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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 space to begin, or begin again, 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 )

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this life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road.

Martin Luther

# Order of Worship

ORDINARY TIME / NOVEMBER 19 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 simply to be together. This a space to begin — or begin again — 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 and music by Nathan Partain (2017)*

STANDING

The Lord is my salvation and my light  
Whom shall I fear  
He is my refuge he's 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*

*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 x2

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.

Psalm 90:1-2, 17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
**yes, establish the work of our hands.**

*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.*

## Come to the Water

words adapted from *Isa 55* music by Matt Maher (2006)

O let all who thirst  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who have nothing  
Let them come to the Lord  
Without money without price  
Why should you pay the price  
Except for the Lord

And let all who seek  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who have nothing  
Let them come to the Lord  
Without money without strife  
Why should you spend your life  
Except for the Lord

And let all who toil  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who are weary  
Let them come to the Lord  
All who labor without rest  
How can your soul find rest  
Except for the Lord

And let all the poor  
Let them come to the water  
Bring the ones who are laden  
Bring them all to the Lord  
Bring the children without might  
Easy the load and light  
Come to the Lord

## Steadfast

words and music Sandra McCracken (2016)

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

*chorus*

You are steadfast steadfast

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

I will not trust in the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice  
Hallelujah to the Lamb / *chorus*

In the moment of emptiness  
All was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness  
Your light was revealed  
In the presence of death  
Your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness  
You are still God / *chorus*

## Confession

*adapted from* The Collect for Purity

### **Almighty God,**

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hid:**

**including our fear of the future which drives out love for our neighbors.**

*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.*

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Merciful Lord,

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Let's acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.*



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

Romans 5:1, 8; Col 1:13-14

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Therefore since we have been justified through faith,  
we have peace with God through our lord Jesus Christ.

In Him and through Him, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

## Blessing for Learning

*Students head to their classrooms where they can learn in a fun and age-appropriate way.  
(See page 10 for more specific dismissal directions.)*

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.

**Help us all to become learners.  
Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.**

*Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word. Music: Verses "Isaiah 40:8" (2023)*

**The grass withers, the flower fades  
But the word of our God will stand forever**

## 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.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

- a time to embrace and  
a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

9 What do workers gain from their toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

James 4:13-5:6

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. 17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 6:19-24 (The Message)

19 "Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

22-23 "Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a musty cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!

24 "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

What time is it?

Rev. R.J. March

## Musical Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

*from Psalm 121*

*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.*

*I will raise my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He who watches over you will not slumber.*

God in heaven, we join the psalmist and ask for a renewing sense that you are the source of help and protection we need: in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our city, in our nation.

Maker of all things, who does not sleep but is ever present and attentive, be near to us as we work, as we play. May we learn to be a well-rested people as we grow in our trust for your vigilant care. At night, by your grace, may our worrying cease as we sleep and discover rest in you. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun will not beat down on you by day, nor the moon by night. (Psalm 121:5-6)*

Lord of all, we need you to be our protector— of our minds, of our habits, of our bodies; of our children's bodies. We pray for speedy healing for all who are sick. We pray for endurance for all who give care to those who are ill. We pray for shade: for you to provide us with relief from the intensity of life.

We pray too for those who have no where to call home, particularly recent refugees and asylum seekers. We pray too for our unhoused friends at the Westside Neighbors Shelter. Please teach us to extend your protective care, even as we receive it. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in  
From this time and forever.*

Holy Spirit, Lord of new life and keeper of souls, lift our gaze. Let us see more than our own wants and needs— allow us to see beyond them; beyond a small vision for who we could and can be for others. Untether us, Spirit, from self-serving lives and call us again into a life given to enjoyment and extension of your kingdom, which is here and coming. Make us instruments of your peace, signposts of hope, and living examples of what your grace can do. May we bear witness. Make our joy and our love a signal to those nearest us, who ache to know there is more that is real and underway than can be seen. We lift our eyes to you, O Lord, from whom our help comes. **Amen.**

## Grateful Giving

*from 1 Timothy 6:18-19*

Be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way you will lay up treasure for yourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that you may take hold of the life that is truly life.





## Communion

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

### 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.*

### 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 - èd 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.**

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

# We Shall Sing

words and music by Nathan Partain (2016)

We shall sing with hearts on fire  
We shall rise and not be ashamed  
We shall look and all be radiant  
We shall see him face to face  
Though we wait  
the garden groaning  
cut down by greed used up bereft  
What death has taken or curse has ruined  
Jesus has turned upon its head

*chorus*

We shall sing with hearts on fire  
Yes we shall rise and not be ashamed  
Oh we shall look and all be radiant  
For we shall see him face to face  
The whole world of despair is not worth  
Being compared to what we shall see

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.**

# Amazing Grace

words John Newton (1779) traditional tune

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Though we outwardly seem  
To be wasting away  
Instead inwardly we  
Are more new day by day  
Though we don't see Him now  
Yet our hearts still believe  
And our hope cannot die  
Till our joy is complete

And so we wait the children hunger  
The weak enslaved the voiceless poor  
Though weeping lasts  
Throughout this long night  
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn

*/ chorus*

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there  
Ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

# Benediction

2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

*Scripture appears in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the 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

**All Souls Orientation + Membership:** *TODAY* following worship — learn more about All Souls especially if you are interested in membership. There is an invitation to join All Souls membership at the conclusion of the orientation, but you do not have to be interested in membership to attend and learn more.

**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@).

**Wreath Making** on **Wednesday November 29th at 6:30p**. All ages welcome! Kid's craft will be available. Make one to keep, make one to give to a neighbor, and invite them to our joint Christmas Eve service with Trinity. RSVP to Alyssa (Alyssa@)

**Youth Skate party** on **Sunday Nov 26th 6pm**. Bring a snack to share and friends! Ages 6th-12th grade. Southgate Roller skating rink.

## Serve Together

**Get to know unhoused neighbors.** If you are interested in preparing a meal or serving, please contact Kara (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: [alissamoor@gmail.com](mailto:alissamoor@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).

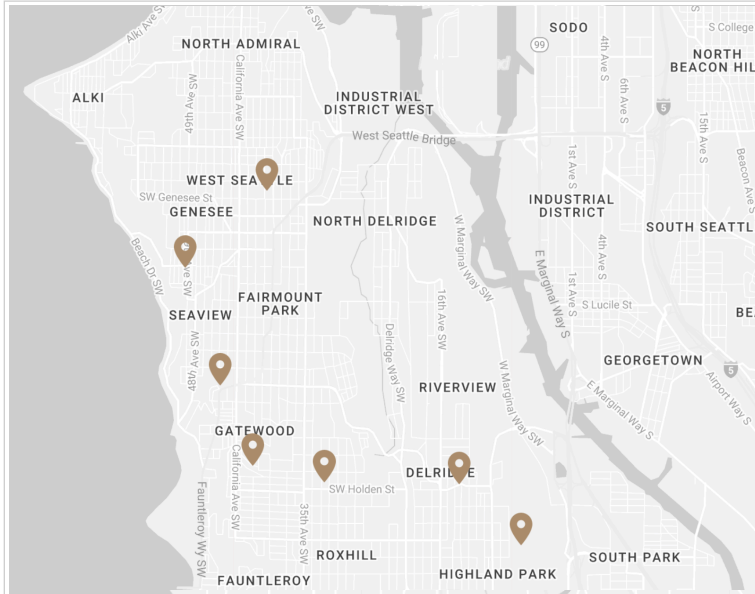
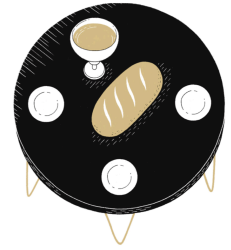
### Youth Group

**8th-12th grade-** no youth group Wednesday Nov 22

**6th-7th grade-** Meet for Sunday school during the sermon **November 19th**.

# 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

## 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 - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
indoors, 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.

Lion and deer classes meet teachers at the back of the sanctuary. Bear and Zebra classes meet your teachers at the front of the sanctuary. Look for the clipboard with your class animal!

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

## 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 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. October giving was \$51,099 (net \$6,799).

# 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