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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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this is the world you give us in which to serve,  
to work in the Household of Love  
until all is transformed.

Steve Garnqas-Holmes

# Order of Worship

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*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 30

*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.*

*adapted by Drew Thompson and melody by Tim Parsley, BYOSong (2023)*

You raised me from despair	My way is clear with you
You healed my broken soul	In you my path is found
Brought joy anew, gave peace in full	I stand firm in your sight
Your love is unending Lord	In you my joy abounds
These tears may last for a night	I will not be shaken
But your favor lasts for a lifetime	For you are my refuge Lord
I will not be silent, Lord	You are my courage in darkness
Yes, I'll sing a new song	And my calm in storm / <i>chorus</i>

*chorus* Joy comes in the morning (2x)

You are faithful (2x)

## Lighting the Advent Candle

*based on* Isaiah 9:2 and 7:14; Matt. 1:23

*Each Sunday in Advent, we light a candle on this wreath as a sign of the coming light of Christ, the hope that breaks apart the darkness and rescues the world.*

Hear the word of the Lord:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.**

The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,

**and he shall be called Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'**

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*from* The Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

STANDING

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

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

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

# Our Salvation Is Bound Up Together

*words and music Paul Zach and Brendan Jamieson (2022)*

Our salvation is bound up together (3x)      In our laughter  
As we walk through this wilderness      we share joy together (3x)  
As we walk through this wilderness      As we walk through this wilderness

When one suffers we feel it together (3x)  
As we walk through this wilderness      *chorus*

*chorus* No man, no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord (2x)

## Messiah

*words and music Bifrost Arts (2009)*

*chorus* O come O come Messiah      Come Verdant Joy, Alpha, Omega, King  
O come our Hallelujah      Sorrow and toil no longer rulers be  
O sing O sing Hosanna  
O come Messiah, come      *chorus*

## Confession

God of love, you have made a way where a way seemed impossible,  
because with you nothing is impossible, and yet—

we confess:

**we are quick to despair, and be fearful**  
**we are quick to accuse, to blame**  
**and we are slow to trust you.**

*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.*

**We confess that we do not live with anticipation of your fulfilled promises,  
but live hurried, distracted lives, centered on ourselves.**

When, Lord, will we remember that no one desires our good  
and our joy more than you?

**Forgive us, and grant us faith and wisdom.**

**As you did with Mary, enlarge our hearts, that we may trust in your ways.**

*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

*based on Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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

‘The day will come,’ says the Lord, ‘when I will do for my people all the good things I have promised them. In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. **And on that day my people will be saved and will live in peace.**’

God’s grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.

Let us remember the hope of the gospel: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

## Blessing for Learning

*Childcare in the Giraffe classroom is provided today for children ages 1-3. All classes ages PreK-7th meet today.*

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.*

Psalm 80:2, 8-15

2 Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.  
8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
9 You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the land.  
10 The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches.  
11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.  
12 Why have you broken down its walls  
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?  
13 Boars from the forest ravage it,  
and insects from the fields feed on it.  
14 Return to us, God Almighty!  
Look down from heaven and see!  
Watch over this vine,  
15 the root your right hand has planted,  
the son you have raised up for yourself.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:  
3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— 6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Mark 13:24-37

24 “But in those days, following that distress,  
“the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;  
25 the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’  
26 “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.  
28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.  
32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.  
35 “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: “Watch!”

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

Musical Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*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. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us.*

**Come, thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart (x2)**

Father, we thank you for YoungLives Seattle and the teen moms and children this ministry serves. We know this holiday season can bring up a lot of memories and unexpected emotions for these young women. We pray God's nearness will be tangibly felt during this time of year: That they would know your love and light in this season; That hope would be seen in the provision of secure and clean housing, for these families; That hope would be heard in sounds of joyful noise as gifts are given and received.

**I wait, oh wait Oh wait, oh wait  
I'm waiting for my King to come I wait, oh wait  
Oh wait, oh wait I'm waiting for my King to come**

Father, we pray that hope would be felt in healthy pregnancies, babies, and children, in this season of covid, cold, flu, and RSV. That hope would be felt for these moms in renewed rest through the exhaustion and amazing energy spent caring for themselves during pregnancy and for caring for sick children.

Father, we thank you for new coordinator Zoey Montanye... for the mentors and volunteers. We pray they would be the hands and feet of gospel hope, gospel justice, and gospel love for these girls and their families..

Lord we appeal to your abundant provision for YoungLives and these families in this time.

**Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne (x2)**

**I wait, oh wait Oh wait, oh wait  
I'm waiting for my King to come I wait, oh wait  
Oh wait, oh wait I'm waiting for my King to come**

Grateful Giving

Luke 3:10

Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.





## 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.*

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

### 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.**

# We Abide, We Abide in You

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

We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches

We abide, we abide in You  
We abide, we abide in You

Fruit growing from our strength and labor  
Rain on us with grace and favor

We abide, we abide in You  
We abide, we abide in You

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

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.**

# No Distant Lord Have I

*words adapted from Maltbie Babcock music The Gentle Wolves (2020)*

No distant Lord have I, you see  
Like loves across a sea  
Made flesh for me He cannot rest  
Until He rests in me

Brother in joy and pain, you see  
Bone of my bones is He

More intimate and closer still  
He dwells Himself in me

I need not journey far from here  
This dearest friend to see  
Companionship is always mine  
When He makes His home with me (2x)

# 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

**Wednesdays in Advent: Vespers** Join us for midweek, evening prayer featuring choral worship music, a reflection from All Souls' pastoral team, and a piece of art to guide our meditation on the coming — or Advent — of Jesus. **December 6, 13, and 20 from 6:30-7:30p.** Childcare is available.

**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@).

**Second Sunday Supper:** Please stick around after worship next week (12/10) for our monthly meal! Let us know if you plan to bring something via the sign-up genius.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Bring friends, family, and neighbors to a joint Christmas Eve service with Trinity as we team up with our hosts to worship at our usual time of **4p on Sunday, December 24.** Drinks and desserts to follow. **There will not be a Christmas Day service on Monday.**

## Serve Together

**Serve Teen Moms.** We are looking for volunteers to help with the annual YoungLives Christmas Party on the morning of December 16th. Please contact alyssa@ for more information.

**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)

### Youth Group

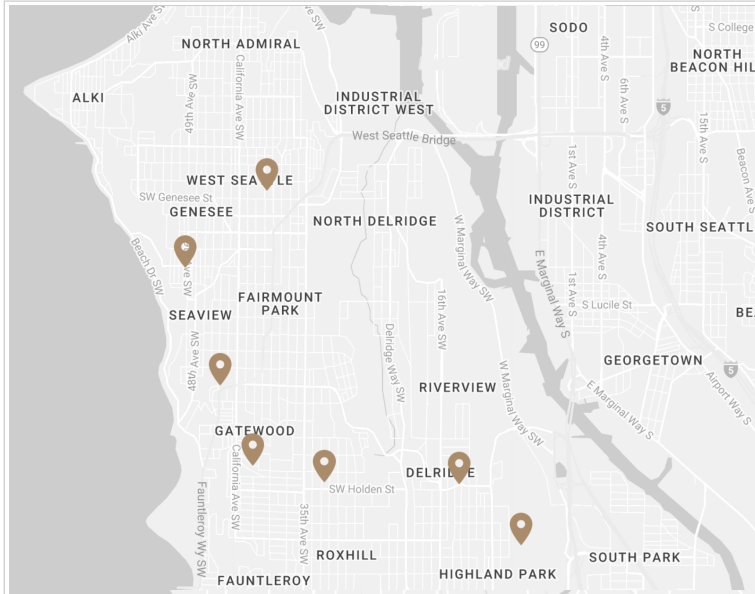
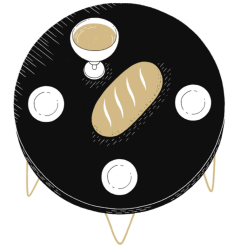
**8th-12th grade-** Youth group resumes January 3rd.

**High School students:** Serve dinner at Westside Neighbors Shelter December 7th

**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

- ▶ 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. November giving was \$27,362.12 (net -\$16,938).

# All Souls

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## PASTORAL

Kara Nichols Barrett, *deacon*  
Suzanne Case, *pastor, kids + youth*  
R.J. March, *rector*

## COMMUNITY / LITURGICAL ARTS / OPERATIONS

Alyssa Reeve  
Kelly Smith

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Jen Eckert, *new*  
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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