



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)

How can I serve?

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Grace doesn't sell; you can hardly even give it away, because it works only for losers and no one wants to stand in their line.

Robert Farrar Capon

Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 11 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

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 (based on Luke 1:46-49) and music by Evan Wilson

My soul magnifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God
My soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior (2x)
For he has done great things
For he has done great things for me (2x)

Lighting the Advent Candle

based on Isaiah 9:2; 49:6

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 says, 'You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me.

**I will make you a light to the Gentiles,
and you will bring my salvation
to the ends of the earth.'**

Acclamation

Our King and Savior now draws near:

O come, let us adore him.

His Kingdom Now is Come (Behold! Behold!)

words and music by Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzo Baylor, Brian Nhira

The light shines in the darkness	God of justice,
And the darkness has not overcome (2x)	righteous judge / Behold! (3x)
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	Our Defender,
	Prince of Peace / Behold! (3x)
The valleys will be lifted	Father to the fatherless,
and the mountains will be brought down low (2x)	our strong deliverer / Behold! (3x)
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	He's troubling the water
	and we're marching through
Hear the voice cry from the highway,	Behold! Behold!
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!" (2x)	His kingdom now is come
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now is come	

Messiah

words and music by Bifrost Arts, Robert Heiskell (2009)

O come, O come, Messiah	Come, verdant Joy,
O come our Hallelujah!	Alpha Omega, King,
O sing, O sing Hosannah	Sorrow and toil
O come, Messiah, come	No longer rulers be

Confession

Lord Jesus, we look with hope to the day when grief, sorrow, sin, sickness, and death are no more. For when you return, we will be made whole. But, we confess:

**Our hope in you is obscured by darkness—
we have not trusted you, and your power, and your promise
to bring light in the darkness around us;
to bring light in the darkness within us.**

In anger, we have forgotten your patience toward us. **Lord, have mercy.**
In lust, we have forsaken faithfulness and refused to wait. **Christ, remain faithful to us!**
In gluttony, we have denied our neighbors dignity, de-valuing "them." **Lord, have mercy.**
In sadness, we have forgotten times of joy. **Christ, remain faithful to us!**
In vanity, we have become blind to the people we claim to love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. **Be our light in darkness.**

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

Fine

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on ____ me.

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D.C. al Fine

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

Receiving of Grace

from John 1:5; 1 Peter 2:24; James 5:11

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 light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Let us remember the hope of the gospel: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

Receiving of Members

All Souls is receiving new 'members' today— those who sense God's invitation to make their spiritual home in our church community and are committed to following Jesus and being given to mission with us. They will now publicly declare their need for and reliance on the goodness and grace of God, and commit to faithfully support and align themselves with the mission, values, and work of All Souls.

Formal church membership is not something explicitly addressed by Scripture, much because those among the early Christian movement had no need for anything structural to encourage them to bind themselves to each other in every available way. We encourage membership, because we believe it is a good thing— good to make commitments to stick with one community and call it 'home.' And because it fights against our natural tendency to approach the spiritual life merely as consumers or on an individual basis. But we want people to be convinced in their own minds and hearts about the benefits of membership.

It's often asked whether one can become a member of All Souls even if he/she may not agree with every theological position or practice. The simple answer: Yes. Only the commitments below, affirmed with integrity, are required for membership.

New members:

Erik Bennett	Corey Moraigh
Nicole Bennett	Julie Moraigh
Andy Busz	Cindy Moore
Erika Busz	Tim Moore
Andrew Eckert	Brenna Norwil
Jen Eckert	Anna Scott
Dustin Long	Drew Thompson
Kelley Long	Merilee Thompson
	Wenbo Wei

Membership Commitments:

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior? **I do.**

Will you follow Jesus faithfully and obey his commands throughout your life?
With God's help, I will.

Are you committed to growth in godliness through prayer, study of the Scripture, service, and worship? **I am.**

Will you support our church in her worship and work to the best of your ability, and strive for her purity and peace? **I will.**

Will you pray for our church— for her growth, health, people, and leaders? **I will.**

Will you follow godly leadership, welcoming their care and correction? **I will.**

Will you seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God?
With God's help, I will.

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.

Isaiah 35

1 The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, 2 it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the Lord,
the splendor of our God.

3 Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;

4 say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come,
he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

6 Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

7 The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

8 And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

9 No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,

10 and those the Lord has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Matthew 11:2-9

2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rejoice and Blossom

Rev. Andy Pelander

Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

sung refrain:

Lord, have mercy (4x)
Holy Spirit, rest upon us
Lead us in the way of your justice
Holy Spirit, rest upon us
Teach us how to serve in our weakness

spoken prayer

refrain

spoken prayer

refrain

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.

*Sung words and music by
The Porter's Gate*

Grateful Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



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:



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 - ed 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 Shall Sing

words and music by Nathan Partain, 2016

We shall sing with hearts on fire.
We shall rise and not be ashamed.
We shall look and all be radiant.
We shall see him face to face.

Though we wait, the garden groaning,
cut down by greed, used up, bereft.
What death has taken, or curse has ruined,
Jesus has turned, upon its head.

chorus:

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

Though we outwardly seem
to be wasting away,
Instead inwardly we
are more new day by day.

Though we don't see Him now,
yet our hearts still believe.
And our hope cannot die,
til our joy is complete.

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

chorus

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.

STANDING

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

words by John Newton (1821); music by Sandra McCracken (2012)

chorus:

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
and rule in equity / *chorus*

He comes in succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in His sight / *chorus*

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in His path to birth / *chorus*

The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever,
that Name to us is Love / *chorus*

Announcements + Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God!

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:

Midweek Vespers - Wednesdays, Dec 7, 14, 21 - 6:30p

Serve Teen Moms - Saturday, Dec 17 - Annual YoungLives Christmas Party

Christmas Eve Gatherings - Saturday, Dec 24 - Hosted by our pastors' families

- Barrett home and Case home: 4-7p drop in, with Christmas Eve Liturgy beginning at 6p
- March home: 8:15-9p drop in, with Christmas Eve Songs + Reflection beginning at 8:30p
- Pelander home: 7-8:30p Liturgy, Carols, and Merriment

Christmas Day Worship + Dinner - Sunday, Dec 25 - 4p - **RSVP Now!**

To RSVP and to learn about our gatherings, kids activities, and more, scan the QR code:



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 for part two of our discussion about finances, tithing, and the freedom that comes with generous monetary investment 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. Contact R.J. March (rj@) to join, to learn more, or to create a Grace Group @Work for another field.

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

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!

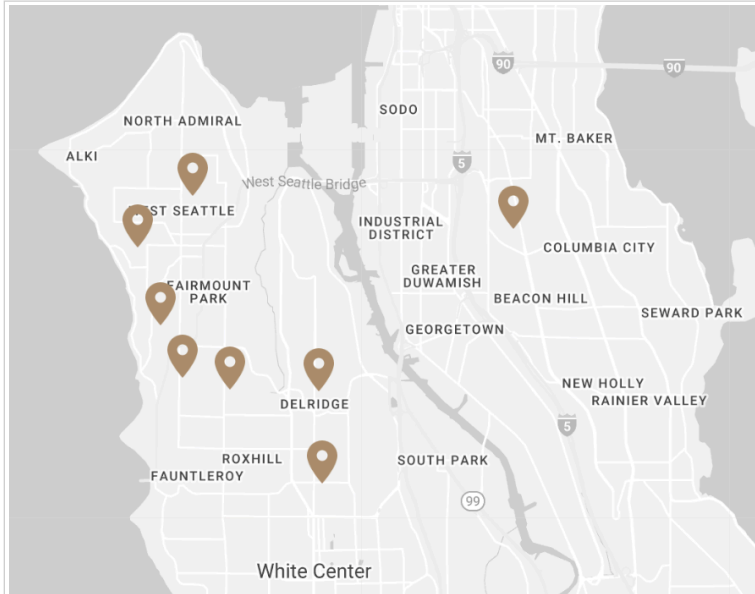
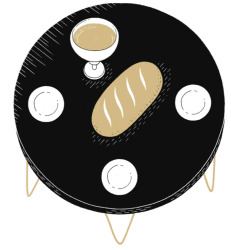
Sacred Road Summer Service Trip 2023

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@

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 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 (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