



# 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*

Jesus is the descent of God to our lives, just as they are, not the ascent of our lives to God, hoping he might approve when he sees how hard we try.

Eugene Peterson

# Order of Worship

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / 28 OCTOBER 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 Luke 1:46-55

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord. My spir-it re-joy-ces in God —  
5 My soul mag - ni-fies the Lord, my Sav - ior.  
9 For He has done great things, For he has done great things for  
13 me. For he has done great things for me. **3**

Psalm 148:1-4

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; **praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels; **praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

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

Psalm 16:2

You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

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

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

## hymns

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

words: Joachim Neander  
music: traditional melody

*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.*

Praise to the Lord! Who hath fearfully,  
wondrously, made thee.  
Granted thee health and, when heedlessly  
falling, hath stayed thee;  
What need or grief,  
ever hath failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

*chorus:*

Praise Him, Praise Him  
Praise Him (2x)

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, praise the Lord of life,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Love's morn' dispels the night;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
See heaven's son now rise  
See now his hands, his side  
Life blooms and death shall die  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Lift up your eyes to heaven  
Lift up your voice with praises  
Lift up your hearts to Him (3x)  
Life blooms and death shall die  
Alleluia, Amen!

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, Who, when tempests  
their warfare are waging.  
Who, when the elements madly around  
thee are raging.  
Biddeth them cease,  
Turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

*chorus*

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

Praise him, praise him

9 I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"  
 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
 and serve him day and night in his temple;  
 and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
 the sun shall not strike them,  
 nor any scorching heat.  
 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
 and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## prayer of confession

Eternal God,  
 we come to you this morning as people who need to be redeemed.

**Your promises to us are never broken, yet we confess that we fail to trust you.**

**Though you have bound yourself to us, we run from your embrace.**

**In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,**

**but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.**

**We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.**

In your mercy, Lord, forgive and cleanse us.

**Lead us once again to your arms and unite us to Christ,**

**who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

*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.*

*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.*

words based on Psalm 137:1  
2nd stanza by Isaac Wardell

music: "BABYLON"  
Jewish melody

## hymn

By the Waters of Babylon

By the waters, the waters of Babylon  
We laid down and wept, and wept for thee, Zion  
We remember thee, remember thee  
remember thee, Zion

By his wounds, his wounds have we been healed  
And for our transgressions, his passion has made us well  
Let us come again and feast on him  
our Lord, Emmanuel

## receiving of grace

Ephesians 1:7-9

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure.

Let us remember the hope of the gospel: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

## praying the psalms

from Psalm 16

*Praying through the Psalms teaches us how to pray, using the prayer book of ancient Israel, God's people.*

Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."  
I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
**you make my lot secure.**  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
**surely I have a delightful inheritance.**  
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
**even at night my heart instructs me.**  
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
**With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,  
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.  
**You make known to me the path of life;**  
**you will fill me with joy in your presence,**  
**with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Amen.**

## hymn

His Eye is On the Sparrow

standing

Why should I feel discouraged,  
why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion?  
My constant Friend is He

*chorus:*

His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me. (2x)

"Let not your heart be troubled,"  
His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth,  
but one step I may see

*chorus*

Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him,  
from care He sets me free

*chorus*

*words and music:  
Phil Peterson  
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*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.*



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

*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

God Clothed Them | Genesis 3:14-4:2

Rev. R.J. March

- 14 The Lord God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
- 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
- 16 To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”
- 17 And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
- 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
- 20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
- 22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”
- 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.
- 1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

## grateful giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received, freely give.

*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.*

*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.*

### 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.

*words: Louisa M. R. Stead*

*music: William J. Kirkpatrick*

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

## hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

standing

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
And to take him at his word  
Just to rest upon his promise  
And to know, "Thus sayeth the Lord"

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust his cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

*chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust him more  
and more, and more  
and more, and more

*chorus*

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend  
And I know that thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end.

the end, the end

the end, the end

*chorus (2x)*

## benediction + sending

Colossians 3:1-4

Go confidently knowing that God, who gave His one and only Son to make you His own, will care for your every need as His dear children.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*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

### INTRO TO ALL SOULS - JOIN US TODAY

Sundays, Oct 21-Nov 11, 12:30 - 2p / All Souls Loft

Join us for a discussion and introduction to the story, beliefs, and values of All Souls. This is for those who are curious about All Souls, and also for those pursuing membership. BYO lunch; childcare available. Sign-up: rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org

### FIRST FRIDAY ART GATHERING - THIS WEEK

Nov 2, Dec 7, 6:30p / 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).

### WEST SEATTLE FOOD BANK: FOOD DONATIONS

Sundays, Nov 4 & 11 / Madison

See details in the insert for providing resources for those living on the streets in our community.

### LISTEN TO YOUR LIFE WORKSHOP: WRITING FOR REFLECTION

Saturday, Nov 10, 9:30 - 12p / All Souls Loft

'Why write?' you might ask. "It's easy, after all, not to be a writer. Most people aren't writers, and very little harm comes to them," (from *The Writing Life* by Annie Dillard). We will be asking this question together, and exploring what it is to be present to our own voices, to our surroundings, and to the Spirit within. We invite you to join us and give it a try. This time is open to anyone. No previous or professional experience is needed. Rsvp to Steve Simmons and Becca (becca@allsoulsseattle.org).

### JOIN A HOME GROUP

Home groups provide safe places to know and be known as we grow in relationship with ourselves, God, and one another. Each group is unique and has its own 'personality,' while they share a focus on communal life with God. Groups gather twice monthly throughout the neighborhood to share meals and spiritual conversation. See details and hosts' contact info on p.11.

*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*

## Growing

### SPIRITUAL PRACTICES CLASS

Sundays through Nov 11, 9a / 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.

### MORNING PRAYER

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

### A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

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

Are you new to the Bible, or have you wondered how it all came together and fits together; what the Bible is for, and the single story it tells? Join us on a 'journey' along scripture's unifying narrative arc, guided by Lesslie Newbigin's book, *A Walk Through the Bible*. 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.

# 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)

## Bulletin Board

### WE'RE HIRING!

All Souls Kids is ready to add an additional Sunday Morning Host to our team, a flexible, paid position. Please contact Suzanne Case for more information ([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](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.
- **Volunteer Training Next Week:** Nov. 1 at 10am | Delridge DSHS Office 4045 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 9810

### ▶ **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)
- 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