



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.

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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 )

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But the most astonishing thing about trees is how social they are. The trees in a forest care for each other, sometimes even going so far as to nourish the stump of a felled tree for centuries after it was cut down by feeding it sugars and other nutrients, and so keeping it alive.

Peter Wohlleben  
The secret life of trees

# Order of Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 18 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](http://allsoulsseattle.org/covid) or email [info@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto: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 and music by The Porter's Gate (2020)

Come, O Come  
Be our light  
Drive out the darkness  
Come, Jesus, Come

Come, and end all the violence  
Come, do not be silent  
Come, cling to your promise  
Come, break all injustice  
Come, Jesus, Come

### Lighting the Advent Candle

from Isaiah 7:14; 40:3-5;  
Matthew 1:23; John 1:14

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.

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

#### *first candle*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

#### *second candle*

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son.  
And they shall call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us.

#### *third candle*

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

#### *fourth candle*

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Our King and Savior now draws near:

**O come, let us adore him.**

## Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

words by Charles Wesley and music by Rowland Pritchard (1774)

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.

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.

*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.*

## Canticle of the Turning

words by Rory Cooney (1990) and music from Irish Folk Tune "Star of the County Down"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*chorus*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last  
from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might,  
put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. / *chorus*

From the halls of power  
to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice  
tears every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread,  
ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. / *chorus*

Though the nations rage  
from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word  
that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod  
be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

*chorus*

BE SEATED

# Confession

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.

Merciful Lord, I confess:

**I often spend more time and energy on covering my sin, than confessing it to you;**

**I am often more concerned with my right-ness than reconciliation;**

**I often focus on the faults of others and hide my own iniquity;**

But now,

**I acknowledge my sin to you,**

**I will not hide my iniquity.**

Have mercy on me!

**You alone are my safe hiding place.**

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.

*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

*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.**

# 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 11:1-10

1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—  
3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions  
for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
5 Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.  
6 The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.

7 The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
8 The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand  
into the viper's nest.  
9 They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.  
10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for  
the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting  
place will be glorious.

Matthew 7:24-29

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did

not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Rooted

Rev. R.J. March

## Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

*sung refrain:*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

*spoken prayer*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

*spoken prayer*

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Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

*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 Taizé Community*

## 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:

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 our God, Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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.**

# Holy Mountain

*words and music by John van Deusen (2017)*

Please lead me to Your holy mountain God  
I long to know your glory and your peace  
Please open up my heart and fan the flames  
I long to light the darkest night for you

This world is a hollow shell  
And life, an empty well without you

You are all consuming, never failing love  
Whom do I have? Whom do I have?  
You are all consuming, never failing love  
Whom do I have? Whom do I have but you?

Please lead me to your holy altar God  
So I can taste and revel in your joy  
Anoint my head with holy oil God  
I long to praise your name  
with every breath.

STANDING

# Messiah

*words and music by BiFrost Arts (2016)*

O come, O come Messiah.  
O come our Hallelujah!  
O sing O Sing Hosannah  
O come, Messiah, come.

Come verdant Joy,  
Alpha Omega, King,  
Sorrow and toil  
No longer rulers be.

# 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:

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

**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:** An exploration of Biblical words like "tithes" and "mammon" in search of how God's grace transforms the way we hold our finances towards freedom and generosity. Resources and recordings from the conversations available here:



**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!

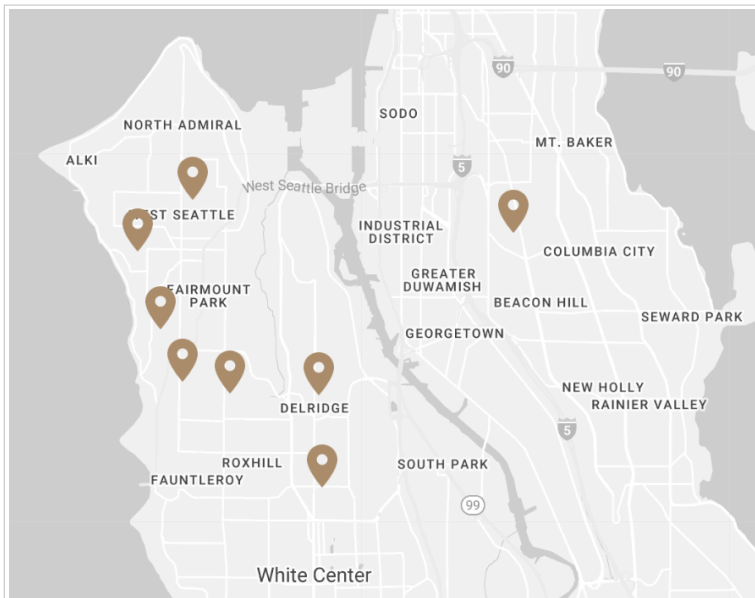
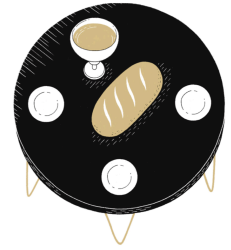
#### Sacred Road Summer Service Trip 2023

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@](mailto:suzanne@)

**Parents:** Contact Suzanne Case with any questions ([suzanne@](mailto: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](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 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](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.*

*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.*

# All Souls

of The Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO)

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Kara Nichols Barrett, *deacon*  
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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