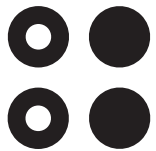




LOVE



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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All Souls

We must lay before God what is in us, not what ought to be in us.

C.S. Lewis

Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 10 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

from Come Then, Lord Jesus

by Horatius Bonar

We long to hear thy voice
To See thee face to face
To share thy crown and glory
As now we share thy grace
Come Then, Lord Jesus, Come (x2)

lighting the advent candle

based on Isaiah 9:2; John 1:1-5

*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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made;

without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

invocation

from Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

King of kings, yet born of Mary / As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords, in human vesture / In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful / His own self for heavenly food

*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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And deaths dark shadows put to flight.

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me

Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more

How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee

*words: Samuel T. Francis
music: trad. Welsh 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.*

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation, slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign. (x2)

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see. (x2)

Lo! He comes in glory shining
Saints arise and meet your king
Glorious captain of salvation
“Welcome welcome” hear them sing
Shouts of triumph, shouts of triumph
Make the heavens with echoes ring (x2)

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear! (x2)

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come! (x2)

*words: Charles Wesley,
Martin Madan,
Joseph Swain,
John Cennick*

*music: Nathan Ryan
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scripture reading

Isaiah 11:1-4, 9-10

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

- 1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him —
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;
the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*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.

prayer of confession

God of Mercy, we praise you for sending light into this world.
We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.
We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us, and to live in us.
We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season,
and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

**Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.
Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace
can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.**

words and music:

American Folk Hymn

Let's acknowledge these things silently before the Lord, knowing forgiveness and rest are freely available in Jesus.

hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse For my soul, for my soul To bear the dreadful curse for my soul	To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great 'I Am,' While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down When I was sinking down, sinking down When I was sinking down, Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown, For my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown, for my soul	And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on And through eternity, I'll sing on

receiving of grace

based on Jeremiah 33:14-16

'The day will come,' says the Lord, 'when I will do for my people all the good things I have promised them. In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

And on that day my people will be saved and will live in peace.'

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

praying the psalms

Psalm 139:1-16

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

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of
them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. Amen.**

hymn

God Himself is With Us

standing

God Himself is with us:
Let us now adore Him,
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple,
all within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own,
Him our God and Savior;
Praise His Name forever.

O Thou fount of blessing,
purify my spirit;
Trusting only in Thy merit,
Like the holy angels
who behold Thy glory,
May I ceaselessly adore Thee,
And in all, great and small,
seek to do most nearly
What Thou lovest dearly.

God Himself is with us:
Hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy,"
hear the hymn ascending,
Angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow Thine ear to us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Thy church now raises.

words: Gerhard Tersteegen

music: Joachim Neander

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.

gospel lesson

the Beginning of the End | Isaiah 9:1-7

Rev. Andy Pelander

- 1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
- 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

hymns

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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.

*words and music by
Stuart Townend*

Redeemed

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.

chorus:

Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child and forever I am

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.

chorus

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

chorus

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps,
And giveth me songs in the night.

chorus

standing

words: Fanny Crosby, 1882

*music: Nathan Ryan
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benediction + sending

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **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 - TONIGHT!

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:** 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 join 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

NEW ADDRESS?

To ensure that your 2017 yearend giving receipt makes it to your mailbox, please let us know if your address changed this year. Please email any changes to Noni Wilson, thank you (bookkeeper@).

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.

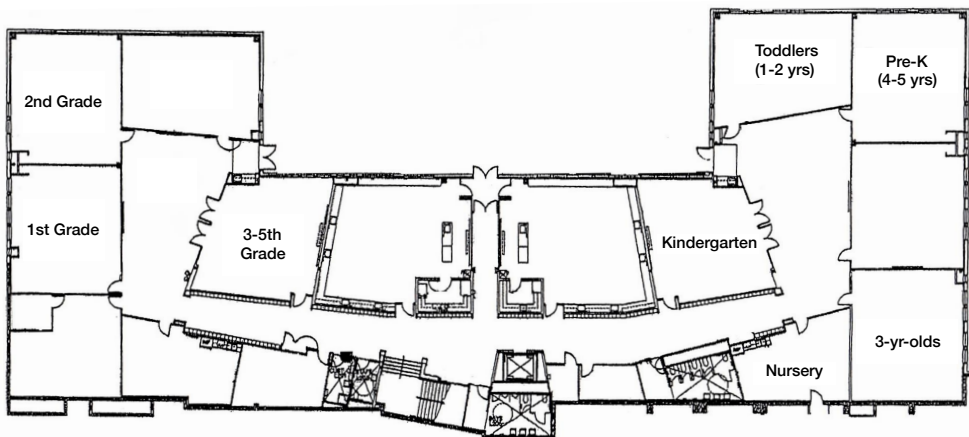
There are few ways that you can contribute financially to All Souls.

- 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