



# 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*

to get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with.

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# Order of Worship

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / 30 SEPTEMBER 2018



*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 95*

Come, let us sing for joy unto the Lord  
Let us shout to the rock of our salvation  
O, let us sing to him with thankful hearts  
Shout for joy with music and song

For the Lord is a great God (2x)  
In his hands are the earth, the seas (2x)

For the Lord is the great king (2x)  
The seas are his, he has made them (2x)

*adapted from Romans 13:11-14*

Awake from your sleep for night is gone  
**and the dawn of a new day has arrived!**

Darkness once ruled our lives,  
**but now the light of Jesus  
brings our salvation to life.**

Come, let us worship.  
**Come, let us worship!**

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

*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

*from Isaiah 26:19*

You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

words: Robert Robinson

music: Ashael Nettleton

## hymns

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

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God  
Here to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood

words: Katharina von  
Schelgel (1752) & Latifah  
Alattas, Reid Phillips, and  
Dann Stockton (2010)

music: Jean Sibelius (d. 1957),  
Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips,  
Dann Stockton, David Wilton

*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.*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change, He will remain

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future, as in ages past  
Your hope, your mind,  
your will let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

## Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief,  
and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored

## reading + interlude

Revelation 21:1-6, 22-27

*The Apostle John recalls a vision given to him by the Lord, of things to come:*

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."  
5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.  
22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## prayer of confession

Psalms 34:17-18

*seated*

*The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.  
He rescues them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;  
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.*

Merciful Father,

**We confess that we get overwhelmed with life and fail to trust you. Forgive us.  
Capture our minds with your love, with your provision, and with the abundance that  
you give in your Son, Jesus. Renew us through your Spirit to rest in you alone.**

*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.*

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

*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: Fanny Crosby

music: N. Ryan  
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## hymn

Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; (2x)

Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!

Though your sins be as scarlet, though your sins be as scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow

Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God! (2x)

He is of great compassion, and of wondrous love;

Hear the voice that entreats you, hear the voice that entreats you,

O return ye unto God!

He'll forgive your transgressions, And remember them no more; (2x)

'Look unto Me, ye people,' saith the Lord your God!

He'll forgive your transgressions, He'll forgive your transgressions,

And remember them no more. (2x)

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

## receiving of grace

Titus 3:4-5

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

## community storytelling

*Next Sunday, we will celebrate eight years of weekly public worship. Each year, this gives us— as a whole community— a moment to remember, give thanks, and smile at the Lord's kindness and provision. Together, in this place, we have continually and graciously been invited to be more deeply anchored in His promises.*

*What began as a handful of us in a living room, praying about what a church with a strong sense of 'place' could look like, God has fanned into a thriving, growing family where his grace is encountered. He's building a church among us that is gracious, hospitable, and present in our neighborhood.*

*Since the fall of 2010, Jesus has done remarkable things among us, transforming hearts with his love, and changing lives through the relationships he's cultivated here. Conversations are happening in our neighborhood that might not have otherwise, marginalized communities are being served, and a hunger for holiness and the things of the Lord is being stirred.*

*For a next few weeks, we're telling stories of change, new-found hope, and faith both new and reignited. We hope you'll be encouraged as you listen.*

## hymn

O Spirit of the Living God

standing

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine  
Descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow, until our minds are free  
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee  
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal  
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save  
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave  
And earth shall win true holiness which makes thy children whole  
Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal

words: Henry Tweeny

music: Audrey Assad

## common rhythms + practices

*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.*



*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 (wheat 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

Rev. R.J. March

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground — <sup>7</sup> then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## grateful giving

James 1:17

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 wand'ring soul,  
And with a shepherd's care  
He brought me kindly to His fold,  
And still protects me there.

He is my advocate with God,  
My Savior and my friend,  
His mercies new with every morn  
Like balmy showers descend.

*chorus:*

Break forth, break forth, O joyful heart,  
Break forth, no longer silent be;  
Break forth, break forth in grateful praise  
To Him who came to ransom Thee.

*chorus*

My soul shall magnify the Lord,  
My voice His love proclaim,  
And every power within me join  
To bless and praise His name.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

*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, 1881*

*music: Nathan Partain, 2009*

*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](mailto:info@allsoulsseattle.org) for  
details or directions to any of  
these gatherings, or visit  
[allsoulsseattle.org/events](http://allsoulsseattle.org/events).

## Gathering

### NEWCOMERS' DROP IN - TODAY

Sunday, Sept 30, 4-5:30p

New around here? Want to connect with others who are also getting to know the All Souls community this fall? Join us for an informal gathering and meal hosted by the Pelander family, just blocks from Madison M.S. Kids welcome; please contact [rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org) for directions.

### FIRST FRIDAY ART GATHERING - THIS WEEK

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

Artists (and lovers of art) of all mediums are invited to gather at the All Souls Loft for creative encouragement and artistic inspiration. Bring a snack or bev to share as we explore and celebrate the ways that art and theology dance together. Bring an original work, or share about a work that has impacted you. Contact Evan Wilson for details ([evan@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:evan@allsoulsseattle.org)).

### SPIRITUAL PRACTICES CLASS - BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Oct 7, 9-10a / Madison Library

Using the book *Liturgy of the Ordinary* as a starting point, we will be considering some practical ways to reimagine life with God in daily rhythms. A variety of community members will be leading weekly.

### PRAYER MORNING FOR WOMEN

Saturday, Oct 13, 8a-1p / Berg home

A time for fellowship, rest, and prayer for all women in the community, beginning with breakfast and ending with lunch. For more information and to RSVP: Carolyn March ([carolyn.t.march@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.t.march@gmail.com))

### ALL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, Oct 14, following worship

Join us as we review and celebrate recent months of church life together, and discuss our budget and continued commitments as a community. All welcome; members expected. Childcare provided.

*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.*

*To meet with a pastor or other  
leader confidentially, or for a  
counseling referral:  
[pastor@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:pastor@allsoulsseattle.org)*

## Growing

### 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](mailto:rj@allsoulsseattle.org)).

### A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

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

Scholar and missionary Lesslie Newbigin recorded a series of radio addresses on central themes and figures in the Bible, which now form the basis of his book, *A Walk Through the Bible*. Join us on this 'journey' along scripture's unifying narrative arc (contact: [pastor@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:pastor@allsoulsseattle.org)). All welcome.

### 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.

# 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 Stephan Gambill ([stephan@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:stephan@allsoulsseattle.org)) or visit [westseattle.younglife.org](http://westseattle.younglife.org)

*Coming up!*

### HIGH SCHOOL GAME NIGHT

Friday, Oct 5, 6-8p / Dillard home

High school students, come get your game on next Friday evening! Bring friends! Dinner provided. Contact [suzanne@allsoulsseattle](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle) for more information or to RSVP.

### BABYSITTING CO-OP INFO MEETING - NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Oct 7, following worship

Would you like to have FREE babysitting? Develop deeper relationships with other families at All Souls? Get a regular date night? The All Souls Babysitting Co-op might be a good fit for you! Find out more next week at a brief informational meeting in the commons area by the pre-school classes or contact Alissa Moore ([alissamoor@gmail.com](mailto:alissamoor@gmail.com)).

*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](mailto: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:*

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

- Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](http://allsoulsseattle.org/give) to contribute via credit card
- 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