



# Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

All Souls is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere. So let us explore. *Let us worship!*

# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

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

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

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

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

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

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## How do I get connected?

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## All Souls Kids + Youth

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

## How can I serve?

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A tree is a wondrous thing that shelters, feeds,  
and protects all living things. It even offers shade  
to the axmen who destroy it.

Richard Powers

# Order of Worship

EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 2, 2025



*Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter God's Word, celebrate Communion, and simply to be together. This is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere.*

STANDING

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

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

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

## 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 Isaac Watts (1719) and music by GF Handel (1741) arr Lowell Mason (1848)*

Joy to the world the Lord is come	No more let sins and sorrows grow
Let earth receive her King	Nor thorns infest the ground
Let every heart prepare Him room	He comes to make His blessings flow
And heaven and nature sing	Far as the curse is found
And heaven and nature sing	Far as the curse is found
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing	Far as far as the curse is found

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns	He rules the world
Let us our songs employ	With truth and grace
While fields and floods	And makes the nations prove
Rocks hills and plains	The glories of His righteousness
Repeat the sounding joy	And wonders of His love
Repeat the sounding joy	And wonders of His love
Repeat repeat the sounding joy	And wonders, wonders of His love

*from Isaiah 60*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

See, darkness covers the earth  
**and thick darkness is over the peoples,**

but the Lord rises upon you  
**and his glory appears over you.**

Nations will come to your light,  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Then you will look and be radiant,  
**your heart will throb and swell with joy;**

I will make peace your governor  
**and well-being your ruler.**

No longer will violence be heard in your land.

## Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer

The Lord has shown forth his glory: **O come, let us adore him.**

## Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come

words adapted from Isaiah 60 music Jered McKenna (2013)

Arise, shine for your light has come  
And the glory of God is on you  
Arise, see when the earth grows dark  
That the Lord will arise upon you  
The Lord will arise upon you

*chorus* Nations will come to your light  
Lift up your eyes and see  
We'll gather together and come to you  
And your love will be all that we know  
Your love will be all that we know

Arise, come to the open gates  
For the father is welcoming you  
Fear not for the Lord brings peace  
And redemption to all who believe  
*chorus*

The sun will not shine  
'Cause you'll be all the light that we need  
And violence will end  
All the wars that we wage will cease  
(repeat)  
We will glorify your name  
We will glorify your name / *chorus* (2x)

## Nothing

words and music Paul Zach (2024)

*chorus* Nothing can separate us  
From your love (repeat)  
Oh nothing can separate us  
From your love  
Oh nothing can separate us, nothing

Neither life nor death  
Nor the powers that be  
Neither height nor depth  
Nor the pain within me

Neither doubts nor fears  
Of the present or past  
Nothing nothing / *chorus*

Neither guilt nor shame  
Nor the rage in our souls  
Neither pride nor hate  
Nor the lies that we hold  
Neither wounds nor scars  
Nor the shadow they cast  
Nothing nothing / *chorus*

## Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

**We confess that our selfishness and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We avoid or turn away from those who are isolated or in need;  
We are blind to the spiritual complacency and deception in our own lives; and  
We do not seek justice, or peace in our relationships.**

In your mercy, cleanse us;

**renew us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and free, it would be your glory and your light that is most evident in our lives, Jesus.**

*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.*

Take a moment now to silently 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*

*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 Colossians 1:12-14*

*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.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The Father has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Blessing for Learning

*All Souls Kids classes (Lions PreK-1st and Bears 2nd-5th) are dismissed at this time, and will return prior to Communion.*

Lord, bless these children whom you love, as they discover in their own language who you are.

**Give them a sense of being known and loved by you,** and the freedom to come fully as themselves.

Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction.

**Help us all to become learners.**

**Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.**

*Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word.*

*Words William True Sleeper music Greg Thompson and Indelible Grace (2000):*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night**

**Jesus I come, Jesus I come**

**Into Thy freedom, gladness and light**

**Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my sickness into Thy health**

**Out of my wanting into Thy wealth**

**Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss**

**Jesus I come, Jesus I come**

**Into the glorious gain of Thy cross**

**Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm**

**Out of life's storms and into Thy calm**

**Out of distress to jubilant psalm Jesus I come to Thee**

## the Collect(ive Prayer) for the Day

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## 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 84:1-7, 10

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord Almighty!

2 My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

3 Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
a place near your altar,  
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength,  
till each appears before God in Zion.

10 Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my  
God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Malachi 3:1-4

1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Hebrews 2:14-18

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

*Please stand. Just before the gospel reading, the church has traditionally sung a refrain of praise to celebrate God's desire to draw near to us, even becoming one of us taking on our humanity in Jesus Christ.*

*Music by The Porter's Gate (2019)*

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. He is among us. He is among us.** *(repeat)*

**By this the world will know the Father's love. We will know the Father's love.**

Luke 2:22-40

22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel."

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

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

Homily

the Spirit of Consolation

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

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



## Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, You have taught us that your Kingdom is like a seed planted deep within us, growing to bring greater wholeness and healing— making all things new. But often, all we see is the dirt where your promises lie buried. We see the dark clouds overhead; we see the earth that is barren with loneliness, with apathy, and with the suffering of your children aching for your Kingdom that cannot come soon enough.

We pray now for the many ways that we await your wholeness and healing. (silent prayer) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, help us to believe your Word— that we are the soil where your promises lie hidden. You are the firstborn of all creation, and you have called us sons, daughters, and heirs with you. And so together we groan in frustration as we await the green shoots and ripe fruit of your Kingdom. Let them become as real on earth as they are in heaven.

We pray now for the ways our world groans, awaiting your reign of peace. (silent prayer) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, awaken our imaginations to see your work here on earth that is more real than the fears and doubts we experience. Lead your church to where our hands and our words can mend what is broken and heal what is wounded. Give us the eyes of faith to see that day when every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low.

The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and your glory will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. **Lord, let your kingdom come, we pray. Amen.**

## Grateful Giving

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2



## the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## Communion

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

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

*Because All Souls is a church not only for the convinced but also for those journeying toward trust in Jesus, we gladly extend room for you to consider and dialogue.*

*Use the prayers below during Communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

*Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

*Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

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

### INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 - ter - du - ce us,  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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.**

# It's God Who Saves

*words and music Nathan Partain (2013)*

Like all God's prophets, his kings and judges  
Were thieves and killers, adulterous liars  
That he had chosen to show his greatness  
Just like those heroes, by grace he called me  
So dead in my sin it's him I boast in  
I breathe but only through faith in Jesus

*chorus*

And oh what joy and bliss  
To enter Sabbath rest  
It's God who saves not I, it's God who justifies  
He calls, He makes holy  
It's God who saves not I  
It's God who saves not I, it's God who is my life  
All I bring is nothing, it's God who saves not I

Christ came to me who  
Had hated God and was bent to chaos  
And served destruction

In love he died and paid my pardon  
And then he raised me  
With him in union  
A wretch adopted true affection  
Eternal power and love unyielding  
*chorus*

If my salvation to me was trusted  
If we must hold fast or keep love fervent  
I'm lost already my love unsteady  
But once redemption  
Is won it's finished  
His sure deposit, His steadfast Spirit  
From grace beginning  
To grace unending / *chorus*

God Most High, **We thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work. Grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.**

# Amazing Grace

*words and music John Newton (1779), Sandra McCracken (2010)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers  
Toils and snares  
I have already come  
This grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home  
When we've been here  
Ten thousand years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

# Benediction

Acts 2:38-39

You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call. **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 non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).*

**A word to parents:**

*Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the leadership of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any questions about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.*

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

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

## Announcements



**Second Sunday Supper February 9th** after the service. We will be streaming the Super Bowl for the football fans.

Please sign up to bring a dish using the QR code.

**Co-Work Fridays** Bring your work to the All Souls offices the First Friday of each month—save the date for **Friday Feb 7**.

Join us at 8:15a for coffee and stay for lunch, provided for you by All Souls. Bring a colleague or a neighbor who wants to work with you. Meeting rooms provided. Childcare provided from 2:30-5p and happy hour is from 4-5p. Questions? Contact R.J. ([rj@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:rj@allsoulsseattle.org)).

**Women's Bible study** A small group of women have been studying the book of Titus together, meeting mostly **every other Friday at Trinity from 9:30-11a**. Please contact Alissa Moor ([alissamoor@gmail.com](mailto:alissamoor@gmail.com)) or Lydia Peterson ([lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com)) for more information or to arrange childcare.

**Serve dinner at New Horizons youth shelter Tuesday, Feb 11th.** Contact Suzanne Case to join.

## 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 11 for details and contact R.J. March ([rj@](mailto:rj@)) to learn more.

### Youth Group

Youth group meets on **Wednesdays 6:30-8p at Trinity**. Dinner included. All middle and high school students welcome! Contact [Suzanne@](mailto:Suzanne@) for information about youth ministry at All Souls.

**Upcoming:** No youth group on Feb. 19th. Have a wonderful mid-winter break!

Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:



# Confirmation

## What is confirmation?

Confirmation is a “rite” or practice of the church connected to baptism. In baptism, a person receives the Holy Spirit and becomes a member of the family of God. In confirmation, we pray for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, in the life of the baptized person, for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

## Confirmation refers to the rite in which a baptized person

Makes a public confession of faith in Jesus and commits to follow Jesus as Lord;  
Receives a strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for ministry in Church and the world; and  
Renews their baptism vows.

## Strength for Perseverance

Suffering is one of life’s guarantees. Confirmation seeks to equip for that suffering in such a way that with Paul in Romans 5:3-5, we can “know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Confirmation is about maturity that leads to perseverance through a deepening or strengthening of the Christian life.

## Strength for Participation

Confirmation is also about mission or vocation. In baptism, a person is sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. In confirmation, a person is strengthened by the Holy Spirit for following Christ and serving God's kingdom. Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit gives gifts for building up the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7). Confirmation invokes the Holy Spirit’s anointing and blessing on baptized persons for proclaiming the gospel in word and deed. In this regard, confirmation is similar to ordination. It marks a person for service in God’s kingdom.

## Confirmation at All Souls

Confirmation is being introduced into the life of All Souls through our Youth ministry beginning with 8th graders and up. We intend to offer a confirmation cohort every other year for youth. In the future, we hope to offer confirmation to adults who desire the gift of this strengthening rite in their perseverance and participation with God and His coming Kingdom.

## How you can participate

*Pray* for the fourteen youth beginning the confirmation journey, the sponsors (Sonya Luchauer, Kira Brown, Erik Bennett, Wenbo Wei, Tyler Ashby, and Jeff Case) who will companion them, and the leaders (Luke Crook, Suzanne Case, and R.J.) who will teach and facilitate retreats. *Pray* for youth, sponsors and leaders to know more deeply who God is and how God sees and loves us and the world; *To reveal* what community in Christ makes possible; *To help* identify personal ways we can work and serve in God's Kingdom; and *To taste* how meaningful life can be with the support of mentors and friends.



### *Contribute to Meals*

We will be providing meals for each of our evening gatherings, as well as during the on site retreat. Please use the QR code to sign up to help with a meal!

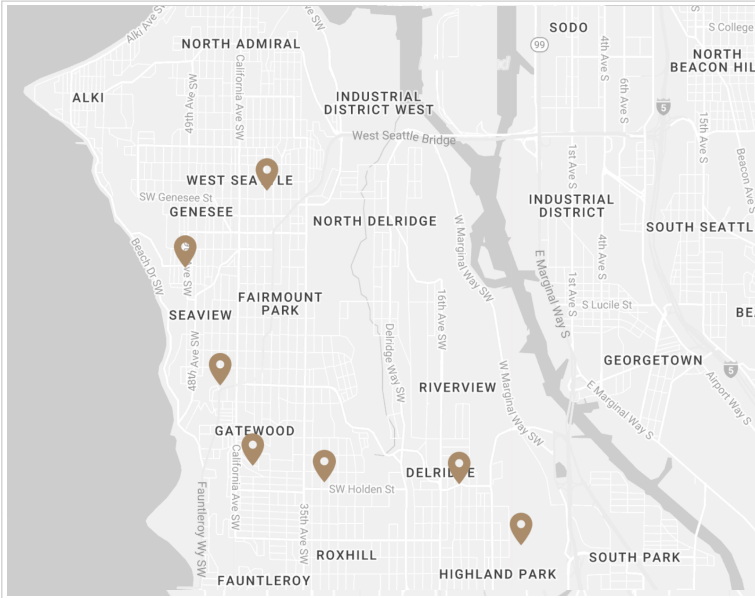


### *Cover Costs*

Each family paid a fee for their youth to cover the cost of the retreat. We are hoping to raise funds through donation to cover the costs of materials and supplies (including a confirmation backpack for each confirmand with books and supplies), and to cover the retreat registration for each adult volunteer attending. The goal is to raise \$2500. Follow the QR code and select “Confirmation” from the drop-down menu to contribute.

# Home Group Map + Details

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



## ALASKA

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

## GATEWOOD - NORTH

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

## GATEWOOD - SOUTH

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

## HIGHLAND PARK - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

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

## SEAVIEW

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

## WESTWOOD

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

To connect with one of these groups,  
visit: [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](https://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)



# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



## Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: Lion Class (PreK-1st grade), and Bear class (2nd-5th).

Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

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

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

Both classes will meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the nursing mother's room as needed, located next to the sanctuary.

## What happens in class

Classes begin with a greeting and lighting of the Christ Candle. Each student is invited to share a response to a question relating to the theme of the lesson.

Next, we dive into the story of the week, followed by discussion. Discussion questions point to God's character, His rescue plan for the world, and the unending hope and love available to us because of Jesus. After the discussion, students participate in a short activity like acting out the story or a simple craft.

This fall, we are practicing prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow! Classes close the prayer time in the Lord's Prayer, together.

After the worship service, children are offered a lollipop as part of the benediction, or blessing. When we hand them the lollipop we say "Peace be with you". The response is "And also with you"

## F.A.Q.

*child protection policies >>*



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

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

*Can my child stay in the service with me?*

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

*What's the curriculum?*

Our lessons follow the big story of the Bible using content from Dwell, the Jesus Storybook Bible, and pastor created content.

*Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each week's scripture passage will be included in the all church email, the Friday prior to class, to give families a heads up about what your child will be learning. Families are encouraged to talk about the story at home by asking children to retell the story and something new they learned about God.

## 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  
7551 35th Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98126

- ▶ Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](https://allsoulsseattle.org/give) (ACH now available)



- ▶ For any assistance or questions about:

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

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

*We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.*

**Fiscal Year 2024/25** began October 1, 2024 with the intention this year to invest in becoming “a countercultural community of the well-rested” through experiencing rest and extending rest to others. You can learn more by using the QR code >> Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,000/month.





# All Souls KIDS!

What's something you  
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR  
EXPLORING  
WHO GOD  
IS TO US!

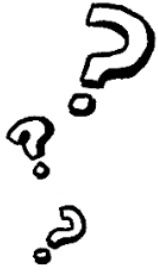
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



AS YOU  
LISTEN...



Draw something that  
inspired your IMAGINATION:



What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask  
your parents or pastors?

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What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask GOD?

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Who do you want, or need,  
GOD to be to you today?

PRAY:

Ask GOD to take  
care of everything you  
need. He always hears  
you, because He loves you!

draw!  
color in!

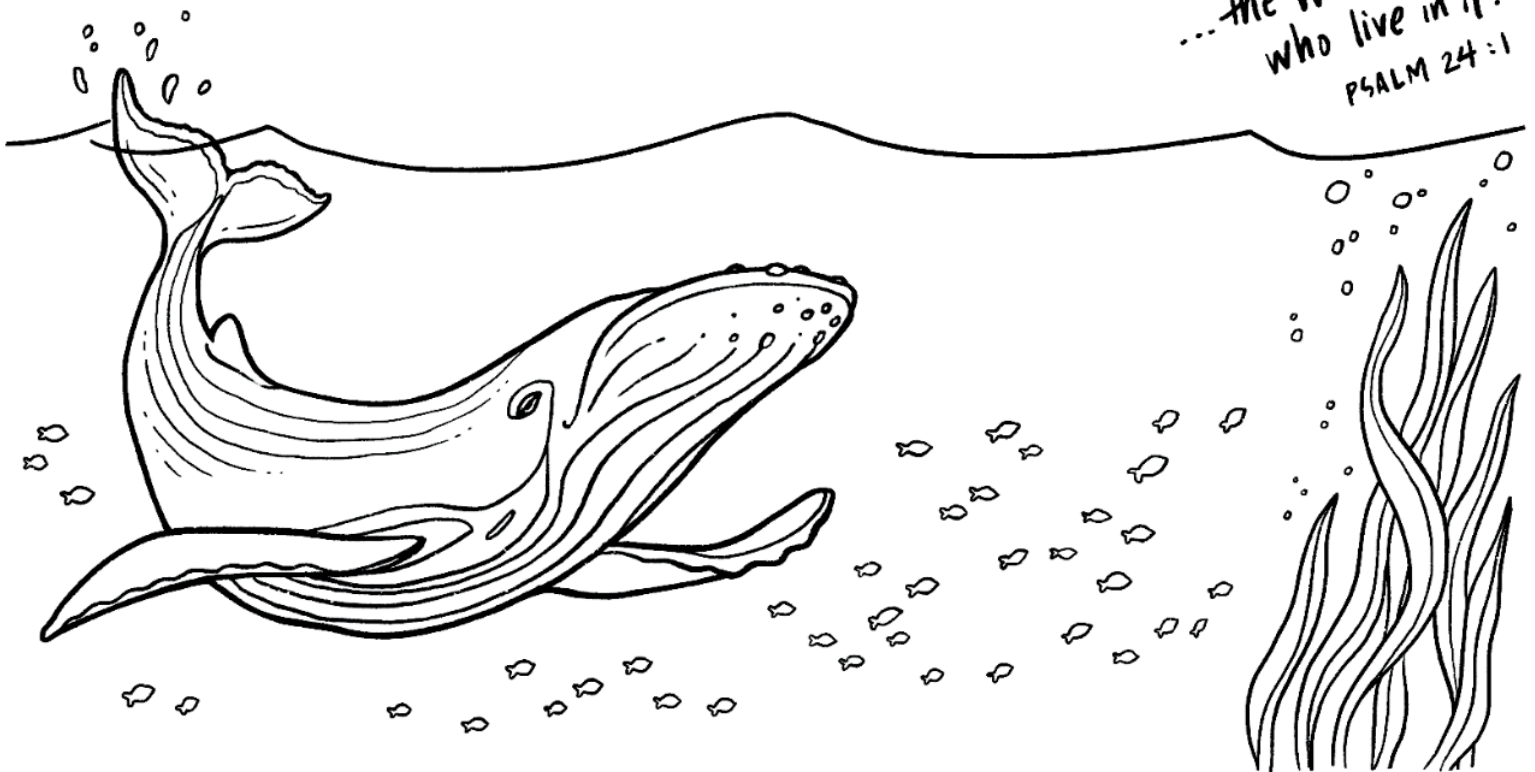
# All Souls KIDS doodle page

for kids  
of ALL ages!



The earth is  
the LORD's,  
and everything  
in it...

...the world and all  
who live in it.  
PSALM 24:1



# All Souls

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

## PASTORAL

Rev. R.J. March, *rector*  
Rev. Kara Nichols Barrett, *priest*  
Suzanne Case, *pastor, community*  
Steve Simmons, *prayer + listening*

## VESTRY

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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