



advent

Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

All Souls is a safe place to begin from anywhere.
So let us explore. *Let us worship!*

Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

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

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

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

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

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

How do I get connected?

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All Souls Kids + Youth

allsoulsseattle.org/kids (/youth)

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If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you,' it will be enough.

Meister Eckhart

Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 4 2022



Please help us to be hospitable:

Face covering is optional on the main floor of the building (recommended downstairs). Participate online if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have known exposure to someone who has tested positive.

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

The Church calendar begins anew with the first Sunday of **Advent**. During this season we are called by the Church to remember that Christ came into the world at his birth, and that we are to anticipate that he will come again at his return. In both instances, Jesus comes as a light shining into a world that has been darkened by sin and death. Advent, then, is a word of hope that Jesus has come and is always coming into the darkness to make a way forward.

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

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

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

Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter God's Word, celebrate Communion, and to simply be together.

STANDING

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 130:5-7

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 and music by Rain for Roots (2015)

For you, O Lord,
our souls in stillness wait (2x)
Truly our hope is in You (2x)

O Lord of life, our only hope
Your radiance shines
On all who look, to You in the dark
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts

For you, O Lord,
our souls in stillness wait (2x)
Truly our hope is in You (2x)

O Joy above all other loves
In you we find more than enough
We come as we are, O heal and restore
Come light our hearts

Lighting the Advent Candle

based on Isaiah 9:2; John 1:1-5

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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made;

without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

Acclamation

Our King and Savior now draws near:

O come, let us adore him.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

words by Robert Robinson (1758); music by Ashael Nettleton

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Within Our Darkest Night

words and music by Taizé (1991)

Within our darkest night
You kindle a fire that never dies away
Never dies away

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

BE SEATED

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Sin, in its essence, is a word that means, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives as our loving Creator and Savior.

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on ___ me. *Fine*

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on ___ me. *D.C. al Fine*

Receiving of Grace

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.**

Liturgy of Community

*Following prayer, students are dismissed to their classes downstairs, where they, too, can hear about the love and grace of God in their own language. **Bear Class** (2nd-5th) dismissed from the front, left of stage; **Lion Class** (Pre-k - 1st) dismissed from Sanctuary entrance.*

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.

Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.

STANDING

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

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 24

1 The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.
6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Matthew 3:1-12

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, 2 “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!” 3 He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.”

4 John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

5 People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. 6 As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. 7 Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? 8 Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. 9 And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. 11 I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Be Lifted Up

Rev. Andy Pelander

Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

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

"Instrument of Peace"; words and music by Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Jessica Fox, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach (based on text by St. Francis of Assisi)

Lord, make me an instrument of peace an instrument of peace. (2x)

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love / Where there is darkness, let me sow light
For in the giving, we shall receive / and in the dying, we're given life**

Lord, make me an instrument of peace an instrument of peace. (2x)

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Psalm 139:1-5)

Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:6-12)

Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your
book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:13-16)**

Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.

**Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope / Where there is doubt, let me sow faith
Where there is injury, your pardon give / your consolation to those in pain.**

Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace. (2x)

Grateful Giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.



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!"

Communion

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

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

Musical score for Hosanna in excelsis Deo. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow - er, hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in excelsis Deo. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in excelsis Deo. Ho - san - na in excelsis Deo.

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 Will Feast

words and music by Sandra McCracken 2015

chorus:

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

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up / *chorus*

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength / *chorus*
Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom / *chorus*

STANDING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

words: Latin hymn, tr. John Mason Neale, Henry Sloans Coffin; music: VENI EMMANUEL

O come, o come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee O, Israel

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

chorus

O come, O come, great Lord of might
Who, to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe

chorus

Announcements + Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

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 on-alcoholic grape juice for Communion.

For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: brown rice flour, sesame seeds, potato starch, safflower oil, flax seeds, quinoa seeds, amaranth seeds, chia seeds, millet, tamari soy sauce powder, sea salt).

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

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

Our pastoral staff and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.

Advent

tells the story of how God meets us where we are. Gather, serve, and give this holiday season and save the date to join us for our first Christmas Day Dinner after the 4p Sunday service on December 25. To RSVP and to learn about our mid-week gatherings, kids activities, and more, scan the QR code or pick up an insert:



Group Life

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

Grace Groups

Finance: Join us *today* for dinner following worship and again on December 11 as we discuss finances and the freedom that comes from investing in God's Kingdom. RSVP info@

Grace Groups @Work: Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Living by God's grace is a paradigm shift for all of us, and as such we need community, prayer, and the Holy Spirit's work as we join in what God is doing in and through our vocations. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field. To join, to learn more, or to create a Grace Group @Work for another field, contact R.J. March (rj@).

Coming this winter:

Lord, where are you?: Seeking God in the midst of disappointment, unbelief, waiting, and hurt. Join hosts Rachel and Andy Pelander on four Friday evenings (Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, Mar 3) for dinner and interactive conversation.

We'll explore scripture and learn how to pray in 'wilderness' and lament-filled seasons of life. RSVP andy@

Youth Group

Christmas Party on December 9, 7p at Trinity

Bring a snack/treat to share, a wrapped White Elephant gift (\$5 max), and a friend!

Weekly student gatherings are paused for Advent, and resume Wednesday, January 4, 6:30-8p at Trinity.

MS students meet in the Commons; HS students meet in the youth room. Dinner provided; invite a friend!

Sacred Road Summer Service Trip 2023

A team of youth (13 and older) and adults from All Souls will be returning to Central Oregon to serve the Warm Springs tribe. The dates are July 29-August 5. To reserve your spot, the cost is \$150 pp. Scholarships available. Join us after the service November 27th to learn more, or contact Suzanne Case suzanne@

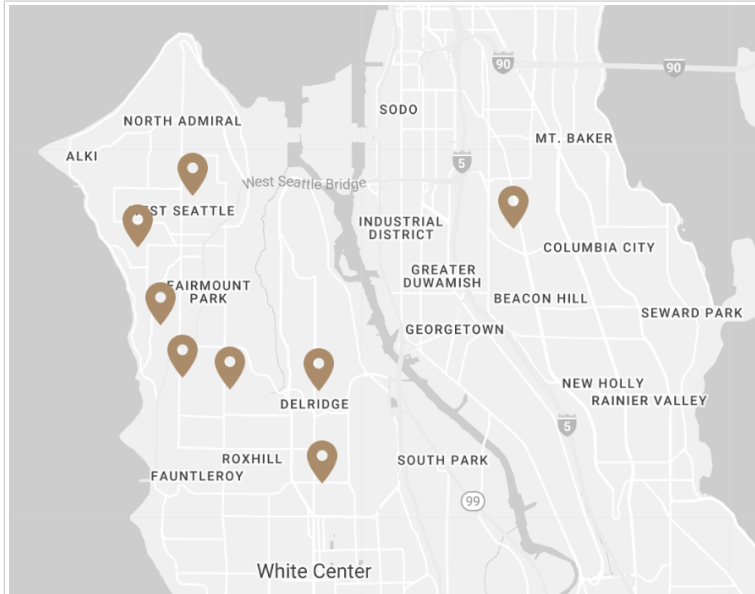
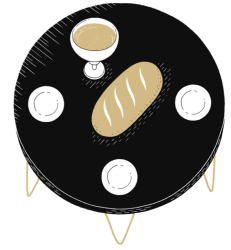
Upcoming Serve Opportunity

December 10th 9am-noon. Youth leaders will be taking a group of middle and high schoolers to the Salvation Army Joyful Toy event where we will sort donations to be given to families in need. RSVP to Suzanne Case to attend!

Parents: Contact Suzanne Case with any questions (suzanne@), and follow us on Instagram ([@allsoulsyouth_parents](https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsyouth_parents)).

Home Group Map + Details

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



ALASKA

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

BEACON HILL

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

GATEWOOD - NORTH

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

GATEWOOD - SOUTH

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

HIGHLAND PARK - NORTH

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

HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

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

SEAVIEW

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

WESTWOOD

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

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



To connect with one of these groups,
visit: 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 two classes: **Lion Class** (PreK-1st grade) and **Bear Class** (2nd-5th grades)—hear them roar! Both classes meet downstairs.

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

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

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

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

House Rules

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

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

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

F.A.Q.

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

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

Can my child stay in the service with me?

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

What will they be learning?

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

Is there an at-home connection?

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

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

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



Additional questions? Contact Suzanne Case
suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org

Giving as Part of Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Souls
PO Box 16613
Seattle, WA 98116

- ▶ Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give (ACH now available)



- ▶ For any assistance or questions about:

Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org

The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

*Amidst one of the longest seasons of challenge most of us have ever experienced, we want to celebrate how God has continually met our community's financial needs. This has allowed All Souls to continue in her mission, entering our eleventh year of worship together, as a church in and for our neighborhood seeking to be a vibrant expression of who God is— gracious, present, hospitable. **We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.***

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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