



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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We all been through a lot we don't understand in a world made to either break us or make us so hard we can't break even when it's what we need most to do.

tommy orange

Order of Worship

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / 20 OCTOBER 2019



*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.

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 Luke 1:46-49

My soul magnifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God
My soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior (2x)

For he has done great things,
For he has done great things for me. (2x)

from Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

invocation

Psalm 119:103

*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.*

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

words: William Kethe, 1561

music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Bruce Benedict, 2006

hymns

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve Him with joy, His praises tell.
Come now before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord, is God indeed—
He formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock He surely feeds,
the sheep who by His hand were made.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

O enter then His gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ,
O bless and magnify His name!

Because the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure!

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.

words: Reginald Heber, 1826

music: John B. Dykes, 1861

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.

reading + interlude

Luke 18:1-8

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

prayer of confession

**Lord, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith.
In our impatience, we have in our hearts thought you "too slow" or a "no show."
So we try to take matters into our own hands,
and we despise our only real source of help.**

Lift up our spirits, Lord.

Lift up our eyes to see where our help comes from.

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

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

seated

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

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

hymn

Walls Come Down

God of earth and altar
Please hear our cry
Kings of earth, they falter
People drift and die

From all that terror teaches
From lies of tongue and pen
From all the empty speeches
That comfort foolish men

Walls of gold entomb us
Scornful hearts divide
Take not your presence from us
But take away our pride

From sale and acquisition
Of people and the sword
From apathy and numbness
Deliver us, O Lord

chorus:

chorus

Let these walls come down (2x)
Every heart cry out
Let these walls come down

Hear our prayer! (4x)
Walls come down, walls come down (2x)

chorus

receiving of grace

Hebrews 10:10

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Together, let us remember the promise of the gospel:

In Christ, we are forgiven.

responding to grace

A conversation with Captain Lisa Barnes (Salvation Army, White Center) and an invitation to participate in Brave: a ministry to young women in foster care.

prayers of the people

You hear us calling. You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

In your mercy, renew the strength and courage of foster parents in Seattle today— please provide for foster parents as *they seek to provide* for the emotional, medical, nutritional, educational, and parental needs of children under their care. Protect these households, be their keeper against against cynicism, especially on the hardest days and in the longest nights: For the foster parent who will lose sleep tonight as she calms and soothes a baby, we pray for your rest. For the foster parent who will endure yelling and screaming today from a child in deep pain, we pray for your grace. For the foster parent who will experience heart-ache today as he says good-bye to the child he has cared for as his own, we pray for your comfort. Thank you that you know, see, and understand all the complex emotions of anger, heartbreak, joy, and fear that foster parents experience as they extend radical hospitality. Please show them your presence and provide more social workers and foster care parents in our area to help carry the burden. We pray for friends, churches, and community organizations to come alongside foster parents in our neighborhoods and share in their joy— loving those you love.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

For the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who help care for children whose parents cannot, we give you thanks for them! We pray they would know your delight as they often give until they experience lack— emotionally, financially, physically. Please lift up their heads, give them sleep in their weariness, answer their cries for help with your presence, keep them from burnout, and even fill their mouths with laughter in the midst of heaviness and heartache. Where family hurts run deep and conflict re-opens old wounds, apply your healing balm.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

For social workers in Seattle, please smooth their path as they navigate care for victims of abuse and neglect and as they daily enter the trauma of broken families. We ask for the movement of your Spirit among the social workers at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families in Delridge. Keep their hearts tender and compassionate, sustain them, and protect them from burn out. As they confront brokenness, create space for grief, and an imagination for how Jesus you wept and invite us to mourn and thirst for righteousness. Allow our social workers to be voices of strength, truth and grace to the broken, marginalized and hopeless. Equip our social workers with eyes to see the love and dignity you have bestowed upon each child who enters their office. Raise up and strengthen leaders in our church and the churches in our city to be a tangible support to our social workers and to offer encouragement in this often thankless, but incredibly important work of supporting and protecting children.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

For our own hearts, so often consumed with ourselves, Jesus you have done everything that was necessary for us to know freedom from our self-consciousness and self-absorption. Show us how to practice the mercy you have extended to us, to savor your love, even as we extend your love. To make room at our tables as you have made room for us at your table.
Lord, have mercy.

You hear us calling. You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. (2x)

common rhythms + practices

music by The Brilliance

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.

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

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

word

grateful giving

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 placing your comment card in one of the offering bowls as they are passed. Read more about giving in worship on p.12.

Matthew 10:8

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 G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might. Hea- of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ble-s in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the hig

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

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt; may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
In heaven's light, Lord, make us one

benediction + sending

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever, **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God!

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

Please note that we use wine 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: St. Francis of Assisi, paraphrased by James Quinn

music: O WALY WALY trad. English melody

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 to be added, or to update your address on file, thank you.

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

Gathering

LIFE TOGETHER: EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP - TODAY

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

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

JOIN A HOME GROUP THIS FALL

Now meeting every other week; see p.11 for details

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

YOUTH GROUP - NOW WEEKLY!

Middle and high school students meet weekly on Sundays, 5-7p to share a meal, play, and enjoy small group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted at the home of Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org for directions. Pick up a fall calendar on the book table to read about all of the planned youth events.

LIVING HERE: A CHURCH FAMILY DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION

Sunday, Nov 17, 5-8p / Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

Gather around the table with your All Souls family for a conversation about **enjoying and extending God's presence in the neighborhoods we call home**. Sixth grade and up welcome to participate; limited childcare available. For more information or to RSVP: rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org

Growing

MEAL KITS FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

Contribute to meal kits for kinship caregivers receiving children in foster care. Each meal kit contains non-perishable items for three breakfasts, two lunches, and four dinners; a gift card to purchase perishable items; recipes and meal ideas. Meal kits will be distributed by social workers at the Department of Children, Youth, and Family in Delridge. Between now and Nov 10, purchase a full kit for \$130, half kit for \$65, or individual meal(s) for \$15: allsoulsseattle.org/give (memo: meal kits)

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).

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 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

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.

All Souls Kids + Youth



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

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

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

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

Middle and High School Students

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

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

- ▶ **Youth Group:** Students meet weekly on **Sundays, 5-7p** to share a meal, play, and enjoy small group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted at the home of Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact suzanne@allsoulssseattle.org for directions.
- ▶ **Sunday mornings:** Students are invited to gather weekly to connect and meet leaders before worship. They are invited also to serve in various capacities during worship, or to remain with family, friends, or youth leaders during the service. *October 27th Pray + Play in the Madison Gym 10am*
- ▶ **Upcoming: Adventure night!** October 27th 5-7p Glow Games at Hiawatha Park. Meet at the All Souls Loft for dinner and then we will walk down to the park.

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

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

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

SAFETY NOTE:

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

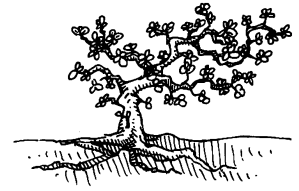
Parents:

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

Please use this at your convenience.

learn more:
allsoulssseattle.org/kids

How can I serve?



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

We are called to serve, not to be served.

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

ALL SOULS COMMUNITY

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

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

current needs / opportunities to serve:

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

NEIGHBORHOOD + CITY

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

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

current opportunities:

▶ **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."

- Wed, Nov 20, 11a-2p / DCYF Office (4045 Delridge Way SW)—meet local social workers and learn about local needs by attending the Office of Indian Child Welfare's Open House & Potluck
- Sat, Dec 7, 4-7p / Foster Family Holiday Celebration (11659 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98168)—serve foster families by providing childcare for children in foster care during a holiday celebration hosted by Beverly Park Baptist Church. Contact suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org to sign-up.
- Wed, Dec 11, 11a-2p / DCYF Office (4045 Delridge Way SW)—bless local social workers and learn more about the needs of our community by serving at the annual Department of Children, Youth and Family holiday staff appreciation lunch. Volunteers needed to pick-up and drop-off food, decorate, set-up, and clean-up. Contact nancyspiro@gmail.com

▶ **YoungLives**

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

- Cook a meal for the YL Monday night gatherings for moms, little ones, and mentors (HG or GG service opportunity!)
- Donate a blanket (\$35): give via allsoulsseattle.org/give (memo: YoungLives blanket)
- 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).

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	Contact	Time
ADMIRAL	Andy Lewis + Ruth Rogers Lewis ruthrogerslewis@comcast.net	Wed / 7 - 8:30p
ALASKA	Peter + Kara Barrett kara@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal and childcare</i>
ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p <i>includes a meal</i>
	Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia nancyspiro@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p <i>includes a meal</i>
COLUMBIA CITY	Daniel + Shiyun Chen danielandshiyun@gmail.com	Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal</i>
GENESEE	Joseph + Sydney Buckley joseph@bkly.org	Sat / 10 - 11:30a <i>includes brunch</i>
	Matt + Amy Huey amy_c_huey@yahoo.com	Mon / 6:30 - 8p
HIGHLAND PARK	Nate + Lori Bailey hi.loribailey@gmail.com	Thurs / 6:30 - 8p <i>includes a meal</i>
	R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal and childcare</i>

group information can also be found at allsoulsseattle.org/connect

Giving as part of worship

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

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

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

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

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

There are a few ways that you can contribute financially to All Souls.

- Place cash or check in the offering on Sundays
- Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:
All Souls
PO Box 16613
Seattle, WA 98116
- Visit allsoulsseattle.org/give
- For any assistance or questions about:
Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation)
please contact bookkeeper@allsoulsseattle.org

The intentional financial participation of those who consider All Souls their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so.

If you have questions about tithing or biblical guidelines for giving, please ask.

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14:30 A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

27:4 Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

25:20 Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.

27:19 As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man.

14:29 Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

17:27 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

29:11 A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

21:19 It is better to live in a desert land, than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.

1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, fools despise wisdom and instruction.

3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

16:32 Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

19:11 Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

19:3 When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages at the LORD.

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