



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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What has happened to your joy?

Galatians 4:5 (NIPV)

Order of Worship

ORDINARY TIME / OCTOBER 13, 2024

Holy, holy, holy!



Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy

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 Reginald Heber (1826) music John B. 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 shalt be

He who made the Pleiades and Orion,

who turns midnight into dawn

and darkens day into night,

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!

from Amos 5:6, 8

who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land—

the Lord is his name. Seek the Lord and live.

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.

Opening Prayer

Seek the Lord and live.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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*

House of God, Forever

words adapted from Psalm 23 music by Jon Foreman (2008)

I will not fear God is my shepherd I won't be wanting 'Cause You are with me You are with me I won't be wanting He makes me rest Your shepherd's staff comforts me In fields of green You are my feast With quiet streams In the presence of enemies Even though I walk Surely goodness will follow me Through the valley Follow me Of death and dying In the house of God forever

Confession

From the lies we've told and the lies we've been told,

heal us, Jesus.

From the ways we've dismissed others and been dismissed by others,

heal us, Jesus.

From our quickly speaking when attentive silence was needed, and from our cowardly silence when a brave word was needed, **heal us, Jesus.** Music at All Souls is comprised of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19).

These are often works that date back as far as Jewish antiquity, anchoring us in the ancient roots of Christian faith. Sometimes these are newer works that reflect prayerfully and prophetically on our current moment.

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

We sing because we believe God is with us—present in our worship; inhabiting the praises of his people.

BE SEATED

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Sin, in its essence, is a word that means, "an obsession or worship of oneself." Martin Luther described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with people we harm, but also with God by not giving God the place he deserves in our lives as our loving Creator and Savior. From our othering of people and our being othered by people,

heal us, Jesus.

From our failing a friend and being failed by a friend,

heal us, Jesus.

From our slowness to give grace,

heal us, Jesus.

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

Matthew 11:28-30

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.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Blessing for Learning

All Souls Kids are dismissed at this time to learn about Jesus in their own language. Classes are the Lions (PreK-1st) and the Bears (2nd-5th).

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 by 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.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

12 "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. 15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Hebrews 3 (NIV)

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

7 So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

8 do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion,

during the time of testing in the wilderness,

9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did.

10 That is why I was angry with that generation;

I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,

and they have not known my ways.'

11 So I declared on oath in my anger,

'They shall never enter my rest.' "

12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. 14 We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. 15 As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion."

16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing. 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: "Celtic Alleluia" by Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker.

Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV)

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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

Homily

Day of Delight Rev. R.J. March

Musical Interlude

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

The Breastplate of Saint Patrick

words adapted from a prayer attributed to the missionary Bishop Patrick (5th c.) music by The Porter's Gate (2023)

sing: When my work takes me places I don't want to go Christ before me And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road Christ be with me

When the care of my family takes all that I have Christ within me When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad Christ defend me

I rise up today in a strength that is not my own I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone

O Lord, you who are neither surprised nor ashamed of our neediness, we offer you our needy bodies, hearts and minds and ask that you would speak your healing word to us, so that we might be reassured of your sufficient care and be at peace in our souls.

O Lord, you who daily bear our burdens, strengthen our hands and expand our heart's capacity to bear one another's burdens, so that we might offer your generous care to friend and neighbor alike who may feel crushed under by their own burdens.

O Lord, you who discipline those you love, **help us to embrace your Sabbath rest and enable us to rejoice in you with our whole body**, so that our bodies might be free from the counterfeit joys that draw us away from you and the life of love, joy, and peace you are inviting us to walk in with you.

sing: When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up Christ beside me When I put myself out but it's never enough, Christ beside me

When I work hard but someone else gets the reward God's eyes see me I ask for promotion and they shut the door God's ears hear me

I rise up today in a strength that is not my own I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone

O Lord, you who let your body to be taken, broken and given away for the life of the world, **we pray that you would take our own bodies—broken by sickness, sorrow, shame, age or abuse**— and bless them so that they might be instruments of blessing to our neighbors.

O Lord, you who are the ineffable sea of love and the fountain of blessing, water our hearts this day with your grace, so that we might overflow with care for our neighbors who are dry in their souls and parched in their desire for you.

sing: When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream Christ above me And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings Christ beneath me

Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

We ask especially today that you would provide for the suffering inflicted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Take a moment to pray silently.

We also ask that you would bring healing to the conflicts in Ukraine, Korea, the South China Sea, and the ongoing instability in Haiti. And as Monday marks one year since Hamas attacked Israel, we pray especially for the conflict in the Middle East. May your Kingdom come. Provide for daily bread, especially among the poor and vulnerable.

Take a moment to pray silently.

Let's continue to pray together:

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Grateful Giving

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



Ephesians 5:2

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

words Horatius Bonar (1846) music Nathan Ryan (2015)

I heard the voice of Jesus say Come unto Me and rest Lay down O weary one, lay down Your head upon My breast I came to Jesus as I was So weary, worn and sad I found in Him my resting place And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say Behold I freely give The living water, thirsty one Stoop down and drink and live I came to Jesus and I drank From that life-giving stream My thirst was quenched, my soul revived And now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say I am this dark world's light Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise And all thy days be bright I looked to Jesus and I found In Him my star, my sun And in that light of life I'll walk 'Til pilgrim days are done

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.

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:



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.

Amazing Grace

words John Newton (1772) music traditional tune

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun

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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

words Joseph Scriven (1855) music Charles Converse (1868) arrangement Sing Team (2017)

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? Jesus Savior is our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care? Jesus knows our every weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer

chorus Oh what a friend! Oh what a friend in Jesus. (repeat)

Blessed Savior you have promised All our burdens you will bear May we ever Lord be bringing All to you in earnest prayer Soon, in glory bright unclouded Face to face will be our prayer Joyful praise and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there / chorus 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 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.

Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **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 is today. Please join us in the Commons, and our elders will be invited to go through the serving line first.

Co-Work Fridays Bring your work to the All Souls offices the First Friday of each month— save the date for **Friday Nov 8**. Join us at 8:15a for coffee and stay for lunch, provided for you by All Souls. Bring a colleague or a neighbor who wants to work with you. Meeting rooms provided. Childcare provided from 2:30-5p and happy hour is from 4-5p. Questions? Contact R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

Women's Bible study. Join a small group of women this fall as we study the book of Titus together. We meet mostly every other Friday at Trinity from 9:30-11a. Our next gathering is scheduled for Friday, October 18. Please contact Alissa Moor (alissamoor@gmail.com) or Lydia Peterson (lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com) for more information, to arrange childcare or to pick up a book.

Learn about Mental Health First Aid to recognize and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges. These are helpful skills to gain as we learn to serve together. RSVP for Nov. 16th, 9a-4p, the Commons.

Serve Together

There are three ways you can be involved with Westside Neighbors Shelter: pray, learn, and serve.

Sat, October 26th 1:30-4p, Westside Neighbors Shelter

RSVP greg@kroleski.com.

Make Burritos for Westside Neighbors Shelter Dates for monthly burrito making gatherings: Nov 3, Dec 8, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2 | RSVP silkefanderson@gmail.com.

Make Dinner at Westside Neighbors Shelter

Tues mornings 9:30-10:30a, November-March | RSVP kara@allsoulsseattle.org

Serve Dinner at Westside Neighbors Shelter

Tues evenings 5:30-6:30p, November-March RSVP kara@allsoulsseattle.org

If you are interested in partnering with teens who serve a **youth shelter called New Horizons,** you can contact Suzanne (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

Group Life

Sign up for our weekly Friday email:



Home Groups -

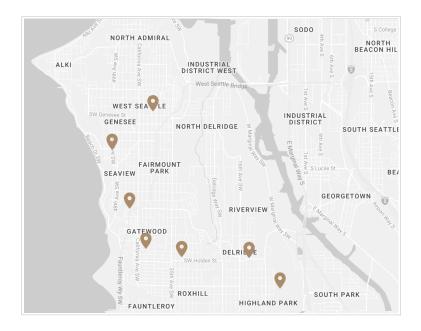
In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community—a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Home Groups are one of the main ways we learn to enjoy and extend the hospitality of Christ in our neighborhoods. Groups during the Fall Season have a focus on practicing Sabbath, with resources from Practicing the Way. *Find a group, p. 11*.

Youth Group -

Youth group meets on Wednesdays 6:30-8p at Trinity. Dinner included. All middle and high school students welcome!

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"

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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: ۲

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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

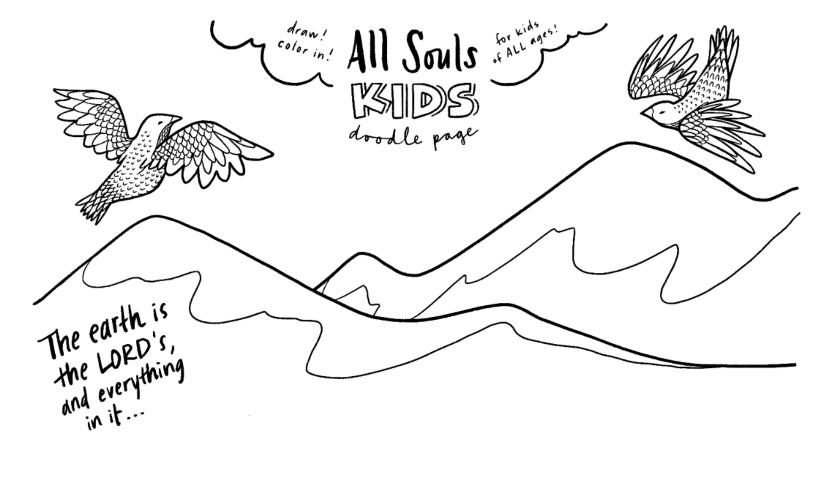
The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask. If you are our guest today, please feel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

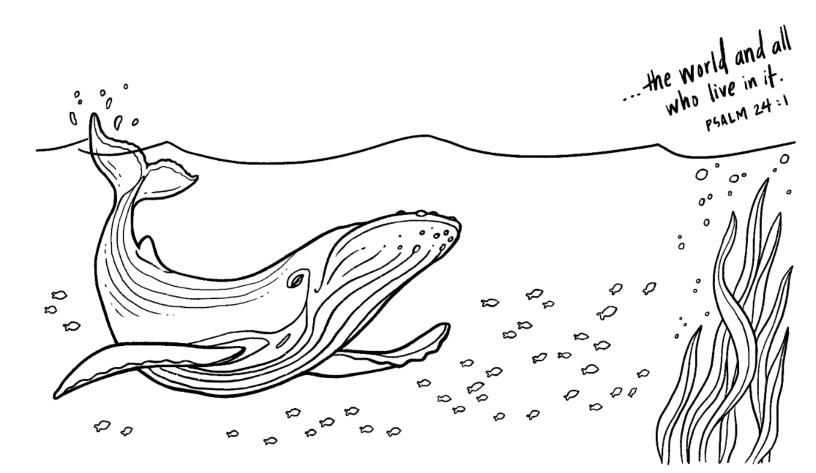
We thank God for your partnership in this work, and invite you to ask him how you might best reflect his radical, sacrificial generosity with your own.

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 D 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 13 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