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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.

How do I get connected?

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The best way to shorten winter is to prolong Christmas.

G.K. Chesterton



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

STANDING

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

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

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

Call to Worship

Magnificat

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.

text adapted music by Evan Wilson (2016)

My soul magnifies the Lord	For He has done great things
My spirit rejoices in God	For He has done great things for me
My soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior (2x)	For He has done great things for me

based on Isaiah 9:2-7

We were down in the dark, now we glimpse a great light.

Thank God, we see a new day dawning!

Terror tried us, storms denied us. Injustice angered us, apathy discouraged us. But thank God today that,

We see a new day dawning!

Oppression giving way to overflow.

We see a new day dawning!

Burdens becoming blessings!

We see a new day dawning!

Sadness to salvation!

We see a new day dawning!

The yoke is broke! A new day is dawning! For a Savior is born for us. Wonderful Counselor – guide for us. Everlasting Father – provider for us. Prince of Peace – drawing near to us.

Thanks be to God! It's a New Day!

Christmas Acclamation

Isaiah 9:6/Matt 1:23

For unto us a child is born. **Unto us a son is given.**

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

words Charles Wesley (1739) and George Whitefield (1753)
music Felix Mendelssohn (1840) arr William H. Cummings (1856)

Hark the herald angels sing	Pleased as flesh with us to dwell
Glory to the newborn King	Jesus our Immanuel
Peace on earth and mercy mild	Hark the herald angels sing
God and sinners reconciled	Glory to the newborn King
Joyful all ye nations rise	Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Join the triumph of the skies	Hail the Sun of Righteousness
With angelic hosts proclaim	Light and life to all he brings
Christ is born in Bethlehem	Risen with healing in his wings
Hark the herald angels sing	Mild he lays his glory by
Glory to the newborn King	Born that we no more may die
Christ by highest heaven adored	Born to raise us from the earth
Christ the everlasting Lord	Born to give us second birth
Late in time behold Him come	Hark the herald angels sing
Offspring of the Virgin's womb	Glory to the newborn King
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see	
Hail the incarnate Deity	

Justice Will Roll Down

words and music Sandra McCracken (2011)

Oh my love you have grown so cold	No enemy, no conqueror
To the world outside, to the house next door	Will steal your life from me
She who has been loved much	I am your salvation and your victory
Has so much to give	<i>chorus</i>
Mercy is the fragrance of the broken	Soon oh soon
<i>chorus</i> Justice will roll down	When the trumpet sounds
Oh justice will roll down	Every knee shall bend
From high upon those mountains	Every heart will pound
With a mighty river sound	I have made a new world
It will roll down	Where the servant is the King
It will roll down	Oppression will be over
Oh my child I will be your light	And the slave set free / <i>chorus</i>
In your secret pain	
In the dark of night	

Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Music at All Souls is comprised of "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19).

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

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

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

BE SEATED

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

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

Take a moment now to silently acknowledge our need for Jesus to do what we cannot: heal, forgive, and restore where we have harmed, hurt, and broken. After a brief silence we will sing our confession.

T.J. Williams / E. Wilson



Fine

Lord, ha - ve mer - cy. Christ, ha - ve mer - cy. Lord, ha - ve mer - cy on _____ me.

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D.C. al Fine

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Christ, ha - ve mer - cy on _____ me.

Receiving of Grace

John 3:16

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.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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 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 Collect of the Day

Let us pray:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

the Reading

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

Jeremiah 31:10-14, 31-34

10 "Hear the word of the Lord, you nations;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:
'He who scattered Israel will gather them
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.'

11 For the Lord will deliver Jacob
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than
they.

12 They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,
the young of the flocks and herds.

They will be like a well-watered garden,
and they will sorrow no more.

13 Then young women will dance and be glad,
young men and old as well.

I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

14 I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
and my people will be filled with my bounty,"
declares the Lord

31 "The days are coming," declares the Lord,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the Lord.

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of
Israel after that time," declares the Lord.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'

because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"

declares the Lord.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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

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

Music by The Porter's Gate (2019)

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

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

Luke 2:22-40

22 When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (23 It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") 24 They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

25 A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. 28 Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

29 "Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,

30 because my eyes have seen your salvation.

31 You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

32 It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and a glory for your people Israel."

33 His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. 34 Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. 37 She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. 40 The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

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

Musical Interlude

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

Prayers of the People

based on Luke 2:22-40

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act of obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's. You can share prayer requests to prayer@allsoulsseattle.org. If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us.

As we rejoice at the birth of Jesus, our Savior,
we turn with confidence and trust to God our Father:

Wonderful Counselor, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

Send your comfort to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing.

Like Simeon and Anna, cultivate in us an attentiveness and responsiveness to your Spirit.
Give us power to reveal and proclaim Christ in word and deed.

Like Simeon and Anna, help us to hold fast to the hope of redemption.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the work of renewal and restoration you are doing in this world.

Like Simeon and Anna, make us your willing servants.
Guide our feet into your way of peace.

Take a moment to silently pray for your needs and the needs of others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

from Matthew 6:9-13

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.
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



Establish the Work of Our Hands

written by The Porter's Gate (2017)

If You don't build it we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

chorus Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us
O Lord establish the work of our hands (x2)

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run, to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain / *chorus*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

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 - er,
hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in
ex - cel - sis, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in
ex - cel - sis.

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!"*

Amazing Grace

words John Newton (1779) traditional American tune (19th c.)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound	Through many dangers, toils, and snares
That saved a wretch like me	I have already come
I once was lost, but now I'm found	'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
Was blind but now I see	And grace will lead me home
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear	When we've been there
And grace my fears relieved	Ten thousand years
How precious did that grace appear	Bright, shining as the sun
The hour I first believed	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.**

Go Tell It On The Mountain

African American Spiritual arr John Wesley Work, Jr. (1900s)

<i>chorus</i> Go tell it on the mountain	The shepherds feared and trembled
Over the hills and everywhere	When lo above the earth
Go tell it on the mountain	Rang out the angel chorus
That Jesus Christ is born	That hailed our Savior's birth / <i>chorus</i>
While shepherds kept their watching	Down in a lowly manger
O'er silent flocks by night	The humble Christ was born
Behold throughout the heavens	And God sent us salvation
There shone a heavenly light / <i>chorus</i>	That blessed Christmas morn / <i>chorus</i>

Benediction

Bishop Todd Hunter

May the Lord bless you and cause you to prosper richly in every good spiritual gift there is in Christ Jesus. The Lord keep you. May he watch over, guard and protect you and all whom you love. The Lord make His countenance to shine upon you. May his face be turned towards you so that you would see in Jesus how very much he loves you, how he accepts you right where you are and invites you to follow Him. The Lord be gracious unto you. May you feel his favor, mercy, and everlasting love as you walk with Him. The Lord grant you peace. May you be at rest and centered in Jesus, who is our Lord and through Whom we have all these things. **Amen.**

Syriac Christmas Greeting

Christ is Born! **Glorify Him!**

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

Please note that we use wine and non-alcoholic grape juice for Communion. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: cauliflower, brown rice flour, tapioca starch, coconut milk powder, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, mustard powder, sea salt, garlic powder, onion powder).

A word to parents:

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

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

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

Announcements

Women's Bible study A small group of women have been studying the book of Titus together this fall. We will resume **January 17**, meeting mostly **every other Friday at Trinity from 9:30-11a**. Please contact Alissa Moor (alissamoor@gmail.com) or Lydia Peterson (lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com) for more information or to arrange childcare.

Co-Work Fridays Bring your work to the All Souls offices the First Friday of each month—save the date for **Friday Feb 7**. Join us at 8:15a for coffee and stay for lunch, provided for you by All Souls. Bring a colleague or a neighbor who wants to work with you. Meeting rooms provided. Childcare provided from 2:30-5p and happy hour is from 4-5p. Questions? Contact R.J. (rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

Second Sunday Supper We will skip January and gather for our next supper on **Sunday, February 9**.

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!

Youth group is paused and will resume on Wednesday, January 15.

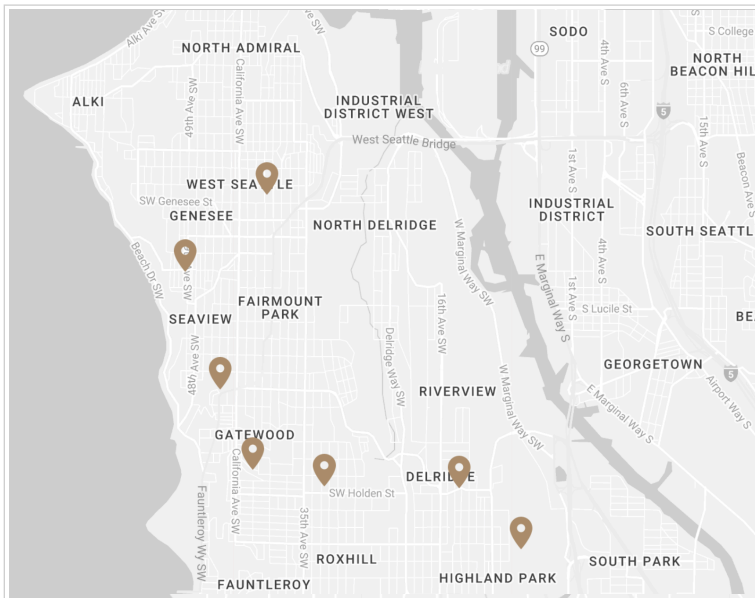
Upcoming - High school students will serve a meal at New Horizons youth shelter on **Monday, January 6**. Contact Suzanne@ to participate.

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

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"

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 (ACH now available)



- ▶ For any assistance or questions about:

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

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

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

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



All Souls 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?

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

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

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

draw!
color in!

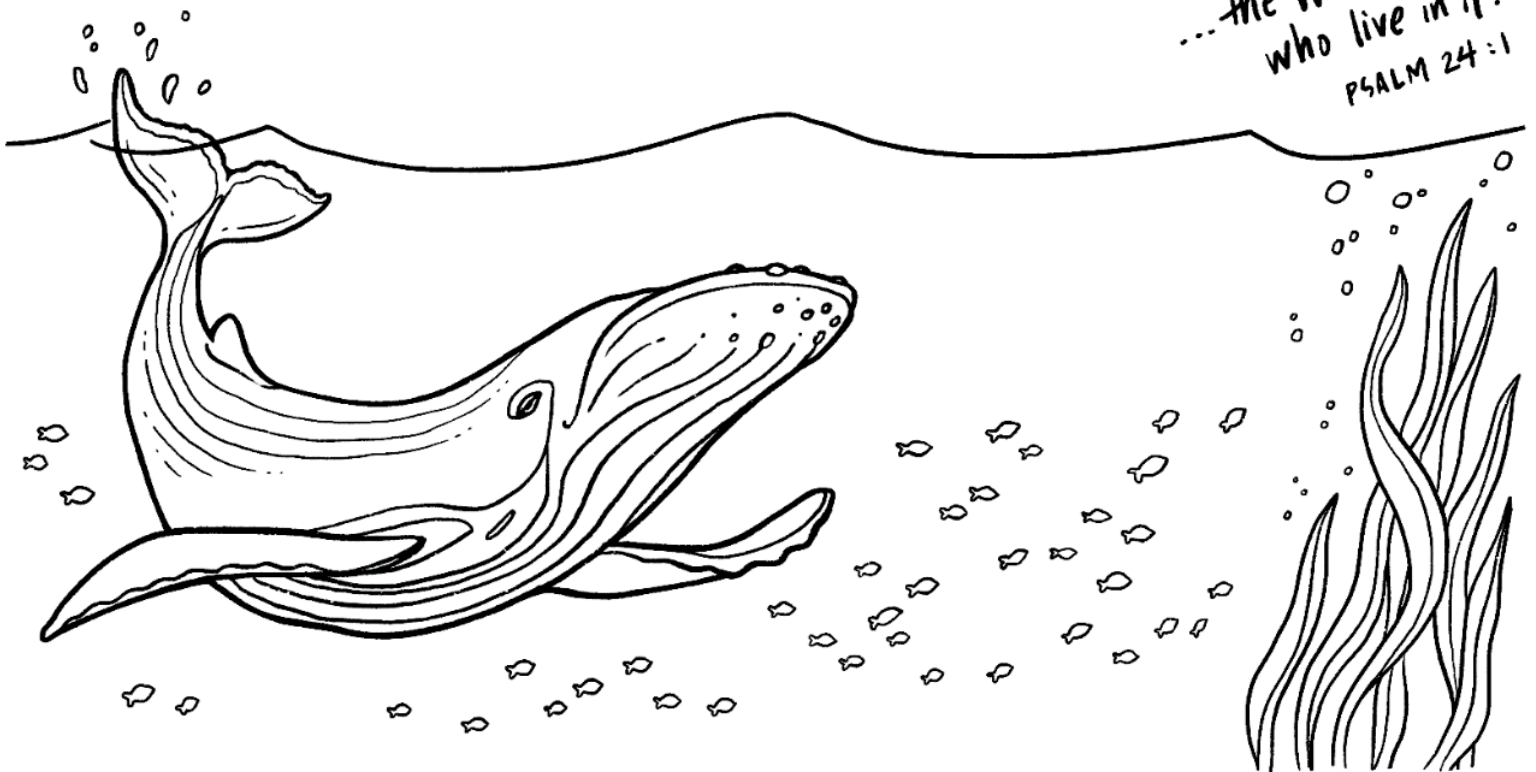
All Souls KIDS doodle page

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