



# 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.

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.

You should always 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 the historic Christian gospel.

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.

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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We are narrative creatures.

N. D. Wilson



Please silence all devices for the duration of worship

welcome

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. 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 scripture, celebrate Communion, and to simply be together. We're glad you're here, and as you're getting settled we invite you to sit toward the aisle, allowing access for others along the edges. Thank you.

## standing

call to worship

from Psalm 100

Shout for joy unto the Lord, all the earth Come before him with your songs, songs of joy Enter in his gates with thanks, praise his name

For the Lord (the Lord) is good And his love (his love) endures forevermore (the Lord) is good And his love (his love) endures

Psalm146:1, 3, 5-7, 9

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Put not your trust in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry who upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

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.

invocation Psalm 91:2

I will say to the Lord,

"My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

words: C.H. Bateman, 1843; Evan Wilson

music: trad. Spanish melody additional music: Evan Wilson

### hymns

Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,

before His throne rejoice;

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
O Lord our Guide and Friend;
To us your Spirit send;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, praise the Lord of life,
Alleluia! Amen!
Love's morn' dispels the night;
Alleluia! Amen!
See heaven's son now rise
See now his hands, his side
Life blooms and death shall die
Alleluia! Amen!

Lift up your eyes to heaven Lift up your voice with praises Lift up your hearts to Him (3x)

Life blooms and death shall die Alleluia, Amen!

#### Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

#### chorus:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, For the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

chorus

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;

There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

#### chorus

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise that holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

chorus

words: Rory Cooney © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc (adapted from Luke 1:46-58)

music: Star of the County Down (Irish traditional folk song)

Hymns comprise most of the worship songs at All Souls, because of their richness, doctrinal depth, and focus on God's character and redemptive work. Many hymns are patterned after the Psalms with their varied expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and, too, a wrestling with what it is to trust in a love as audacious as the Lord's. Our hope is that these hymns and prayers set to music would lead us into a dynamic encounter with our Savior, in worship.

### reading + interlude

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the following parable in the company of "the Pharisees, who were lovers of money" and "ridiculed him" when Jesus taught: "You cannot serve God and money."

19 "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house - 28 for I have five brothers - so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## prayer of confession

1 Timothy 6:6-9

Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

Gracious Father, who is a God like you,

who lavishes grace upon us, and knows our needs even before we ask?

Forgive us: we praise you with our lips, but ridicule you in our lives.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Your mercy is greater than our sin,

and your compassion stronger than our shame.

Grant us willing spirits,

that love what you love.

Grant us open eyes,

that see what you see - in us, in our families, in our neighbors.

You are invited to acknowledge these things silently before God who hears you, and to draw hope from this promise: "Then I acknowledged my sin to you... and you forgave." (Psa 32:5).

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.

### seated

Confession of sin 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 is a word that basically means to insert oneself into space only God should occupy. Martin Luther famously described sin as "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving him the place he deserves in our lives, as our loving Creator and Savior.

"Psalm 62" words + music: Evan Wilson, 2019

"My Soul is At Rest" words: Taize Community music: Jacques Berthier, 1991

### hymn

God, my rock and my salvation, My strong fortress standing sure Truly my soul finds rest in you My salvation comes from God

chorus:

My soul is at rest in God alone My salvation comes from God

How long will your death and violence rise against the weak and poor?
Their mouths bless, but in their hearts they curse and take delight in lies

Yes, my soul find rest in God for my hope comes from him alone God most high is my salvation he alone is my refuge

chorus

All the lowborn are a whisper and the highborn but a lie Weighed upon a balance, they are nothing, lighter than a breath

Psalm 62 (My Soul is at Rest)

Do not trust oppression or place your vain hope in stolen goods Set not your heart upon riches God will be your great reward

chorus

One thing God has spoken, and two things have I heard from the Lord: Pow'r belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love

Trust in him at all times, people pour out your hearts unto him God is our rock and salvation Truly God is our refuge

chorus

## receiving of grace

2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 4:19

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God!** 

## responding to grace

from the General Thanksgiving

Let us pray in response to what God has done for us.

Lord, we thank you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in your ways, all our days. Amen.

## community storytelling

Reflections from the men's weekend away.

### hymn

We are the vineyard You have planted Tend our leaves and wild branches: we abide, we abide in You.

We abide, we abide in You.

chorus:

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

Fruit growing from our strength and labor, rain on us with grace and favor: we abide, we abide in You.

We abide, we abide in You.

chorus

common rhythms + practices

standing

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Preschool and elementaryage children are dismissed to All Souls Kids following announcements, where they can learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to them.

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.

Ho-sa-nna is a word that means "save me!" but came to mean"salvation is here!" word

It's a Story | Philippians 2:3-11

Rev. Andy Pelander

grateful giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance 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 gifts go toward ministry initiatives of All Souls and the relief of those in need.

If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Let us know you're here, as well as any questions, comments or prayer requests you may have, by placing your comment card in one of the offering bowls as they are passed. Read more about giving in worship on p.12.

### table

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. As we celebrate together, prayer stations are set up on the window-side of the room, where community leaders are available to pray with or for you.

#### **EXTEND PEACE**

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

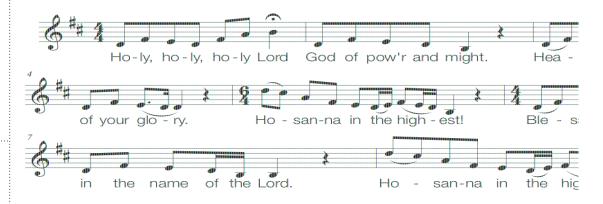
The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you.

#### 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 by singing:



#### **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.

## standing

hymn Great Rejoicing

There's gonna be a great rejoicing (2x)

The troubles of this world
will wither up and die
That river of tears made by the lonely
someday will be dry
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

There's gonna be a great joy river (2x)

Questions of this world someday will be known Who's robbing you of peace and who's the giver There's gonna be a great joy river There's gonna be a great rejoicing (2x)

Someday you will find me guarded in His fortress Open heart and wings that rise up from the ground

Someday we will gather in a grand reunion

Debts of this old world are nowhere to be found

They're nowhere to be found

There's gonna be a great rejoicing (2x)

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 for Communion; non-alcoholic grape juice is in the smaller of the two goblets. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: water, organic brown and white rice flour).

#### 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 Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

words + music: Thad Cockrell

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

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture is taken from *The Holy Bible*, English Standard Version (ESV) or New International Version (NIV).

### benediction + sending

Philippians 4:19-20

God shall supply all you need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever 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!

#### Connect with us via email!

The primary channel for church-wide communication at All Souls is email— periodic notes (2-4 monthly) with event and opportunity reminders and important updates, plus letters from our staff and leadership.

Send an email (right now!) to info@allsoulsseattle.org to be added, or to update your address on file, thank you.

Also, to see the full community calendar, visit allsoulsseattle.org/events.

# How do we desire to be 'formed,' spiritually?

The gospel cultivates gratitude, generosity, patience, and compassion... and also a sense of wonder— a curious heart that seeks to know God more deeply and more intimately. Together, these are the makings of being 'spiritually formed'... alongside others, journeying toward maturity in Christ.

Coming to understand the gospel is the beginning of a process that gradually transforms how we do every aspect of life as new desires, new hopes, new thoughts, and new affections emerge. As we engage this new life in the Spirit, we find ourselves drawn to doctrines, practices, and disciplines that enable us to know Jesus more intimately, and savor Him more fully.

# Gathering

#### HOME GROUP FALL SEMESTER - BEGINS TODAY

Week of Sept 29; see p.11 for details

Home groups provide safe places to know and be known as we grow in relationship with ourselves, God, and one another. Each group is unique and has its own 'personality,' while they share a focus on growing in relationship with Jesus and with each other. Groups gather twice monthly throughout the week and neighborhood to share meals and spiritual conversation.

#### YOUTH GROUP FALL SEMESTER - BEGINS TODAY

Beginning this evening, middle and high school students meet weekly on Sundays, 5-7p to share a meal, play, and enjoy small group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted at the home of Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact suzanne@allsoulssseattle.org for directions.

#### ALL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, Oct 13, following worship

All are encouraged (members expected) to stick around following the service for an all-church meeting. We will receive a budget overview for fiscal 2019-20, discuss community-wide plans for the fall, and hear about neighborhood service opportunities. Childcare (including a snack) for 6 & under.

#### LIFE TOGETHER: EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, Oct 20, 12:30-4p / All Souls Loft / rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org

How do we as a faith community understand our shared life with God in our neighborhood? Join us for a directed conversation about our essential theology and spiritual hopes. Those curious about membership are especially encouraged to participate. Lunch provided; childcare available.

# Growing

#### **CURIOUS ABOUT CHRISTIAN FAITH?**

Do you wonder if God is real, or what his posture toward you might be? Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers to belief, or wonder how God could be good or loving amid so much pain in the world? Are you curious about how to connect with God—how to talk to him or listen to him? If yes, you're not alone—and a community leader would happily talk with you and/or hear your story. Contact Charlotte Aljets to get connected with a conversation partner (charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org).

#### LEARN + SERVE

One of the marks of Christian maturity and growth is moving from being self-centered to otherscentered. More curious about someone else's questions, experiences, hopes. Toward that end, we are trying something new as a community—this year, All Souls staff will curate events and experiences that help us to learn from and serve among our Native American and First Nations neighbors. How might we, together, discover who God is in fresh ways this year as we engage with the Native American experience in our city? Visit allsoulsseattle.org/native for details.

#### **CARE + COUNSEL**

The Bible teaches that God has given us powerful tools to navigate difficulty and grapple with hard questions: the Holy Spirit, the gospel, and community. At All Souls we lean heavily on these for encouragement, direction, and life-change. So whatever it is, you should know it's okay to talk about it (relationships, sexuality, addiction, marriage/family, faith, etc.). Don't wait. To meet with a pastor or other leader confidentially, or for a counseling referral: pastor@allsoulsseattle.org

### Bulletin Board

#### **BABYSITTING CO-OP**

New members welcome! Join our community of All Souls families who help each other with childcare and gather monthly for playdates. Contact: Kat Libolt (katlibolt@gmail.com)

## All Souls Kids + Youth

Our ministry to children is designed to equip and partner with families as you seek to invest in the spiritual wholeness of your children.

We value the presence and role of kids and students in our community, and are committed to cultivating an environment where they feel known, loved, and respected. We intend to draw them into an engaging, enjoyable, and provocative encounter with the gospel using language familiar to them. We encourage them to learn to ask good questions in the discovery of who they are and who God is, in the hope of building a foundation that shapes their lives for years to come!

Because worship is a celebration of grace, not a theological lecture, children of all ages are encouraged to join us at any time during the service— we are used to having them around! We also offer a safe place for kids to be together during the service.

- Nursery (4mos-new walkers) and Toddlers (18mos-2 yrs): Both rooms are open through the entire worship service and are fully staffed by providers who are trained in First Aid/CPR. Little ones receive excellent care in a safe, peaceful space set up specifically for our babies and toddlers. Please sign your child in and out with childcare providers when you arrive and pick up. You will be contacted during worship, if needed.
- 3-year-olds, Pre-K (4-5 yrs), and Kindergarten: Children begin in worship, and are dismissed midway to these dynamic and fun classes. Kids will receive excellent care as they play, sing, read, do crafts, and have a nut-free snack. The Jesus Storybook Bible is our primary teaching tool. Please sign your child in and out with classroom teachers when you drop-off and pick-up.
- 1st, 2nd/3rd Grades, and 4th/5th Grades: Kids begin in worship and are dismissed midway to class where they will learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to young, growing hearts and minds. Our instruction is framed around a cyclical exploration of key Biblical truths and gospel realities. 1st grade students are dismissed by their teachers to rejoin their families after worship. 2nd-5th grade students are brought up by teachers to rejoin their families before the Lord's Supper.

#### Middle and High School Students

We desire to be a community where each of us experiences significant, lasting relationships that would highlight the active presence of Jesus in the lives of His people, and where we would encounter Jesus in ways that will shape our understanding and experience of His grace for the rest of our lives. And this is true regardless of age!

We are excited about the opportunity for youth to be together consistently, and grow spiritually though a gospel-focused, relational, service-oriented ministry. Our hope is that students will feel welcomed and enjoyed by each other and leaders, and ultimately by our Savior, Jesus.

- Youth Group: <u>Starting Sept 29</u>, students meet weekly on Sundays, 5-7p to share a meal, play, and enjoy small group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted at the home of Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact suzanne@allsoulssseattle.org for directions.
- Sunday mornings: Students are invited to gather weekly to connect and to meet leaders before
  worship. They are invited also to serve in various capacities during worship, or to remain with family,
  friends, or youth leaders during the service.

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, ask one of our student ministries staff or visit westseattle.younglife.org.

If you have special needs or have a friend or family member with special needs, we do not want to miss an opportunity to serve you.

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

#### SAFETY NOTE:

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the field behind the building. Parents should exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet children on the field to sign out their kids with teachers.

#### Parents:

There is a designated and semi-private area in the teachers' lounge, through the double doors in the back-left corner, for anyone during the worship service.

Please use this at your convenience.

learn more: allsoulsseattle.org/kids

## How can I serve?

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:11)



We are called to serve, not to be served.

As Jesus came into the world to serve rather than to be served (Mark 10:42-45), our desire is that we as a church would regularly serve each other and also the under-resourced and marginalized of our neighborhood and city.

#### ALL SOULS COMMUNITY

We value— and rely on!— a collaborative culture at All Souls.

We're not here to consume or spectate, but to lean in, take ownership, and serve, no matter what we bring to the table. We honor God with what he's given us and seek to bless those around us, as a family, on Sundays and throughout the week.

current needs / opportunities to serve:

- Sundays As you might imagine, it takes many hands to turn a middle school into a warm, welcoming worship space. We need volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, coffee/snacks, and more. Contact: Shannon (shannon@allsoulsseattle.org).
- Make a Meal As a way to tangibly serve one another in challenging or transitional seasons of life, we as a family make meals for each other. To make *or request* a meal, please contact communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org. Thank you!
- All Souls Kids Modeling and sharing the gospel to/with children is one of the more impactful ways one can serve. There are consistent needs in classrooms serving ages 2 through 5th grade, and your help is needed! The commitment is only one Sunday a month, and training and materials are provided—no experience necessary! Contact: Suzanne Case (suzanne@).

#### NEIGHBORHOOD + CITY

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. (Jeremiah 29:7)

As a church 'not just for ourselves,' there are also lots of ways to serve and seek the well-being of our neighborhood and city through All Souls. We are primarily interested in connecting volunteers to vital service organizations already serving for the sake of renewal, mercy, and justice.

current opportunities:

#### Caring For the Land We Live On

Next: Oct 19 at Camp Long | Nov 9 at Solstice Park

Discover new pockets of West Seattle's parks and riverfront, partnering with EarthCorps to beautify grounds and plant trees. EarthCorps, a local organization working on habitat restoration, provides gloves, tools, and instructions; no prior experience necessary. Events run from 10a-2pm; ages 6+ welcome to participate. Contact Kara Barrett to rsvp (kara@allsoulsseattle.org).

### > Serve + Partner with our neighborhood Department of Children, Youth, and Families office

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the Washington State DCYF Delridge office. Foster care is a pivotal place to intervene upstream of many other social concerns (homelessness, addictions, etc), and opportunities to support kids and families in the foster care system are varied (toy/clothing donations, DCYF staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email for regular updates with needs as they arise (contact: nancyspiro@gmail.com).

#### YoungLives

YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms, invests in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms through entering into their lives, building relationships with them and their little ones, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to become the women and mothers God created them to be. There are a variety of ways to serve and many levels of commitment are welcome! To learn more, contact Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org).

- · Provide dinners for the YL Monday night gatherings for moms, little ones, and mentors (HG or GG service opportunity!)
- · Financial partnership to support this new and growing ministry in our neighborhood
- Donations needed: NEW convertible carseats, Ikea stackable high chairs, diapers (sizes 4-6), and wipes

# Smaller Groups in Community

### **GROWTH GROUPS**

To grow spiritually, each of us needs consistent time praying and listening with God and others.

Growth Groups gather weekly for gender-specific deeper spiritual exploration and prayer, and are a more intentional and intimate place to focus on life with God. Also, as those who've participated will attest, these groups foster a unique depth of relationship with others. There are groups that are ongoing and some that are still forming, with a variety of meeting times and locations. To learn more and connect, contact Shannon Smith (shannon@allsoulsseattle.org).

### **HOME GROUPS**

In a world that pushes us toward	Neighborhood	Contact	Time
isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong.	ADMIRAL	Andy Lewis + Ruth Rogers Lewis ruthrogerslewis@comcast.net	Wed / 7 - 8:30p
We need local 'family' — siblings in Jesus we can lean on, learn with and from, care for, and celebrate growth alongside.  Home Groups, designed to invite us into this	ALASKA	Peter + Kara Barrett kara@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p includes a meal and childcare
relational space, are a vital part of our shared life and growth in Christ — places of care and community where we discover and live the	ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p includes a meal
Christian life together.		Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia	Tues / 6 - 7:30p includes a meal
Simply put, they are the best way at All Souls to integrate as a newcomer, build lasting		nancyspiro@gmail.com	
friendships, and to consistently be in each other's lives. We are a community that places high value on this time together in God's word	COLUMBIA CITY	Daniel + Shiyun Chen danielandshiyun@gmail.com	TBD
and in prayer, and also serving our city and neighborhoods.	GENESEE	Joseph + Sydney Buckley joseph@bkly.org	Sat / 10 - 11:30a includes brunch
Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/ relationships, and share meals.		Matt + Amy Huey amy_c_huey@yahoo.com	Mon / 6:30 - 8p
Groups meet regularly through the academic year, shifting to a more informal, intermittent schedule during summer months. To learn	HIGHLAND PARK	Nate + Lori Bailey hi.loribailey@gmail.com	Thurs / 7 - 8:30p includes a meal
more about a group and how to jump in year-round please contact R.J. March, or a group host(s) directly.		R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p includes a meal and childcare
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PLEASE NOTE: Group rosters are typically capped at 12 adults (plus kids). If a group is full,

staff will help you find another option.

group information can also be found at all souls seattle.org/connect

# Giving as part of worship

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's 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 ought to be worshipful. When we are generous with others, we are reminding one another of the great generosity of our 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 that you can contribute financially to All Souls.

- Place cash or check in the offering on Sundays
- Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to: All Souls

PO Box 16613

Seattle, WA 98116

- Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give
- 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.

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3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:3-11