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# Welcome.

All Souls is a church in and for the city, and 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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*All Souls*

you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you odd.

Flannery O'Connor

# Order of Worship

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*Please silence all devices for  
the duration of worship*

## 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.*

*standing*

## call to worship

*from Psalm 134*

Come and bless the Lord (3x)  
All you servants of God

Lift up your hands  
To the holy place  
Lift up your hands  
And bless his name

Psalm 9:1-2; 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;  
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;**  
**we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

*Text in **bold** is read aloud  
by the entire congregation.  
Plain text is read by the  
worship leader only.*

## invocation

Psalm 19:1

*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.*

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

words: Christian H. Bateman,  
Evan Wilson

music: trad. Spanish melody,  
add. music by Evan Wilson

## hymns

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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  
Praise is his gracious choice  
alleluia, amen

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

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 in praises  
Lift up your hearts to him (3x)

Life blooms and death shall die  
alleluia, amen

## All Creatures of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise him, alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise him, oh praise him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
Oh praise him, alleluia

Thou rising morn', in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice  
Oh praise him, oh praise him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
Oh praise him, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
Oh praise him, oh praise him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia (2x)

words: St. Francis of Assisi;  
trans. William H. Draper

music: Lasst Uns Erfreuen;  
arr. B. Milligan, D. Crowder

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

Psalm 136:1-9

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 5 to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 7 to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 8 the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*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.*

*Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.*

## prayer of confession

*adapted from* The Book of Common Prayer

*seated*

The Lord longs to be gracious to you, he rises to show you compassion.

Isaiah 30:18

*God welcomes us to come as we are, to acknowledge our weakness, and to experience his grace and compassion. Let's pray:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray,  
and you are ready to give more than we desire or deserve.

**Pour down on us an abundance of your mercy;  
forgive us of all that weighs on our hearts.  
Give us the grace that we are unworthy to ask for,  
but that you promise to us in Jesus.**

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

*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.*

words: Horatius Bonar

music: N. Ryan  
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## hymn

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

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

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

## receiving of grace

1 John 5:11-13

And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

God's grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.  
Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## understanding our faith

from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26

Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
 and everything in them,  
 who still upholds and rules them  
 by his eternal counsel and providence,  
 is my God and Father  
 because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt  
 he will provide whatever I need  
 for body and soul,  
 and he will turn to my good  
 whatever adversity he sends me  
 in this broken world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God;  
 he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

*For centuries the church  
 have used creeds and  
 catechisms to articulate,  
 and better understand,  
 their shared faith.*

*The Heidelberg Catechism  
 is a well-known confession,  
 written in Heidelberg,  
 Germany, in 1563, by two  
 young ministers.*

## hymn

### This is My Father's World

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.

*words: Maltbie Babcock  
 music: Franklin Sheppard*

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

## common rhythms + practices



*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

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but 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 sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death, and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.*

*Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown and white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in either the wine (larger cup) or grape juice and proceed through the line.*

## word

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

## grateful giving

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

*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 of the gifts that God has given to us, 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 the poor.*

*If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, 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.*

*We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sin against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. We take it as a sign of health to have regular attenders who love our community but don't profess faith in Christ, and so remain seated during this time. If you are a Christian and have not been baptized, please speak with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.*

### SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

## hymn

### Break Forth, O Joyful Heart

*standing*

'Twas Jesus sought my wandering soul,  
And with a shepherd's care  
He brought me kindly to his fold  
And still protects me there

*chorus:*

Break forth, O joyful heart  
Break forth and no more silent be  
Break forth in grateful praise  
To him who came to ransom thee.

He is my advocate with God  
My Savior and my friend  
His mercies new with every morn'  
Like healing showers descend

*chorus*

My soul will magnify the Lord  
My voice his love proclaim  
And every power within me join  
To bless and praise his name

*chorus*

## benediction + sending

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*The Sursum Corda (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") originated in the third century as an opening dialogue for God's people as they approach communion together. It encourages the church to come with thankfulness and joy to the Lord's table.*

*words: Fanny Crosby*

*music: Nathan Partain*

*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).*

Please contact  
info@allsoulsseattle.org for  
details or directions to any of  
these gatherings, or visit  
allsoulsseattle.org/events.

# Gathering

## SERVE LOCAL INFO MEETING - TODAY

In the library (upstairs) following worship

## HOME GROUP OPEN HOUSE - THIS WEEK

Sept 16-22; see p.11 for details

Find a group to visit this week, as the semester resumes! 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 communal life with God. Groups gather twice monthly throughout the neighborhood to share meals and spiritual conversation.

## PINT NIGHT (FAMILY EDITION) - TOMORROW

Monday, Sept 17, 5:30-8p / Beer Star in White Center

Join us 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!

## FIRST FRIDAY ART GATHERING

Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, 7:30-9:30p / All Souls Loft

Artists of all media (and enjoyers of art) are invited to gather for connection, creative encouragement, and artistic inspiration. Bring a snack or beverage to share as we explore the ways art and theology dance together. Bring an original work (a song, photo, poem, drawing?), or share about an artist's work that has impacted you as we celebrate the image of God revealed in the world's abundant creativity. Contact Evan Wilson for details (evan@allsoulsseattle.org).

# Growing

*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.*

## MORNING PRAYER

Join All Souls staff for prayer on Weds at 8:30a, at the All Souls Loft (4138 California Ave SW, 2nd fl).

## SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP DISCUSSION

Thursdays, Sept 13 - Oct 18, 8:30-9:30p / March home

A six-week discussion on friendship, exploring how friendship seems to be in decline, how social media shapes friendship, what it means that Jesus invites us to call him *friend*, and how relationships in the church can have more depth than we often assume is possible. This is an opportunity to deepen current friendships as well as begin new ones (contact: rj@allsoulsseattle.org).

## NEW TO CHRISTIANITY?

Tuesdays, Sept 25 - Nov 13, 7:30-9p / Pelander home

Shortly before he died in 1998, Lesslie Newbigin recorded a series of eight radio addresses on basic themes and central figures in the Bible. These addresses, which form the basis of the book, *A Walk Through the Bible*, affirm the Bible as the story of the history of humankind. Gather at the Pelander home with Andy and join him on a journey from Genesis through Revelation, introducing the great biblical figures along the way (contact: pastor@allsoulsseattle.org)

## GROWTH GROUPS

While the strength of Home Groups (p.11) includes community building, safety to explore Christianity, whole-family participation (as applicable), and service among friends, **Growth Groups** are a more intentional and intimate place to go deeper spiritually, with a focus on life with God. Also, as those who've participated will attest, these groups foster a unique depth of relationship with the other women/men. To learn more, contact Becca Shirley (women) or Andy Pelander (men).

## 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*

# 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 role of kids 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 on the provided clip-board 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 on the provided clip-board when you drop-off and pick-up.
- **1st, 2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th Grade:** 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. Students are dismissed by their teachers to rejoin their families after worship (except for the 4th-5th Grade Class, which rejoins 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. Middle and high schoolers are invited to stay in worship to explore, question, and reflect alongside adults.

Because we believe we grow best in the context of relationship, we are committed to coming alongside middle and high school students through monthly, age-specific Growth Groups on Sunday evenings, geared towards laughing, playing, sharing, exploring, serving, studying, praying and growing together. If you have a middle or high school student, or would like to get involved, please contact us.

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, contact Stefphan Gambill ([stefphan@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:stefphan@allsoulsseattle.org)) or visit [westseattle.younglife.org](http://westseattle.younglife.org)

## We're Hiring

We are seeking a **Director of Christian Formation for Middle and High School Students** who will prayerfully, humbly, skillfully, creatively, and joyfully love and serve our worshipping community and neighborhood; who, as a disciple, demonstrates continual, personal engagement with the gospel of Jesus in all areas of life; who has demonstrated gifting and calling to ministry. For more info, see [allsoulsseattle.org/about](http://allsoulsseattle.org/about) or contact A.S.K. Director Suzanne Case ([suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.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 south entrance parking lot. Parents can exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet their kids in the parking lot.

### 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](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids)

**See below:**  
*All Souls Kids classroom map (downstairs) on p. 12*

# 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 Smith (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](mailto:communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org). Thank you!

## 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 Local Info Meeting**

Sunday Sep 16 immediately after worship in the Madison Library. Discover and share opportunities to serve our community.

### › **West Seattle Young Life**

Young Life leaders go to where students are to develop relationships and to share the story and reality of God's love for them in Jesus Christ. Below are current ways to partner and support this ministry, its staff, and volunteers (for details and sign up contact [mercy@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:mercy@allsoulsseattle.org)).

- Provide dinner for Young Life Club (large group gatherings)
- Become a 'leader host' who cares and prays for a volunteer leader, even inviting them into your home/family life

### › **Serve and Partner with the West Seattle DSHS Foster Care Office**

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the WA State Department of Social and Health Services' 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, DSHS staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email to receive regular updates with needs as they arise ([mercy@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:mercy@allsoulsseattle.org)).

- Office Moms & Dads is an on-call, daytime volunteer opportunity (customizable to your schedule!) to care for foster kids that have recently been removed from their home while a social worker works hard to find a foster care placement for them.

### › **YoungLives**

All Souls is in the early stages of a partnership with YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms. Our hope is to begin to invest in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms in West Seattle through entering into their lives, building relationships with them and with their little ones, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to become the women and mothers God created them to be. All levels of commitment are welcome! If you have questions about this ministry, or are interested in hearing more about partnering with YoungLives, contact Rachel ([rachelpelander@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpelander@gmail.com)).

# Home Groups

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

Home Groups meet at least twice a month, and vary slightly in structure from group to group, based on group dynamics/ composition. Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals. All are encouraged to prioritize Home Groups. They can be joined by anyone at anytime, and aim to accommodate a variety of schedules, including those of families and commuters.

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 the leader(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   | Contact   | Time              | Notes   |
|----------------|---|-------------------|---|
| ADMIRAL        | Graeme + Sarah Hanson<br>s.wulf.hanson@gmail.com                          | Wed / 7 - 8:30p   | Mixed group of adults   |
| ALASKA         | R.J. + Carolyn March<br>rj@allsoulsseattle.org                            | Sun / 5 - 6:30p   | Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal and childcare |
| ARBOR HEIGHTS  | Jeff + Suzanne Case<br>suzannecase3@gmail.com                             | Tues / 6 - 7:30p  | Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal               |
|                | Matt + Nancy Spiro<br>Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia<br>nancyspiro@gmail.com | Tues / 6 - 7:30p  | Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal               |
| FAIRMOUNT PARK | Jake + Emily Anderson<br>jake.anderson486@gmail.com                       | Thurs / 6 - 8:30p | Mixed group of adults; includes a meal                                |
| GATEWOOD       | Luke + Terri Crook<br>terrilcrook@gmail.com                               | Sun / 6:30 - 8p   | Mixed group of adults; occasional meals                               |
| GENESEE        | Joseph + Sydney Buckley<br>joseph@bkly.org                                | Sat / 10 - 11:30a | Mixed group of adults; children welcome Includes brunch               |
|                | Matt + Amy Huey<br>amy_c_huey@yahoo.com                                   | Mon / 6:30 - 8p   | Mixed group of adults; children welcome                               |

# Giving as part of worship

We recognize 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 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

- 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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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