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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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creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits.
the good road from above is theirs to walk.

creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears,
for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner.
the earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

Jesus
'The Beatitudes' Matthew 5:3-5
First Nations Version

Order of Worship

WARM SPRINGS SUNDAY / SEPTEMBER 9 2024



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

Call to Worship

Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come

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 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

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
Redemption to all who believe / *chorus*

STANDING

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

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 (x2)*

Psalm 46:8-11

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

***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

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

O Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

words Joseph Scriven (1855) music C. Converse (1868)

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do your friends despise forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you
You will find a solace there

It Is Well

words Horatio Spafford (1873) music Philip Bliss (1876)

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

chorus It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul / *chorus*

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound

And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul / *chorus*

Confession

Gracious God, we confess we fall short of being an adequate expression of how loving you are. Where you are self-giving, we have been self-serving. Where you have emptied yourself for the sake of love, we have grasped what was not ours for the sake of self-preservation. We are sorry for the ways we as your church fail today to show your love. We are sorry for the ways as your church we have failed to show love especially to Native Americans who struggle now to believe your love is credible. Please help us to become instruments of your peace and ambassadors of reconciliation.

We confess that we have become callous to those in need, holding back compassion yet unsparing with judgment. We defend our motivations, rather than using all you have given us to love and care for the least of these. Hear our confessions and heal our hearts. May we be people of mercy, as you are merciful, and people of love, just as you have loved 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.

Bend our knees to the hard work of prayer, worship, repentance, and intercession. Give us your Spirit to nurture justice, to fight poverty, and to walk bravely toward human thrones of power proclaiming another way. Help us find comfort and hope in our afflictions, knowing you are present with us always.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, **Amen.**

Let's acknowledge this silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.

After a brief silence we will sing our confession together:

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

Isaiah 30:18

We serve a God of limitless power and might. Yet, in all of his power he looks on us with mercy, and draws us into his family, because of what Jesus Christ has done.

The Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Let us remember the hope of the gospel: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

No ASK classes today. Lions are invited to join the giraffe class for a time of play during the sermon.

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

Music: Rain for Roots (2014)

Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see.

Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.

Pull the blinds. Open wide all the windows. Fill our hearts with the light of your truth.

the Reading

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

Isaiah 60:1-7

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

2 See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

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

4 Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

5 Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

6 Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.

And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

7 All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth will serve you;
they will be accepted as offerings on my altar,
and I will adorn my glorious temple.

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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

Homily

See, Share, Pray

Suzanne Case

Musical Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we pray today for the people of Warm Springs and the ministry of Sacred Road. For the staff, volunteers, and short term teams who serve the peoples of White Swan and Warm Springs reservations, please guide their hearts, words, and actions to be an extension of your loving grace and mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Chris and Mary Granberry, Tomo Ito, Evan and Holly Shaw and the other staff members and pastoral staff with Sacred Road Ministries. Thank you God for calling them to this ministry. Sustain them when things feel overwhelming. Remind them that you have a plan that is good for all of your children.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the Public Utilities team at Warm Springs, keep them well, Lord. Bring help to them all year. Sustain them to keep going with all of the work that needs to be done.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the staff at Kids' Club, show them signs every day of your love for them as your beloved children. Give them patience and bring joy into their workday. Care for them as they care for the children. Bring adults into their lives who can mentor them and give them encouragement and hope.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the kids at Kids' Club. We pray for a joyful and carefree childhood, healing of broken patterns and family dynamics, a discovery of purpose, worth, and belovedness in knowing they are made in your image and are loved beyond measure. We pray specifically for:

Nikki, Maxine, Meimei, Carrie, Lucy, Anthony, Imani, Evelyn, Topsy, Corbin, Dominic, Ruby, Jolene, Xira, David, Esme, Buckie, Lester, and Evelyn.

Take a few moments of silence.

Lord, we pray for all oppressed peoples to find freedom in knowing you, and to be released from suffering and despair. We pray these things in your name.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Baptism

Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

*Here we ask our heavenly Father that **Elise Evelyn Penico** and **Cohen James Penico**, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body.*

FOR ELISE

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Bible?

I do.

Do you repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust?

I do.

Do you renounce the Enemy and all evil?

I do.

Will you follow Jesus faithfully and obey his commands throughout your life?

With God's help, I will.

FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Elise in her life in Christ? **We will.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BAPTISM

WELCOME + PRAYER

Friends, with applause, let's welcome the newest member of Christ's Church, Elise!

Lord Jesus, **who embraces us with the arms of mercy, and makes us living members of your Church, give Elise grace to stand fast in your faith, to cherish and obey your word, and to abide in your love. Being made strong by your Holy Spirit, may she, our sister, resist temptation and overcome evil, rejoice in the life that is now, and dwell with you in the life that is to come; through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen!**

FOR ELISE + JESSE

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him
as your Lord and Savior?

We do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith,
as revealed in the Bible?

We do.

Do you repent of your sin?

We do.

Do you reject selfish living
and all that is false and unjust?

We do.

Do you renounce the Enemy and all evil?

We do.

Will you follow Jesus faithfully
and obey his commands throughout your life?

With God's help, we will.

FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Cohen in his life in Christ? **We will.**

Having together confessed our faith, we now move to baptism.

BAPTISM

WELCOME + PRAYER

Friends, with applause, let's welcome the newest member of Christ's Church, Cohen!

Lord Jesus, **who embraces children with the arms of mercy, and makes them living members of your Church, give Cohen grace to stand fast in your faith, to cherish and obey your word, and to abide in your love. Being made strong by your Holy Spirit, may he, our brother, resist temptation and overcome evil, rejoice in the life that is now, and dwell with you in the life that is to come; through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen!**

Grateful Giving

Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10:8)



This will be a special collection for the work at Warm Springs. Using the QR code you can select 'Warm Springs' from the drop down menu and give using the online platform. You can also give by check or cash via the basket.

The Lord's Prayer

words Matthew 6:9-13 music Jon Guerra (2023)

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us
This day
Our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
As we forgive them that sin against us
Lead us not (repeat))
Lead us not into temptation
Deliver us from evil
Deliver us
From evil

For thine is the kingdom
And the power
And the glory
Forever
X4
Amen

PRAYERS FOR THOSE
NOT COMMUNING

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

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE
SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

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

Communion

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

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you.**

INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all the company of heaven, we praise you with one voice:

Musical score for Hosanna in Excelsis Deo. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 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 ex - cel - sis De - o, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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.

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.

Our Salvation Is Bound Up Together

words and music Paul Zach and Brendan Jamieson (2022)

Our salvation is bound up together (x3)
As we walk through this wilderness

When one suffers we feel it together (x3)
As we walk through this wilderness

chorus No man, no woman
Can walk this road alone
Bind us together O Lord (x2)

In our laughter

We share joy together (x3)

As we walk through this wilderness
chorus

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God!

All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine and 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 question about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

Scripture appears in the English Standard Version (ESV) or 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

Fall Souls Retreat, September 13-14th: 'A counter-cultural community of the well-rested' is what we as vestry, clergy, and staff are hoping to see All Souls grow more into next year (Sep 2024-Aug 2025). The Fall Souls Retreat will help to unpack the Bible's vision of rest, provide some time to reflect on our restlessness, and also offer new ways to engage our restlessness with the resources in Christ Jesus.



All Souls Kids will "walk up" to their new class on **Sunday, September 15th**. This year we will have two classes: Lion (PreK-1st grade) and Bear (2nd-5th).

Men's Gathering on Sunday September 22 following worship including dinner and drinks at the Reeve's house. To sign up to bring food or drinks, and for directions, contact Dan (dereeve@gmail.com).

Serve Together

Support unhoused neighbors in West Seattle. For the last two years, the All Souls community has served at Westside Neighbors Shelter preparing breakfasts and dinners. This summer, we're taking time to pray over and plan for our fall and winter engagement with Westside Neighbors Shelter.

Do planning, strategizing, and organizing bring you joy? Consider joining the Westside Neighbors Shelter Planning Team. Activities will include: assessing All Souls' current engagement with Westside Neighbors shelter, identifying service opportunities for All Souls throughout the 2024-2025 cold weather season (e.g. preparing meals offsite and onsite and organizing work parties to clean the shelter), and recruiting volunteers.

Interested in using your planning gifts to serve unhoused neighbors? Contact kara@allsoulsseattle.org.

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 enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods.

Fall Season begins October 6th

Groups will re-gather for the Fall Season with a seasonal focus on Sabbath, with resources from Practicing the Way, to support next year's emphasis on 'The Rest of God' beginning with a preaching series on Sabbath rest.

Interested in hosting and/or teaming up to lead a Home Group?

Let us know. Contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org.

Grace Groups

Grace Groups @Work

Join conversations that explore how to live more by God's grace @work. Make new connections and deepen connection with other All Souls people working in your field: for tech (contact Greg, greg@kroleski.com), for education (contact Tyler, tylerashby@gmail.com), to start a new group (contact R.J., rj@allsoulsseattle.org)

Youth Group

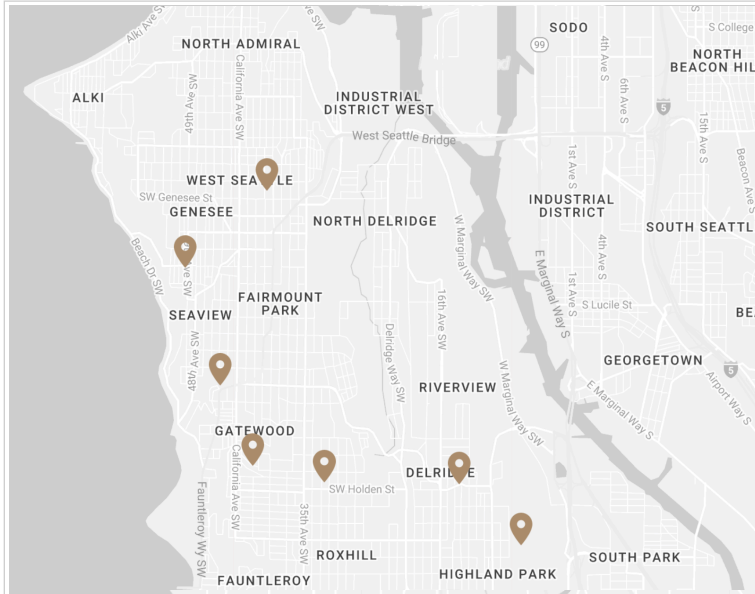
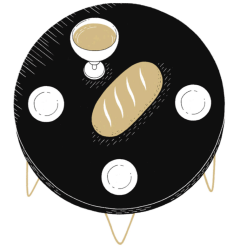
Youth group kickoff **October 2nd 6:30pm**. All students 6th-12th grade invited.



Sign up for our Weekly Friday email:

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

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.

Lion class will meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary. Bear class will meet your teachers at the front of the sanctuary. Look for the clipboard with your class animal!

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.

We close with a modified version of Prayers of the People, when children are given an opportunity to pray for others and ask for prayer. 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"

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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 (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 2023/24 began this October as we hope to see All Souls this year grow in organizational health, wisdom, and listening to God. Our new budgeted average expense is \$44,300/month.

Notes

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PASTORAL

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

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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