



# 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.*



*All Souls*

# 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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the branches are barren. the soil lies empty. And yet there is a hidden formation taking place that when time invites it, will bring forth its necessary fruit.

our great mistake is to see our barrenness as evidence against our invaluableeness.

you must foster that winter in you so you can give us the gift of your spring summer fall.

Scott Erickson

# Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / 5 JANUARY 2020



*Please silence all devices for  
the duration of worship*

**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.

*standing*

## welcome

*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.*

## call to worship

*based on Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Whom shall I fear? (2x)

one thing I ask  
one thing I seek  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
wait for the Lord (2x)  
Oh, be strong and take heart

The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord!  
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.**

For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.  
Come, let us worship and bow down.

**Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God.**

**We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.**

*If you, or someone with you  
this morning, 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.*

*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.*

*This is a liturgy\* in which not  
only words, but also actions  
and symbols, speak.*

*\* a word meaning 'the  
people's work or participation'*

## invocation

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

words: James Chadwick

music: 'Gloria' arranged by  
Edward Shippen Barnes

## hymns

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

## All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless  
And all the lost and lonely  
And all the meek will come confess  
That You alone are holy (2x)

chorus:

And all will sing out  
Hallelujah  
And we will cry out  
Hallelujah

All the hearts who are content  
And all who feel unworthy  
And all who hurt with nothing left  
Will know that You are holy

chorus (2x)

Shout it!  
Go on and sing it from the mountains  
Go on and tell it to the masses  
That He is God

words and music by

David Leonard and Leslie Jordan

*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.*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.  
 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.  
 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## prayer of confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
 to reveal your love for all people.

**We confess that our selfishness and pride**

**hide the brightness of your light.**

**We avoid or turn away from those in need;**

**we are blind to the spiritual complacency in our own lives;**

**and we do not seek peace in our relationships that are unwell.**

In your mercy, cleanse us;

**renew us with your Spirit,**

**that, forgiven and free, it would be your glory and your light**

**that is most evident in our lives, Jesus.**

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

*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 described sin as a "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.*

words: Reginald Heber, 1826

music: John B. Dykes, 1861

## hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning,  
Our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
Falling down before Thee  
Who wert, and art, and ever more shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!  
Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy;  
There is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.  
  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## receiving of grace

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **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.**

## poem

## *a Blessing for Longing*

John O'Donohue

Blessed by the longing that brought you here  
And quickens your soul with wonder.

May you have the courage to listen to the voice of  
desire  
That disturbs you when you have settle for some-  
thing safe.

May you have the wisdom to enter generously into  
your own unease  
To discover the new direction your longing wants  
you to take.

May the forms your belonging— in love, creativity,  
and friendship—  
Be equal to the grandeur and the call of your soul.

May the one you long for long for you.

May your dreams gradually reveal the destination of  
your desire.

May a secret Providence guide your thought and  
nurture your feeling.

May your mind inhabit your life with the sureness  
with which your body inhabits the world.

May your heart never be haunted by ghost-  
structures of old damage.

May you come to accept your longing as divine  
urgency.

May you know the urgency with with God longs  
for you.

*words and music by  
Jacques Berthier, 1982  
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## standing

## hymn

Come and fill our hearts with your peace  
You alone, O Lord, are holy  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace  
Alleluia!

## community rhythms + practices

## Come and Fill Our Hearts

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

### 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.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Because All Souls is a church not only for the convinced but also for those journeying toward trust in Jesus, we gladly extend room for you to consider and dialogue. Use the prayers below during Communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

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

word

Come, Thou Long Unexpected Jesus | Luke 2:39-52

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 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 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 emailing pastor@allsoulsseattle.org. 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:

Musical score for Hosanna in the high-est. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lo-rd, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

Alleluia

Stay close, my child, through this dark night  
Rest in the shadow of these wings  
Hope in the Lord, whose day will come  
The dawn of "making all things new"

Alleluia, alleluia (4x)

All wars will cease, suffering end  
Justice will roll, the Kingdom come  
Love will arise, grace will uphold  
Mercy will heal where the Lamb reigns

Alleluia, alleluia (4x)

benediction + sending

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **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 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 and music by  
Tom Wuest*

*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).*

### **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](mailto: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](http://allsoulsseattle.org/events).

## Gathering

### **YOUTH GROUP - TONIGHT**

Sundays 5-7p

Gathers weekly to share a meal, play, and enjoy group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted by Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact [suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org) for directions. Students are also invited to gather weekly to connect and meet leaders before worship.

### **ALL CHURCH MEETING - NEXT WEEK**

Sunday, Jan 12, 11:45a-12:45p

Lunch and childcare (ages 5 and younger) will be provided as we will be continuing the conversation begun at the Parish Dinner on Nov 17. If you missed the dinner or want to jog your memory, visit [allsoulsseattle.org/parish](http://allsoulsseattle.org/parish) to read about the evening and listen to recordings. Please share your feedback, questions, and ideas: [parish@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:parish@allsoulsseattle.org).

### **PINT NIGHT**

Mon, Jan 13, 8-10p / the Beveridge Place

Join us at the Beveridge Place Pub, near Morgan Junction, for a pint and some friend-making. Anyone is welcome— especially those new to the All Souls community— so inviting friends and neighbors is easy. Bring your own food, and/or dog; parents, find a sitter and have a night out!

### **JOIN A HOME GROUP IN JANUARY**

Week of Jan 26 — the beginning of the semester is a great time to visit a group!

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.

## Growing

### **WARM SPRINGS SUMMER SERVICE TRIP IS BOOKED!**

All Souls is returning to Oregon this summer June 27-July 4 to serve the Warm Springs tribe, alongside Sacred Road Ministries. We hope to send a team of 20 adults and youth, ages 13 & older. It's not too early to plan! Contact Suzanne Case for more information and to secure your spot.

### **CURIOS 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](mailto:charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org)).

### **LEARN + SERVE**

One of the marks of Christian maturity and growth is moving from being self-centered to others-centered. 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](http://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](mailto:pastor@allsoulsseattle.org)

### **DAILY WORSHIP**

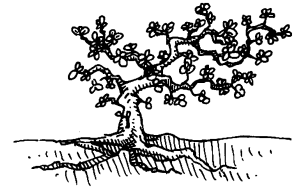
During Advent and Lent, the All Souls community comes together to provide All Souls Daily Worship, but there are other great resources for the rest of the year: the *Pray as You Go* podcast, the Trinity Mission ([trinitymission.org](http://trinitymission.org)), and the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Day by Day* to name a few.

### **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.

# 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:*

### ▶ **Serve + Partner with Foster Care**

All Souls seeks to come alongside, serve, and support families, organizations, and agencies helping children in foster care in the West Seattle area. We heed the call from James 1:27 to "look after orphans and widows in their distress." Email Nancy Spiro (nancy.spiro@gmail.com) to learn about needs as they arise.

### ▶ **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).

- Donate a blanket for a Christmas gift to YL moms (\$33): give via allsoulsseattle.org/give (memo: YoungLives blanket)
- Cook a meal for the YL Monday night gatherings for moms, little ones, and mentors (HG or GG service opportunity!)
- Donations baby supplies: 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](mailto:shannon@allsoulsseattle.org)).

## HOME GROUPS

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong.

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 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 Christian life together.

Simply put, they are the best way at All Souls to integrate as a newcomer, build lasting 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 and in prayer, and also serving our city and neighborhoods.

Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals.

Groups meet regularly through the academic year, shifting to a more informal, intermittent schedule during summer months. To learn more about a group and how to jump in year-round please contact R.J. March, or a group host(s) directly.

*PLEASE NOTE: Group rosters are typically capped at 12 adults (plus kids). If a group is full, staff will help you find another option.*

### Neighborhood

ADMIRAL

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ARBOR HEIGHTS

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GENESEE

HIGHLAND PARK

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### Time

Wed / 7 - 8:30p

Sun / 5 - 6:30p  
*includes a meal  
and childcare*

Tues / 6 - 7:30p  
*includes a meal*

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*includes a meal*

Sun / 5 - 6:30p  
*includes a meal*

Sat / 10 - 11:30a  
*includes brunch*

Mon / 6:30 - 8p

Thurs / 6:30 - 8p  
*includes a meal*

Sun / 5 - 6:30p  
*includes a meal  
and childcare*

*group information can also be found at [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](http://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)*

# Notes + Doodles

*Feel free to use this space to respond to what you're hearing this morning— be that through chicken scratch, pencil sketches, or a crayon masterpiece. If it's helpful, you may use these questions as thought starters:*



What is something I want to remember from worship this morning?

What is something I want to do (or do differently) because of worship this morning?

*Art pouches are located on the book table and are available for all ages.*

# 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](http://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](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.*

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39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.  
40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:39-52