



Welcome.

All Souls, seeking to be a church not just for ourselves, exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.

Launched in 2010, we are a worshipping community rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, wholeness, and hope.

We seek to embody and articulate this gospel of grace, bringing about spiritual, social, and cultural renewal in Seattle and, through it, the world.

As a church, we are part of that historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build, sustain, and perfect.

Anyone is welcome in worship, and we encourage you to come as you are. We understand that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating. So it's our commitment to walk you through each component of the worship service so no one feels like an outsider. There will be no obscure, tribal language. No 'in-house' moments.

Our worship is structured, with liturgy and rich music that connects us to the church of old and those who've gone before us—we are deeply rooted in something much larger than ourselves or our own cultural moment. But worship should be accessible and enjoyable if it's to be meaningful.

You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of the historic Christian gospel.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful. It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

So let us explore. *Let us worship.*



All Souls

Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that belief is hard. That's why:

- We value questions, and the people who ask them
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk *to* skeptics not *about* them
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Doubt. Ask. Explore.

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The lack of mystery in our modern life is our downfall and our poverty.

Living without mystery means passing over our own hidden qualities and those of others and the world. It means remaining on the surface... not seeing the crucial processes of life at all, and even denying them.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / 2 DECEMBER 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

Come Light Our Hearts

For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait (2x)
truly our hope is in You (2x)

O Lord of life, our only hope
your radiance shines on all who look
to you in the dark, Emmanuel come
come light our hearts

lighting the advent candle

based on Isaiah 9:2; 7:14

Each Sunday in Advent, we light a candle on this wreath as a sign of the coming light of Christ, the hope that breaks apart the darkness and rescues the world.

Hear the word of the Lord:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and he shall be called Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*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 the Book of Common Prayer

***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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear

chorus:

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, 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, Lord. Take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From the depths of hell, thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

chorus

Oh come Desire of Nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and sorrow cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace

chorus

words: unknown, 12th cent.
trans. John M. Neale, 1851

music: Veni Emmanuel

Hymns comprise most of the worship songs at All Souls, because of their richness, doctrinal depth, and focus on God's character and redemptive work. Many hymns are patterned after the Psalms with their varied expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and, too, a wrestling with what it is to trust in a love as audacious as the Lord's. Our hope is that these hymns and prayers set to music would lead us into a dynamic encounter with our Savior, in worship.

reading + interlude

from the Jesus Storybook Bible

Readings from Isaiah: Operation "No More Tears!"

This is the message God gave Isaiah...

Dear Little Flock,

You're all wandering away from me, like sheep in an open field. You have always been running away from me. And now you're lost. You can't find your way back.

But I can't stop loving you. I will come to find you. So I am sending you a Shepherd to look after you and love you. To carry you home to me.

You've been stumbling around, like people in a dark room. But into the darkness, a bright Light will shine! It will chase away all the shadows, like sunshine.

A little baby will be born. A Royal Son. His mommy will be a young girl who doesn't have a husband. His name will be Emmanuel, which means "God has come to live with us." He is one of King David's children's children's children. The Prince of Peace.

Yes, Someone is going to come and rescue you!

But he won't be who anyone expects...

[But] the Rescuer will come. Look for him. Watch for him. Wait for him. He will come!

I promise.

prayer of confession

Here is a saying that is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15)

Lord of mercy,

always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,

the intelligent courage of the Magi,

and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

that we may journey with them to Bethlehem

and find the good news of a child born for us.

Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

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 and music by
Evan Wilson

lyrics adapted from
historic Christian liturgy

"Kyrie eleison" is a
Greek phrase meaning
"Lord, have mercy."
It is one of the Church's
oldest prayers.

hymn

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy on me
Christ have mercy

Lord, have mercy on me
Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison

Lamb of God, you take away
The sin of the world
Lamb of God, you take away
The sin of the world

Lord, have mercy on us
Grant your peace upon us
Lord, have mercy on us
Grant your peace upon us

receiving of grace

based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sin is pardoned. The penalty is paid.

God's grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.
Let us remember the hope of the gospel: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*And I will establish my
covenant between me and
you and your offspring after
you throughout their
generations for an
everlasting covenant, to be
God to you and to your
offspring after you.*

*For the promise is for you
and for your children and
for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord
our God calls to himself.*

*Believe in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved, you
and your household.*

Matthew 28:19;
Genesis 17:7;
Acts 2:39; 16:31

the sacrament of baptism

Soren Bradley VenHuizen

*For you, Soren,
the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation,
and the Lord God made covenants with his people.*

*It was for you that the Word of God became flesh
and lived among us, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

*For you, Soren, Jesus Christ suffered death
crying out at the end, "It is finished!"*

John 19:20

*And for you, Christ triumphed over death,
rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.*

*All of this was done for you, Soren, before you knew anything about it,
and we will continue to celebrate this good news with you as you make it your own.*

*So the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:
"We love because God first loved us." **

1 John 4:19

** adapted from liturgy of the
French Reformed Church*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you understand that our hearts are broken in a way that we cannot fix on our own, and that because of this we are separate from God unless he chooses to do something about it?

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth, lived and died as we should have, and rose again, so that we will no longer be separate from him? Do you want Jesus' life to count in place of yours before God so that you can be in a loving relationship with him, forever?

Do you want to become more like Jesus, loving and honoring God with your thoughts, words, and actions, as God's own Spirit graciously and gently enables you to learn and grow, and to love as Jesus loves?

Will you, with a grateful heart, join other followers of Jesus to serve, love, and share this amazing news of what Jesus has done, and is doing on our behalf?

Will you allow leaders within the church to guide you toward what the Bible teaches us, and will you strive to be encouraging, supportive, and kind, treating the church like family you love?

prayer of thanks and blessing

hymn

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in holy love

common rhythms + practices

*questions adapted from the
Book of Church Order, 57-5*

*words and music by
Sandra McCracken*

Trinity Song

standing

*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.*

*Prayers for those not
communing today*

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.

word

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing— as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

grateful giving

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

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.

table

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.

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.

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.

doxology

Thomas Ken 1674, Louis Bourgeois 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

benediction + sending

Live lives of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord,
who takes pleasure in those who trust Him and put their hope in Him.
Go now in the name of the Father, Son, and 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!

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.

*dox-ol-o-gy
(from doxa, meaning glory):*

An expression of praise to God emphasizing his Triune nature (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

standing

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

ADVENT SERIES FOR WOMEN: ART, MUSIC + CRAFT

Thursdays, Dec 6, 13, 20, 7:30-9:30p | **this week:** O Dayspring + Painting, led by Alyssa Incorvaia
Advent means “coming.” Come contemplate the “comings” that Advent awaits and anticipates with your All Souls sisters. Using Old Testament prophetic titles for Christ, scripture, poetry, music, and art, we’ll ponder Christ’s humble first coming in Bethlehem, his glorious second coming, and his coming to us in our ordinary lives. We’ll read, sing, create, and reflect. No artistic skills required. Please RSVP to Rachel Faunce for directions: rachelfaunce@gmail.com

save the date(s)

COME, O LONG EXPECTED (CHRISTMAS) PARTY

Sunday, Dec 16, 7-9:30p

Our most festive gathering of the year returns, at West Seattle’s Dakota Place (Calif./Dakota), when we’ll celebrate this season of joy and hope together. Carols, dessert, coffee provided; please bring wine to share. **Parents:** it’s not too early to arrange childcare at home! Also, childcare for ages 5+ will be available at the All Souls Loft, 6:45-9:15p— space is limited, \$5 per child, sign-up required (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

CHRISTMAS LESSONS + CAROLS

Sunday, Dec 23, 10a

Celebrate Christmas with All Souls as we tell and sing the story of Christ’s birth. Invite friends!

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).

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP

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.

Bulletin Board

BABYSITTING CO-OP

New members welcome! Join our community of All Souls families who help each other with childcare and gather monthly for playdates and fun. Contact: Alissa Moor (alissamoor@gmail.com)

READING GROUP

Every other Wednesday 7:30-9p (began Oct 3) / All Souls Loft

Enjoy reading and discussing books on spiritual and theological topics with others? Join a group of learners, as we seek to press the grace and life of Jesus deeper into our hearts and deepen understanding of God and his Word. Selections will range from authors including James K.A. Smith, Lesslie Newbigin, Esther L. Meek, N.T. Wright, and others. Contact: Adam Aljets (aljets@gmail.com)

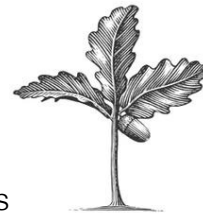
*How do we desire to be
‘formed,’ spiritually?*

*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*

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 school students** are invited to participate in bi-monthly spiritual formation classes, in the library (2nd and 4th Sunday of each month), and to remain in worship or serve with All Souls Kids on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
- ▶ **High school students** are invited on Sundays to participate in worship and/or to serve with All Souls Kids.

Because we believe we grow best in the context of relationship, we are committed to walking alongside middle and high school students as they journey spiritually, including during **quarterly gatherings** designed to foster connection and growth through play, sharing, exploring, serving, and learning to pray together. If you are a parent or a student and would like to learn more and/or involved, please contact Suzanne Case (suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org).

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, contact Stephan Gambill (stephan@allsoulsseattle.org) or visit westseattle.younglife.org

Upcoming: Christmas Party!

Sunday, Dec 9, 4-6p | All Souls Loft | **All middle and high students welcome— bring a friend!**

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*

How can I serve?



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

We are called to serve, not to be served.

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

ALL SOULS COMMUNITY

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

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

current needs / opportunities to serve:

- ▶ **Sundays** - As you might imagine, it takes many hands to turn a middle school into a warm, welcoming worship space. We need volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, coffee/snacks, and more. Contact: Shannon Smith (shannon@allsoulsseattle.org).
- ▶ **Make a Meal** - As a way to tangibly serve one another in challenging or transitional seasons of life, we as a family make meals for each other. To make *or request* a meal, please contact communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org. Thank you!

NEIGHBORHOOD + CITY

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

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

current opportunities:

▶ **Serve and Partner with the West Seattle DCYF Foster Care Office**

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families' 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, DCYF staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email to receive regular updates with needs as they arise (contact: nancyspiro@gmail.com).

- On December 6th All Souls will provide a luncheon for the entire staff at the DCYF office in West Seattle. **Volunteers are needed for the day of the event for set up/ clean up.** In addition **contributions will be needed for the lunch**, i.e. main course items/ sandwiches, sides, dessert, drinks, plates, cups, decorations and if possible gift bags for each of the staff members. Contact Nancy Spiro for information and to sign-up to serve: (206) 261-5381 or nancyspiro@gmail.com.
- **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 Pelander (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

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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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