



# Welcome

**All Souls, seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.**

Launched in 2010, we are a worshipping community rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, wholeness, and hope.

We seek to embody and articulate this gospel of grace, bringing about spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in Seattle and, through it, the world.

Please feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of God's grace, freely given to you.

As a church, we are part of that historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build, sustain, and perfect.

Anyone is welcome in worship, and we encourage you to come as you are. We understand that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating. So it's our commitment to walk you through each component of the worship service so no one feels like an outsider. There will be no obscure, tribal language. No 'in-house' moments.

Our worship is structured, with liturgy and rich music that connects us to the church of old and those who've gone before us—we are deeply rooted in something much larger than ourselves or our own cultural moment. But worship should be accessible and enjoyable if it's to be meaningful.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful.

It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

All Souls is a space to begin, or begin again, from anywhere. So let us explore. *Let us worship!*

# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

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## How do I get connected?

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*Photo: John Totten*

If you aren't resting, you are a slave to something.

Adele Calhoun

# Order of Worship

ORDINARY TIME / SEPTEMBER 29, 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 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

Be Still

*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 from Psalm 37 music by Knathan Ryan (2024)*

Delight yourself in the Lord  
Commit your ways to him  
Trust in the Lord and he will act  
Trust and do good

And be still before the Lord  
And be still before the Lord

Psalm 37:3-7a (ESV)

Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
**dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**  
Delight yourself in the Lord,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**  
Commit your way to the Lord;  
**trust in him, and he will act.**  
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
**and your justice as the noonday.**  
Be still before the Lord.

## Opening Prayer

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## Come Thou Fount

words Robert Robinson (1758) tune: NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I come  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above

## Lo He Comes

words Charles Wesley, Martin Madan, Joseph Swain, John Cennick  
music Knathan Ryan North and Rainy Music (2014)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation, slain  
Thousand thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign

Lo! He comes in glory shining  
Saints arise and meet your king  
Glorious captain of salvation  
Welcome welcome hear them sing  
Shouts of triumph, shouts of triumph  
Make the heavens with echoes ring  
Shouts of triumph, shouts of triumph  
Make the heavens with echoes ring.

Now redemption, long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear  
All His saints, by man rejected,  
Now shall meet Him in the air:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,  
High on Thine eternal throne  
Savior, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for Thine own  
O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!  
O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

## Confession

James 4:1-5, 7 (The Message)

*Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it. You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way. You're cheating on God. / continued on the next page.*

*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.*

If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care? It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble." So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him make himself scarce. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time.

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

*T.J. Williams / E. Wilson*



*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

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.*

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 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 animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
3 They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.  
5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
6 It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.  
7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.  
8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever.  
The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.  
10 They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.  
11 By them your servant is warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
12 But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.  
13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.  
14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation  
of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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.*

Mark 5:13-17

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.  
14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.  
17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

**Homily**

**Removing the Task Masters**

Rev. R.J. March



## Musical Interlude

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

## Prayers of the People

### Blessing for the Long Family

Gracious Father, we pray for your Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. We pray especially for your Church in Kenya. Inspire the body of Christ in Kenya to continue to witness to your Name by serving their neighbors, loving their enemies, and extending your kingdom.

**Lord, in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue his gracious work in our hospitals in Seattle and around the world. We pray especially for Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. Console and heal the sick; grant to the physicians, nurses, and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience. Bless Dustin's training with anesthesia residents and strengthen him for assisting in the ICU.

We pray that you would provide Kijabe hospital with more physicians who follow in the steps of you, our Great Physician. Guide the hospital's leadership as they seek to expand their physician training program and communicate the good news of your kingdom through word and deed.

**Lord, in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for sick and orphaned children in Kijabe. God of hope, fill them with your joy and peace. Remove illness, bind up broken hearts, and turn sorrow into joy. Grant Kelley, Lucia, Elias, and Edger your Spirit of encouragement as they visit children at Kijabe Hospital.

**Lord, in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel. We pray especially for the Long family as they travel to Kenya. Give them an attentiveness to your love all around and deep inside them. Protect them from danger; and bring them safely to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, in your mercy.**

**Hear our prayer.**

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

*Luke 12:22-24; 27, 29*

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."



## His Eye is on the Sparrow

*words by Civilla D. Martin and music by Charles H. Gabriel (1905)*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is he:

*chorus*

His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me

Let not your heart be troubled, His tender word I hear  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubt and fear  
Though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see / *chorus*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, From care he sets me free / *chorus*

## 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.*

### 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd, God of pow  
5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na ir  
9 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of  
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in

### BREAK BREAD

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

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

### DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

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

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

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

music by Joshua Moore / Sandra Mccracken (2015)

chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord, our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up / chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful One

From the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom / chorus

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.**

# This is My Father's World

words and music Maltbie Davenport Babcock (1901)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings, the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one

# Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

### **A word to parents:**

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

*Scripture appears in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) 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

**Annual Vestry Budget Update** is now during announcements. The overview sent via email Friday is in the back on p. 14.

**All Souls Kids volunteer training and dinner** today after the service.

**Co-Work Fridays** return with a new rhythm. Bring your work to the All Souls offices the First Friday of each month beginning **Friday Oct 4**. 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](mailto: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 4**. Please contact Alissa Moor ([alissamoor@gmail.com](mailto:alissamoor@gmail.com)) or Lydia Peterson ([lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.s.peterson@gmail.com)) for more information, to arrange childcare or to pick up a book.

## 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:greg@kroleski.com)), for education (contact Tyler, [tylerashby@gmail.com](mailto:tylerashby@gmail.com)), to start a new group (contact R.J., [rj@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:rj@allsoulsseattle.org))

### Youth Group —

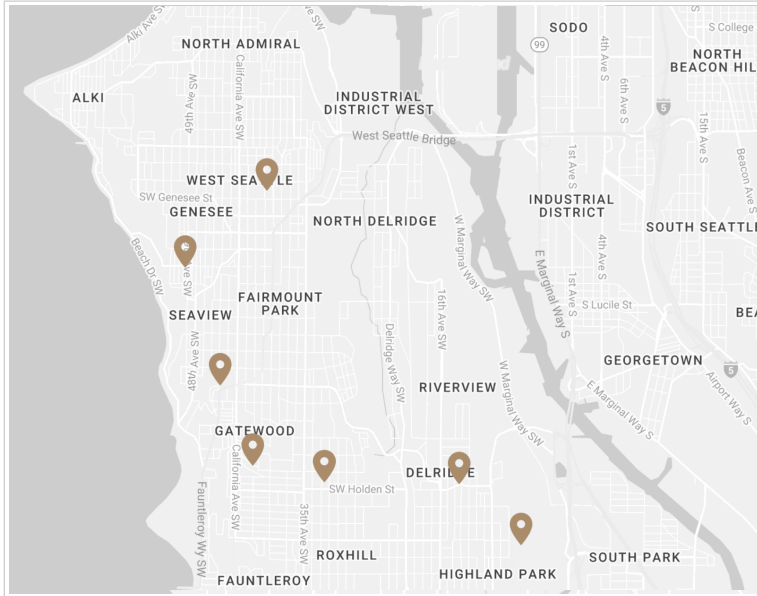
Youth group kickoff **October 2nd 6:30pm**. All students 6th-12th grade invited.

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

## GATEWOOD - SOUTH

Luke + Terri Crook  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
 mixed group of adults, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - EAST

Jeff + Suzanne Case  
**Every other Sunday, 6-7:30p**  
 indoors, mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## HIGHLAND PARK - SOUTH

R.J. + Carolyn March  
**Every other Sunday, 10-11:30a**  
 mixed group of adults, kids welcome, meal included

## SEAVIEW

Dustin + Kelley Long  
**Every other Tuesday, 6-7:30p**  
 mixed group of adults, kids + teens welcome, meal included

## WESTWOOD

Thad + Lauren Williams and Erik + Nicole Bennett  
**Every other Wednesday, 6-7:30p**  
 mixed group of adults, kids welcome

To connect with one of these groups,  
 visit: [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](https://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)



# All Souls Kids + Youth on Sundays

Our ministry exists to help children in partnership with families to know Jesus, and experience his love.



## Sunday School

Sunday school classes are offered during worship October through June. We currently have two classes: Lion Class (PreK-1st grade), and Bear class (2nd-5th)

Students will be signed in upon class arrival and signed out after dismissal back into worship.

**First time here? Welcome! All Souls Kids staff and volunteers are here to greet you and answer any questions.**

Kids will be dismissed from the service to their teachers prior to the scripture reading, and escorted to their classrooms. Teachers will bring students back to rejoin families just before the Lord's Supper.

Both classes will meet your teachers at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is provided for the entire worship service, ages 1-3. Parents: sign your little one in and out in the Giraffe (nursery) classroom. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the nursing mother's room as needed, located next to the sanctuary.

## What happens in class

Classes begin with a greeting and lighting of the Christ Candle. Each student is invited to share a response to a question relating to the theme of the lesson.

Next, we dive into the story of the week, followed by discussion. Discussion questions point to God's character, His rescue plan for the world, and the unending hope and love available to us because of Jesus. After the discussion, students participate in a short activity like acting out the story or a simple craft.

This fall, we are practicing prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow! Classes close the prayer time in the Lord's Prayer, together.

After the worship service, children are offered a lollipop as part of the benediction, or blessing. When we hand them the lollipop we say "Peace be with you". The response is "And also with you"

## F.A.Q.

*child protection policies >>*



*Can I join my child in class, if they need me?*

Absolutely! Parents may accompany children to class for as long as needed.

*Can my child stay in the service with me?*

Yes! Children of all ages are welcome in the service at any time. Clipboards with paper and WikiSticks are available for busy hands.

*What's the curriculum?*

Our lessons follow the big story of the Bible using content from Dwell, the Jesus Storybook Bible, and pastor created content.

*Is there an at-home connection?*

Yes! Each week's scripture passage will be included in the all church email, the Friday prior to class, to give families a heads up about what your child will be learning. Families are encouraged to talk about the story at home by asking children to retell the story and something new they learned about God.

## Giving as Part of Worship

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal. Whether we have much or little, God calls us to treasure and trust Him above all. So we are to give as generously as we are able, knowing that He who met our most dire need through Christ will continue to provide for every need we have. All giving goes toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice—that you might grow in faith.

We recognize, too, that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus' death on the Cross represents the most generous gift ever given—when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship—not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel is intended to be worshipful. When we are generous with others we are reminding one another of the great generosity of God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

There are a few ways, in addition to during worship, that you can contribute financially to All Souls:

- ▶ Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:

All Souls  
7551 35th Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98126

- ▶ Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](https://allsoulsseattle.org/give) (ACH now available)



- ▶ For any assistance or questions about:

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

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

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

**Fiscal Year 2023/24** began this past 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. See the next page for an overview.



**\$528,240**

*“The world aches for the generosity of a well rested people”*

- Wayne Mueller

**\$510,000**

As a vestry, clergy and staff, we are inviting you to invest in rest in a variety of ways but one of them, is financially: Giving from a place of rest and extending the experience of rest to others by giving 3.53% (or \$18,240) more than we are projected to give this year.

BUDGETED 23/4

**Sunday Operations**

Hospitality, Supplies, etc.

**\$37,750**

**Ministries**

Youth, ASK, Music, etc.

**\$40,550**

**Benevolence**

Giving beyond All Souls.

**\$57,200**

**Staffing**

People caring for people.

**\$358,620**

**Operations**

Facilities, software, etc.

**\$37,100**

BUDGETED 24/5

**\$36,675**

**\$46,675**

**\$51,000**

**\$347,264**

**\$46,410**

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# All Souls KIDS!

What's something you  
HEARD during worship today?

A GUIDE FOR  
EXPLORING  
WHO GOD  
IS TO US!

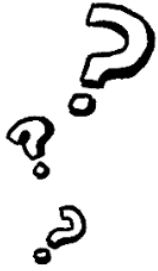
Did you hear any  
words that were  
NEW to you?



AS YOU  
LISTEN...



Draw something that  
inspired your IMAGINATION:



What's ONE question  
you'd want to ask  
your parents or pastors?

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

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

PRAY:

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

# All Souls

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## PASTORAL

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

## VESTRY

Adam Aljets, *treasurer*  
Corey Moraigh  
Jen Eckert  
Merrilee Thompson, *warden*  
Nicole Bennett, *secretary*  
Sonya Luchauer

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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