



# 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.

## 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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Outsiders often have an insight that an insider doesn't quite have.

Dianne Abbott





from Psalm 24

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 adapted and music Evan W. Wilson

The earth is the Lord's And everything in it The earth and all who live in it Come now and receive Blessing from the Lord And vindication from our God Lift up your heads (*lift up your heads*) You mighty gates (*you mighty gates*) Be lifted up (*be lifted up*) You ancient doors (*you ancient doors*) That the King of Glory may come in

## 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,

nor ruin or destruction within your borders,

but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day,

nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you,

for the Lord will be your everlasting light,

and your God will be your glory.

Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more;

the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.

# Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer

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

# Glorify Your Name

## written by Alex Peterson (2023)

God of glory we can't help but praise All your works declare that you are holy You are worthy Draw us near under your wings of grace Glorify your holy name *chorus* Glorify your name (x3) Glorify your holy name Holy Spirit fall on us we pray Fill our hearts with joy oh you are holy You are worthy By your power work in mighty ways Glorify your holy name / *chorus* 

Jesus brother, Savior, Prince of Peace Lamb of God enthroned Oh you are holy You are worthy At your table we are whole and free Glorify your holy name / *chorus* 

# Solid Rock

words Edward Mote (1834) music William Batchelder Bradbury (1863)

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*chorus* On Christ the solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil *chorus*  His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood When every earthly prop gives way He then is all my hope and stay *chorus* 

When He shall come With trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Clothed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne *chorus* 

# Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.** 

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.** 

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.** 

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us:

## save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.** 

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.

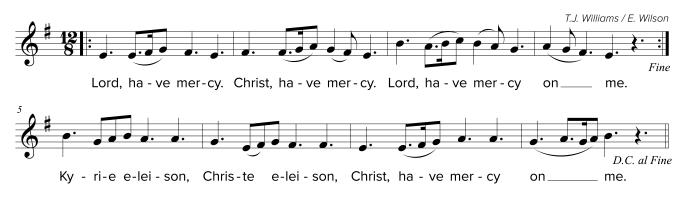
They contain theological richness and focus on God's character and redemptive work. They also lend poetic voice to our deepest emotional expressions: praise and thanksgiving, anger and sorrow, hope and joy.

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.



# Receiving of Grace

### Romans 5:8

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.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# 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. Note: No ASK classes next Sunday Feb. 16th. Lions will be invited to join the giraffe class for a time of play during the sermon.

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

**Give them a sense of being known and loved by you**, and the freedom to come fully as themselves. Bless our teachers, and be present in their every word and interaction.

### Help us all to become learners.

Beloved children, go in peace. Amen.

Please stand and sing as kids go out and we prepare to hear from God's Word. Music: Psalm 1 by Poor Bishop Hooper (2020).

Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who delight in the law of the Lord. Oh the joy, the joy, the joy of those who meditate day and night in the law of the Lord. Let all my delight be only in your sweet and right instruction. (2x)

# 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 71:12-18

12 Do not be far from me, my God;

#### come quickly, God, to help me.

13 May my accusers perish in shame; may those who want to harm me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

14 As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

15 My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long though I know not how to relate them all. 16 I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;

I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.
17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
18 Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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.

21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

24 "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. 32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

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

# Homily

**Beloved** Outsiders

Rev. R.J. March

# Musical Interlude

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

# Prayers of the People

God who listens, we ask you for peace:

Across the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of all who belong to you

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For Steve Wood, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA); for Todd Hunter, our Bishop, of the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others; for our pastors and their families for the clergy, leaders, and people across our diocese (C4SO); and for our Vestry, staff, and entire All Souls family

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially: President Donald Trump, Vice President JD Vance, Governor Bob Ferguson, and Mayor Bruce Harrell

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For our city and every elected official; for educators and civil servants, that they would seek the flourishing of all people

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity

Petitions may be added silently or aloud

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# Grateful Giving

Freely you have received, freely give.

the Peace

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

Matthew 10:8



# Communion

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

#### 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.



#### 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.

# The Lamb Has Overcome

words and music Luke Morton (2011)

The Lamb has overcome (2x) The battle's done and the victory is won For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold Him down (2x) Up from the ground "He is risen!" was the sound No grave could hold Him down

chorus Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Glory be unto His name (2x)

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.

# **Eternal Light**

#### words and music Paul Zach, Joshua Jay Miller and Kate Bluett (2021)

Eternal light shine in my heart Shine in my heart and drive the dark away Eternal hope lift up my eyes Lift up my eyes to see your dawning day Eternal light shine in my heart Eternal hope lift up my eyes (2x) Eternal peace quiet my soul

Quiet my soul like the waters flow Eternal love stand by my side Stand by my side and never let me go Eternal peace quiet my soul Eternal love never let go (2x)

Benediction

At God's right hand is He (2x) Our perfect plea how He lives to intercede At God's right hand is He / chorus

The day is drawing near (2x) He shall appear And will wipe away each tear The day is drawing near / chorus

## You are the same Yesterday today forever (3x)

You never change You have no beginning And you have no end

Eternal light shine in my heart Shine in my heart And drive the dark away

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon 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!

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 today after the service. We will be streaming the Super Bowl for the football fans!

# 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@) 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@ for information about youth ministry at All Souls.

**Upcoming:** Serve dinner at New Horizons youth shelter Tuesday, Feb. 11th. Contact Suzanne Case to join. No group on Wednesday Feb. 19th for 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!

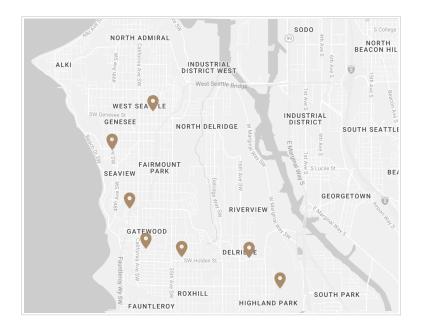


## Cover Costs

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



# 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"

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?

F.A.O.

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 (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

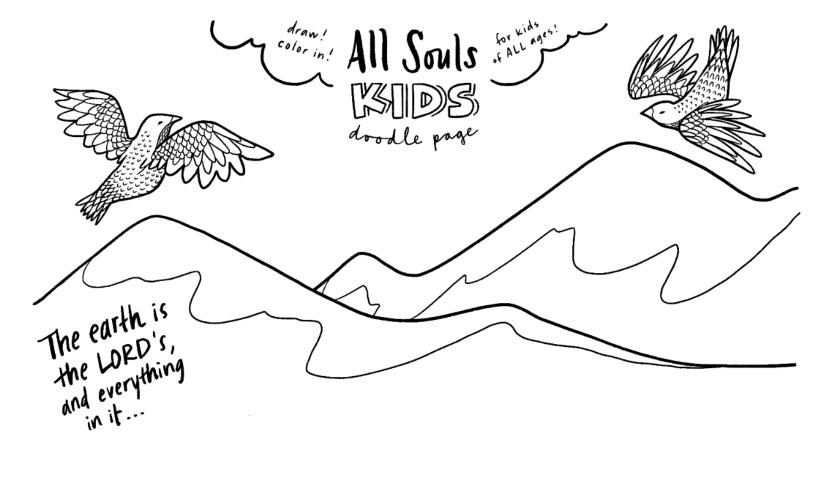
The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel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

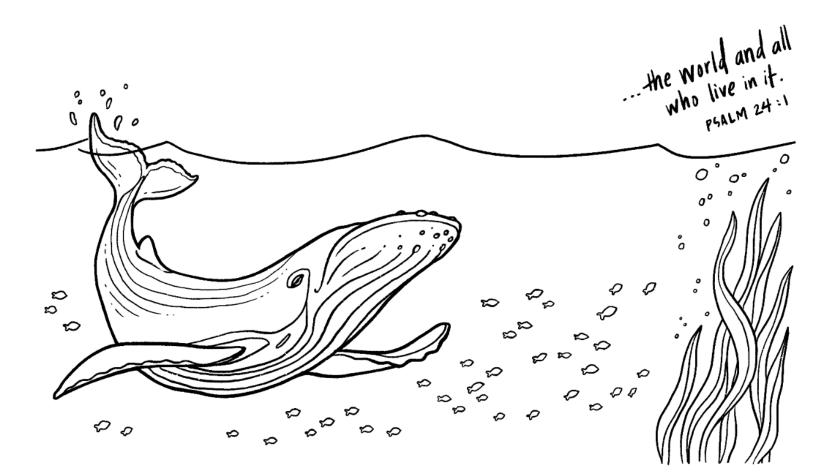
We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.

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 of B --- What's something you --HEARD during worship today? >A GUIDE Did you hear any words that were OP 1, wHO GOD NEW to you? E Draw something that \_ Draw your IMAGINATION. What's ONE guestion you'd want to ask Ð your parents or pastors? What's ONE question you'd want to ask GOD? 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!





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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