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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?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

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

## How can I serve?

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Gratitude is how we embrace beauty without clutching it so tightly that we strangle it.

Tish Harrison Warren

# Order of Worship

ORDINARY TIME / NOVEMBER 26 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

Psalm 100

*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 Evan Wilson (2019)*

STANDING

Shout for joy unto the Lord all the earth	For the Lord (the Lord) is good
Come before him with your songs	And his love (his love) endures
Songs of joy	Forevermore
Enter in his gates with thanks	(The Lord) is good
Praise his name	And his love (his love) endures

*from Psalm 145*

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**I will praise your name forever, Lord!**

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness!

**I will praise your name forever, Lord!**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

**I will praise your name forever, Lord!**

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**I will praise your name forever, Lord!**

**Bold** text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

*If you, or someone with you this afternoon, has special needs we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.*

*Please introduce yourself and let us know how we can support you best.*

## Acclamation

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

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

## All Creatures of Our God and King

words St. Francis of Assisi (1225) tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN arr The Sing Team (2017)

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh Praise Him Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*chorus*

Oh praise Him oh praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia  
  
Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him Alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice / *chorus*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him Alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One  
*/ chorus*

Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One  
Oh praise Him Alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One  
*/ chorus*

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

words Thomas Chisholm music William Runyan (1923)

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*chorus*

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy and love / *chorus*

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside / *chorus*

## Confession

We thank you, O God  
for the manifold gifts you have given to us.

**And yet we confess to you  
that we have often taken for granted  
your grace and goodness toward us.**

Scott Aniol

*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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**We have delighted in the gifts  
rather than in the Giver.  
We have praised ourselves  
for what we have accomplished  
rather than acknowledging that all good things  
come from you.  
Forgive us in your mercy, Lord,  
and grant that we might be truly grateful  
for all that you have given to us  
through Jesus 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.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ me.

## Receiving of Grace

Anglican Church of Kenya Book of Common Prayer

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

**Thank you Father, for forgiveness!**

## Blessing for Learning

*Childcare in the Giraffe classroom is provided today for children ages 1-3, and the Lion class (PreK-K) will meet today. Students 1st grade and older will remain in the service.*

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 by Rain for Roots (2014).*

**Open up our ears to listen, open up our eyes to see.**

**Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.**

**Pull the blinds. Open wide all the windows. Fill our hearts with the light of your truth.**

## 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.*

### Deuteronomy 8:11-18a, CEB

11 But watch yourself! Don't forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commands or his case laws or his regulations that I am commanding you right now. 12 When you eat, get full, build nice houses, and settle down, 13 and when your herds and your flocks are growing large, your silver and gold are multiplying, and everything you have is thriving, 14 don't become arrogant, forgetting the Lord your God: the one who rescued you from Egypt, from the house of slavery; 15 the one who led you through this vast and terrifying desert of poisonous snakes and scorpions, of cracked ground with no water; the one who made water flow for you out of a hard rock; 16 the one who fed you manna in the wilderness, which your ancestors had never experienced, in order to humble and test you, but in order to do good to you in the end. 17 Don't think to yourself, My own strength and abilities have produced all this prosperity for me. 18 Remember the Lord your God! He's the one who gives you the strength to be prosperous in order to establish the covenant he made with your ancestors.

### James 5:13-20

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. 19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Matthew 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Musical Interlude

*Where do you see God's goodness in the world?*

*When have you recently experienced God's care and kindness in your own life?*

## Litany of Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, Lord.**

*What gift would you like to say "thank you" to God for? You are invited to stand and offer a prayer of thanks out loud.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## Grateful Giving

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.





## 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!"

# Down By the Riverside / Walk in the Light of God

words and music by Evan Wilson

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside x3  
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield

*chorus*

I ain't gonna study war  
I ain't gonna study war  
I ain't gonna study war no more x2

I'm gonna follow the prince of peace  
Down by the riverside x3  
There is love for my enemies / *chorus*

Brother lay all your violence down  
O sisters who pray for peace  
Come to the riverside x3

Come let us walk in the light of God x4

Nations will not take up the sword  
Nor will they train for war x4

Come let us walk in the light of God

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.**

## The Song of Blessing

words and music Sara Groves (2017)

May God give you eyes to see  
All that is good all that is good  
The courage for anything  
May you be strong may you be strong

May God give you ears to hear  
His loving voice his loving voice  
Speaking all around you  
All around and deep inside

## Benediction

*from Psalm 34:8*

May you taste and see that the Lord is good. **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!**

*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

**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 TODAY AT 6P** — Bring cash for the snack bar and friends ages 6th-12th grade to the Southgate Rollerskating Rink (on 16th Ave SW in White Center).

**Singers for Advent Vespers Needed** Those interested in singing in a small vocal ensemble are invited to rehearse **Sunday December 3rd at 3p** in the commons. The group will be providing vocal music for the three Wednesday Advent Vespers, December 6, 13, and 20. For more information contact Tim Moore (timmo7631@gmail.com).

## 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 or 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), for education (contact Tyler, tylerashby@gmail.com), to start a new group (contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org)

### Grace Group @Home

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

### Youth Group

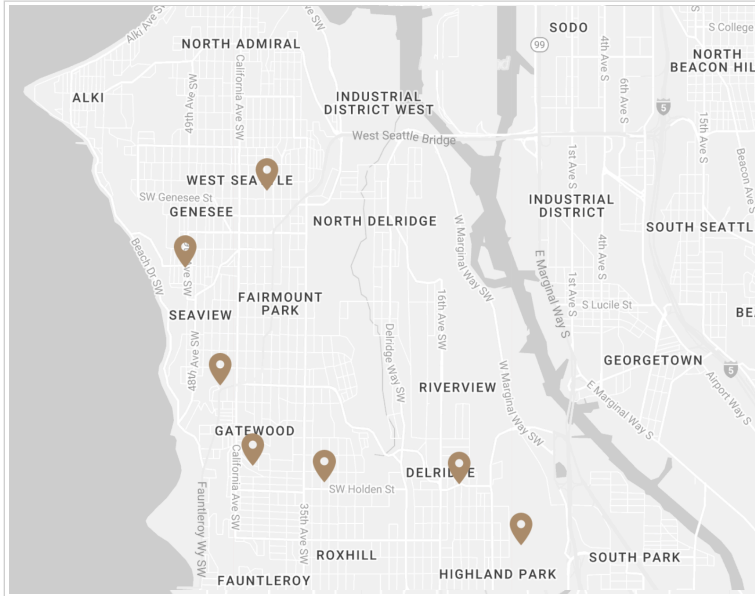
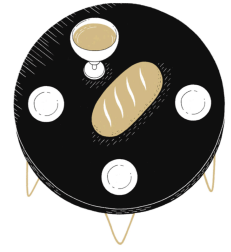
**8th-12th grade**-Join the All Souls Community for wreath making on **Nov 29**.

**6th-8th grade**- Village Green on **Tuesday November 28th**.

**Upcoming:** Joint youth Christmas Party with Trinity and Grace Seattle youth groups. **December 15** at Trinity.

# 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

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*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