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# 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?

visit [allsoulsseattle.org](http://allsoulsseattle.org) for the latest

## All Souls Kids + Youth

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

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MOUNTAINTOPS ARE FOR VIEWS AND INSPIRATION  
BUT FRUIT IS GROWN IN THE VALLEY.

- BILLY GRAHAM

# Order of Worship

EPIPHANY / TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY / MARCH 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.*

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 27*

*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 from Psalm 27 music Nathan Partain*

The Lord is my salvation and my light  
Whom shall I fear?

He is my refuge and my strong defense

Foes rise up against me they will fall

The Lord surrounds me and my heart

In him is confident

One thing I have asked the Lord

That I will seek

That I may dwell within his house

To be with him

All my days to gaze upon his beauty

And to find new joys in Him

Whose glory has no end

*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.**

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.*

## Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer

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

# Holy Holy Holy

words Reginald Heber (1826) music John Dykes (1861)

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy merciful, and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

Holy holy holy, though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea  
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

# Nothing

written by Paul Zach (2024)

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <i>chorus</i>                               | Neither guilt nor shame                  |
| Nothing can separate us from your love      | Nor the rage in our souls                |
|   | Neither pride nor hate                   |
| Neither life nor death                      | Nor the lies that we hold                |
| Nor the powers that be                      | Neither wounds nor scars                 |
| Neither height nor depth                    | Nor the shadows they cast, no nothing    |
| Nor the pain within me                      | <i>chorus</i>                            |
| Neither doubts nor fears of the present     | No, not a thing, nothing can separate us |
| Or past no nothing, nothing / <i>chorus</i> | From your love (repeat) / <i>chorus</i>  |

# Confession

*from* The Anglican Church of New Zealand

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
In what we have thought and said,  
In the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.** *continues....*

*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.*

**We have sinned in ignorance. We have sinned in weakness.  
We have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*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

Ephesians 1:7

*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:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

## 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.*

*Music Isaiah 40:8 by Verses Project (2023)*

**The grass withers the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.**

## the Collect for the Day

*A "collect" is a summarizing prayer in the Book of Common Prayer that helps us to pray collectively (where the word "collect" comes from) linking a promise from the biblical story with a need for that promise to be true and experienced among us.*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## the Readings

*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.*

Exodus 34:29-35

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. 32 Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

34 Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, 35 the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99:6-9

**6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.

**8 O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

9 Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

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 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

Homily

Mountaintop Clarity for the Valley

Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

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



## Prayers of the People

*Weekly we come before God to ask for help, comfort, saving, hope, peace not just for ourselves, but for the world God has made in love and is redeeming by love. This week's prayer is sung with spoken intercessions. Submit requests for prayer and care to [prayer@allsousseseattle.org](mailto:prayer@allsousseseattle.org). Please respond with the parts in bold.*

The Lord is my salvation and my light Whom shall I fear?  
He is my refuge and my strong defense.  
  
Foes rise up against me they will fall the Lord surrounds me  
and my heart in him is confident / *chorus*

Prayer  
Concludes: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the day of trouble he will hide me he will shelter me  
Under the cover of his tent  
  
He will lift me high upon the rock above my enemies  
In victory he lifts my head / *chorus + bridge*

Prayer  
Concludes: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I believe I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
among the land of those who live

Wait upon the Lord be strong and let your heart take  
courage, do not doubt, but wait for him.

*chorus*  
One thing I have asked the Lord  
That I will seek  
That I may dwell within his house  
To be with him  
All my days to gaze upon his beauty  
And to find new joys in Him  
Whose glory has no end

*bridge*  
In your mercy hear my cry  
Your dear presence do not hide  
For mother father may forsake  
The Lord will take me in  
The Lord will keep me safe

## Grateful Giving

Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8



## 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.*

### 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  
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in  
9 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

### BREAK BREAD

*For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)*

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast. **As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

### DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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

# We Abide, We Abide in You

*words and music the Porter's Gate (2017)*

We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches  
We abide, we abide in You  
We abide, we abide in You  
  
Fruit growing from our strength and labor  
Rain on us with grace and favor

We abide, we abide in You  
We abide, we abide in You  
  
Where can my soul find living water?  
Apart from You we bear no fruit  
O plant my feet down by the river  
We abide, we abide in You

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.**

# His Kingdom Now is Come (Behold!)

*words and music by The Porter's Gate (2020)*

The light shines In the darkness  
And the darkness cannot overcome

Hear the voice cry from the highways  
Make way for the Prince of Peace / chorus

*chorus*  
Behold, Behold! His Kingdom now is come

God of justice  
Righteous judge  
Behold (x3)

The valleys will be lifted  
And the mountains will be brought down  
*chorus*

Our defender  
Prince of Peace  
Behold (x3)  
He's troubling the water  
And we're marching through / *chorus*

# Benediction

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!**

*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 English Standard Version (ESV) 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

**Co-Work Fridays** Bring your work to the All Souls offices the First Friday of each month—save the date for **Friday March 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. Happy hour is from 4-5p with childcare. Questions? Contact R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

**Help Feed Sierra Leone Students** Join us on **Saturday March 15** in the Commons from 10-12:15p. All ages can serve in a meaningful way.



**Second Sunday Supper** Join us after the service **March 9** for Second Sunday Supper. Since the kitchen is being remodeled, All Souls will provide the main (pizza). Scan the QR code to sign up for sides and desserts.

## Lent 2025 staying hungry for the feast Jesus is preparing

**Ash Wednesday Mar 5** join us in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:15p, childcare up to 6 years old.

**Wednesday Vespers + Meal** join us in the Commons from 6-6:30p prayer, 6:30-7:15 dinner. Explore fasting Wednesdays in Lent and break fast together.

**Read** about fasting in Scott McKnight's book *Fasting* or **Watch** the Practicing the Way introduction to Fasting.

Fasting: To Offer Ourselves to God, video 1 or: McKnight "Fasting" Intro + Chapter 3

Fasting: To Grow in Holiness video 2, or ch. 6

Fasting: To Amplify Our Prayers video 3, or ch. 4

Fasting: To Stand with the Poor video 4, or ch. 8

## 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: No regular group on March 5th, Ash Wednesday.** Join leaders at the service followed by dessert up in the All Souls offices for middle and high school students.

## Weekly Friday Email

**Stay connected:** learn about ways to grow and serve with All Souls by subscribing and adding our email info@allsoulsseattle.org to your contacts.



# 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!

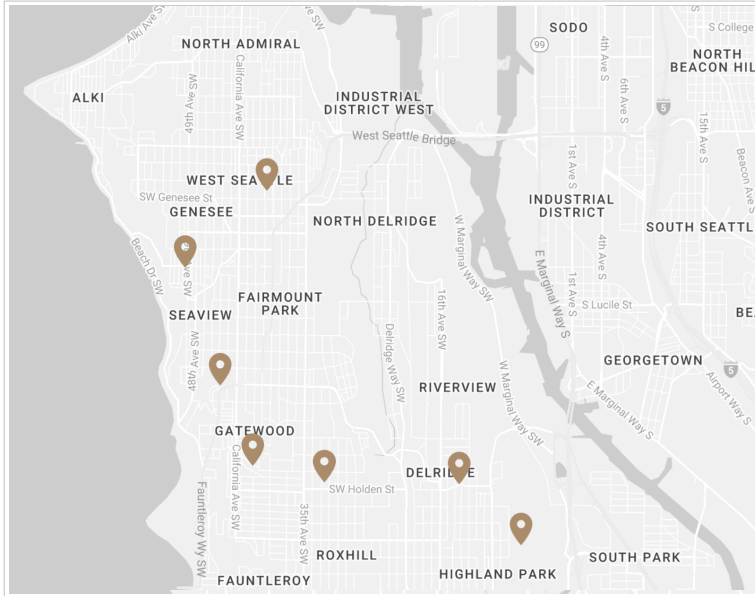


### *Cover Costs*

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!

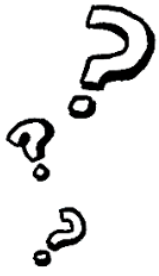
Did you hear any words that were NEW to you?



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!

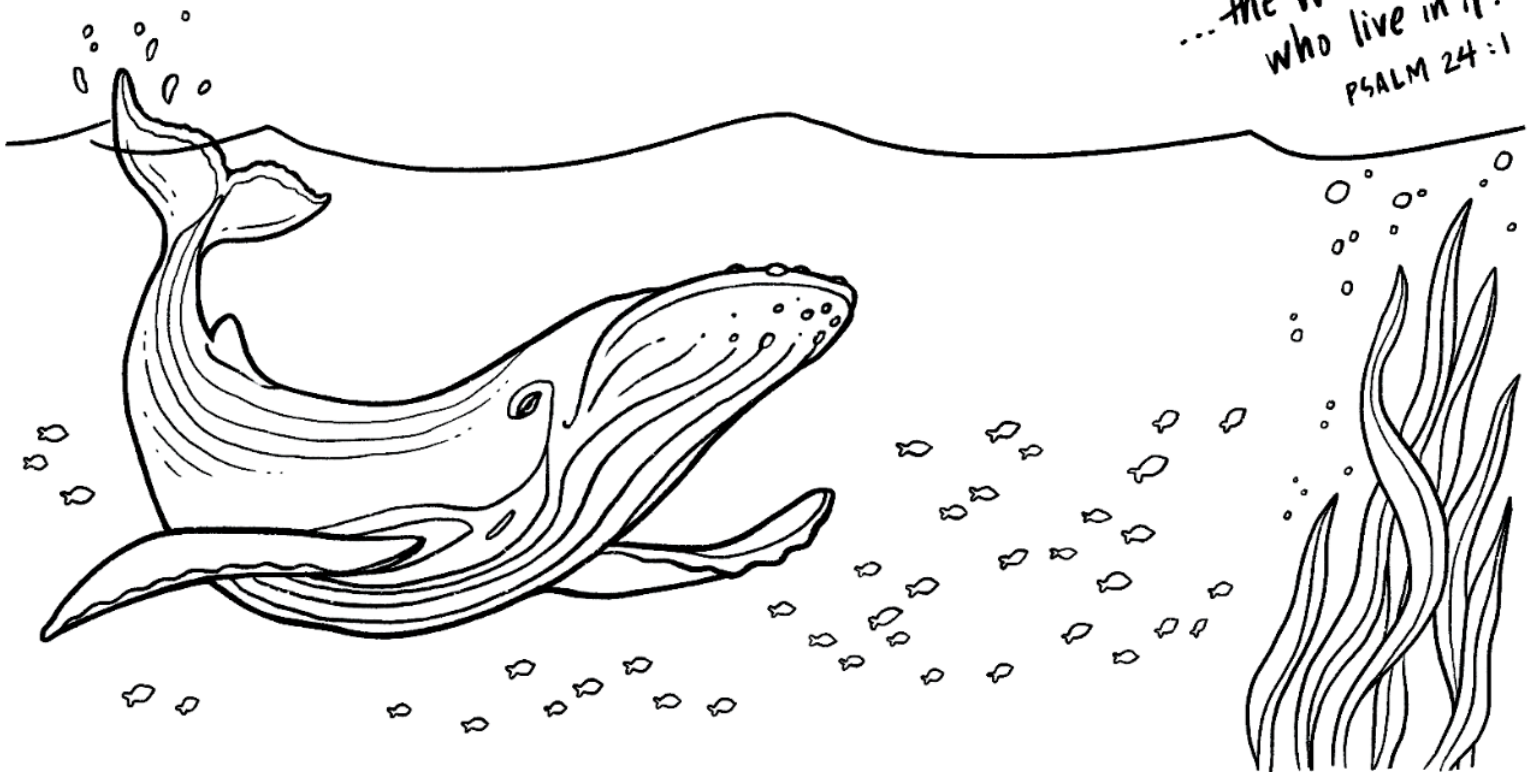
# All Souls KIDS doodle page

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



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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