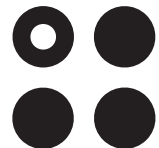




HOPE



ADVENT 2017

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.*



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there are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places.

Wendell Berry

Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 3 DECEMBER 2017



*Please silence all devices for
the duration of worship*

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

standing

welcome

call to worship

We will wait on the Lord (x2)
Heavenly Father
The King His Son
The Holy Spirit, three in one

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.

invocation

from Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand

*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.*

*Advent—a word that means
'coming' or 'arrival'—is a
season when the church
celebrates and anticipates
the coming of Jesus at
Christmas.*

*The Christmas season is
mostly celebrated as a
joyful, happy occasion (and
for good reason). But it's
also a good season to
remember the longing, the
desperation, and the
darkness in which the world
first awaited a Savior, and
even now awaits his return.*

hymns

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung!

O flow'r, whose fragrance tender,
With sweetness fills the air,

Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As those of old have sung

Dispel in glorious splendor,
The darkness ev'rywhere.

It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the light.

True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our ev'ry load.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind,

With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy precious kingdom bring

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the saints Thou art
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart

By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

*words: 15th cent. trans. by
Theodore Baker*

*music: 1599, Alte Catholische
Geistliche Kirchengesang*

words: Charles Wesley

music: Rowland Pritchard

*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.*

God, Your Everlasting Light

words: William Cowper

music: Nathan Ryan
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Hear what God the Lord has spoken
"O my people, faint and few
Comfortless, afflicted, broken
Fair abodes I build for you
Thorns of heartfelt tribulation
Shall no more perplex your ways
You shall name your walls Salvation
And your gates shall all be Praise"

See no more your sun's descending
Waning moons no more shall be
But your griefs forever ending
Find eternal noon in me
God shall rise, and shining o'er you
Change to day the gloom of night
He, the Lord, shall be your glory
God, your Everlasting Light

There, like streams that feed the garden
Pleasures without end shall flow
For the Lord, your faith rewarding
All His bounty shall bestow
Still in undisturbed possession
Peace and righteousness shall reign
Never shall you feel oppression
Nor hear the voice of war again

scripture reading

Isaiah 2:2-5

*Isaiah the prophet was given a vision of the coming of Christ,
and the peace He would bring:*

2 In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

3 Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

5 Come, people of the Lord,

let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*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.*

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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: Henry Lyte,
Justin Smith*

music: Justin Smith

prayer of confession

Merciful God,

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, God.

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.

hymn

Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace
can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting, death?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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.**

the sacrament of baptism

Eleanor Marian Aldassy + Stella Grace Morey

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

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

John 1:14

*For you, 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, though you do not know any of this yet.

But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own.

And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

*"We love because God first loved us." **

1 John 4:19

To the parents:

Do you acknowledge that your daughters are created in God's image, and are a gift from him to both you and the world?

Do you acknowledge your daughter's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, as promised in the gospel, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now wholeheartedly commit your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will seek to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the anchoring truths of our faith, and that you will, by all the means of God's enabling, raise her to know and love the Lord?

To the community:

Do we as a church family gladly embrace the privilege and responsibility of loving, caring for, and modeling gospel-reliance before these children?

congregational prayer

adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ,
who embraces children with the arms of mercy, and makes them living members of
your Church, give Stella and Eleanor grace to stand fast in your faith, to cherish and
obey your word, and to abide in your love. Being made strong by your Holy Spirit,
may they resist temptation and overcome evil, rejoice in the life that is now, and dwell
with you in the life that is to come; through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with
the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.**

*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***

** from liturgy of the
French Reformed Church*

*Questions from the Book of
Church Order, 56-5*

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.*

words: William Cowper, 1772

music: 19th Century

American tune

hymn

In Christ Alone

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.

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

gospel lesson

'Who are you, Lord?' | Acts 9:1-21a

Rev. Andy Pelander

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed.

offering

1 Corinthians 4:7

What do you have that you did not receive?

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.

the Lord's 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 haven't been baptized, please talk with our pastor. We would be honored to baptize you.

hymn

O Come, Messiah, Come

standing

Oh come! Oh come Messiah!
Oh come our Alleluia!
Oh sing! Oh sing Hosannah!
Oh come! Messiah come!

Oh come! Oh come Messiah!
Oh come our Alleluia!
Oh sing! Oh sing Hosannah!
Oh come! Messiah come!

Comfort and joy, Alpha, Omega He.
Sorrow and toil, no longer rulers be.

Comfort and joy, Alpha, Omega He.
Sorrow and toil, no longer rulers be.

Oh come! Oh come Messiah!
Oh come our Alleluia!
Oh sing! Oh sing Hosannah!
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*words and music:
Isaac Wardell
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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!

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/calendar.

Gathering

ALL SOULS CHRISTMAS PARTY - NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Dec 10, 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. 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 24, 10a / nursery + toddler rooms open, no All Souls Kids

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

Growing

ADVENT DAILY

Dec 3 - 25

A daily email with Scripture readings, prayers, and a song to facilitate personal and family prayer and worship this Advent. The email also includes an audio version read by a member of the All Souls community, so you can listen on the way to work or at the breakfast table! Sign up is painless: visit allsoulsseattle.org, and then add dailyworship@allsoulsseattle.org to your email contacts.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sundays, 9-9:45a in the library; childcare provided ages 2+

We are excited to continue a space for engagement and learning, on Sunday mornings before worship. **Beginning a new session titled The Gospel and Race, we will explore how All Souls can embody and be a voice for gospel change as we consider our church's mission, features of the early church community, and the Christian's role as an agent of God's kingdom in our current cultural context.** Bring coffee and joints us as we pray, study, and learn together. For details, please contact Dan Reeve (dereeve@gmail.com) or Ryan Anderson (email.ryananderson@gmail.com).

GROWTH GROUPS

Ready to learn and apply the Bible more broadly, press the gospel of Jesus further into your heart and life, dig into deeper, bigger questions, and share with greater transparency in a smaller (6-8 ppl max), gender-specific group? Growth Groups are a unique and more intimate place to grow spiritually, with a committed focus on discipleship. Details and sign up / groups@allsoulsseattle.org

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: Rachel Lanera (DeLanera@hotmail.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 + Nursery



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 (non-walkers) and Toddlers (1-2 yrs):** Both rooms are open through the entire worship service. 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 brought upstairs 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 Area Director Alison Bray (alisonb.yl@gmail.com).

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

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

SAFETY NOTE:

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the south entrance parking lot. Parents can exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet their kids in the parking lot.

Parents:

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

Please use this at your convenience.

*Learn more:
allsoulsseattle.org/kids*

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: Charlotte Aljets (charlotte@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:

▶ **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).

- 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).

- 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.
Contact Janine Krebs (westseattleomd@gmail.com) to learn more and to sign up for the next volunteer training.

▶ **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 at 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. Home groups are a vital part of 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.

All are encouraged to prioritize Home Groups, most of which meet every other week, Sept - June. They can be joined by *anyone at anytime*, and aim to accommodate a variety of schedules, including those of families and commuters.

Groups meet every other week beginning October 1. To join or learn more about a group please contact the leader(s) directly.

PLEASE NOTE: Group rosters are capped at 12 adults (plus kids). If a group is full, staff will help you find another option (groups@).

Time/location details for additional groups launching this fall will be posted here as they are confirmed.

Neighborhood	Contact	Time	Notes
ADMIRAL	Graeme + Sarah Hanson s.wulf.hanson@gmail.com	Wed / 7 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults
	Martin + Sarah Dillard sarahjdillard@gmail.com	Wed / 6:30 - 8p	Mixed group of adults; childcare provided
ALASKA	R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome
ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case Matt + Nancy Spiro suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
DELRIDGE	Jonathan + Rachel Faunce rachelfaunce@gmail.com	Sun / 4:30 - 6p	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
RAINIER BEACH	Aaron + Prasti Purdum appurdum@gmail.com	Sun / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome
MIDDLE SCHOOL HOME GROUP	Stefphan Gambill stefphan@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 4:30 - 6p	All middle schoolers welcome (invite a friend!); meets at the All Souls Loft

Group schedules can also be found here: allsoulsseattle.org/calendar

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.

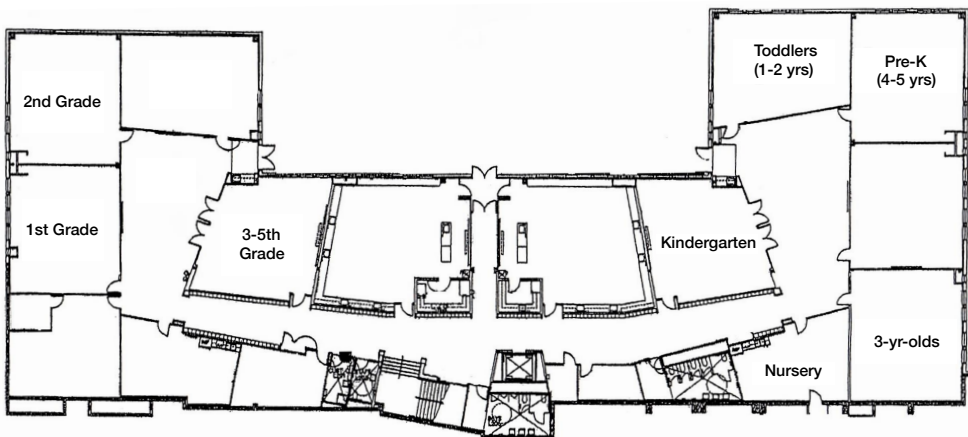
There are few ways that you can contribute financially to All Souls.

- 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 Church
PO Box 16613
Seattle, WA 98116
- For any assistance or questions about:
Giving on a recurring basis via EFT (electronic fund transfer), stock donation, or non-cash contribution options (e.g. property or vehicle donation) please contact Noni Wilson (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.

All Souls Kids Classroom Map (downstairs)



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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