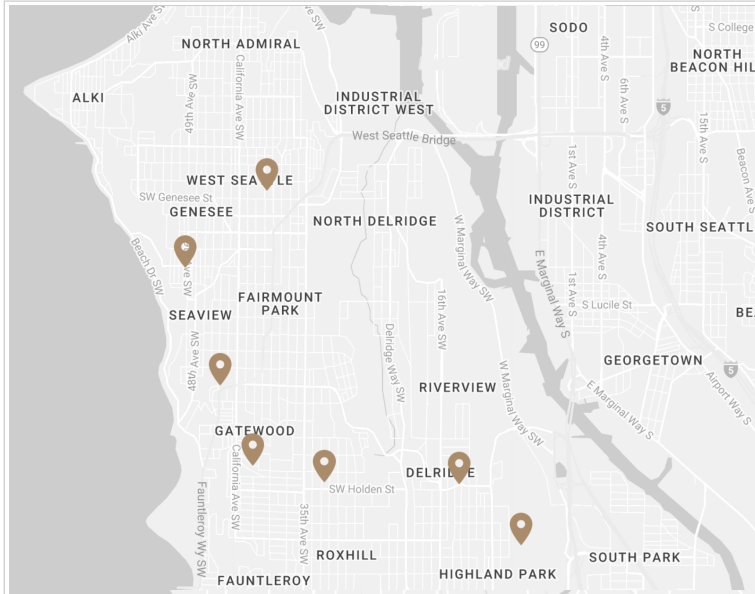
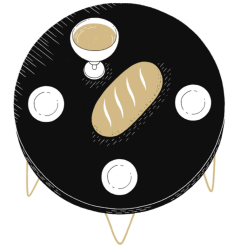
**8th-12th grade-** Youth group **Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00p Trinity West Seattle**. Dinner provided.

**6th-7th grade-** Meet for Sunday school during the sermon **October 29, Nov 5, Nov 19. (No class Nov 12)**

**Upcoming:** High school students serve dinner at the Westside Neighbors Shelter **Nov 2nd 5:30pm**

# 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**  
mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## GATEWOOD - NORTH

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

## GATEWOOD - SOUTH

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

## HIGHLAND PARK - EAST

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

## HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

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

## SEAVIEW

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

## WESTWOOD

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

To connect with one of these groups,  
visit: [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](https://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)



# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

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



## Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have four classes: Lion Class (PreK-K), Deer Class (1st-2nd grade), Bear Class (3rd-5th) and Zebra Class (6th-7th). All classes meet downstairs. Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

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

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

Nursery provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. 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. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

*What will they be learning?*

Children ages PreK through 7th grade will be learning about Jesus and the big story of the gospel through lessons from the Dwell Curriculum. Lessons include story, prayer, and fun activities. Classes are designed to be engaging for all children, whether this is their first or hundredth Sunday at church!

*Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each Sunday we encourage parents to ask children questions about what they learned! Perhaps these questions may help guide your discussion:

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

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



Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case  
suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org

## Giving as Part of Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Souls  
PO Box 16613  
Seattle, WA 98116

- ▶ 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.*

*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.*

**Fiscal Year 2022** ended this September (net -\$140k) // **Fiscal Year 2023** began this October (projecting \$40k surplus) as we hope to see All Souls this year grow in organizational health, wisdom, and listening to God. Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,300/month and September giving was \$61,300 this month (net \$17,000).

# All Souls

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Kara Nichols Barrett, *deacon*  
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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