



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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Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.

Elisabeth Elliot

Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / 16 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

from Luke 1:46-49

My soul magnifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God
My soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior

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

lighting the advent candle

based on Isaiah 9:2; 49:6

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 says, 'You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me.

**I will make you a light to the Gentiles,
and you will bring my salvation
to the ends of the earth.'**

*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: Charles Wesley

music: NETTLETON,
Repository of Sacred Music,
part second, 1813

hymns

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

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

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

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

chorus:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last
from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might,
put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

chorus

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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

Finish then Thy new creation
pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee

Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love, and praise

Canticle of the Turning

From the halls of power
to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice
tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread,
ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

chorus

Though the nations rage
from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod
be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

chorus

words: Rory Cooney
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(adapted from Luke 1:46-58)

music: Star of the County Down
(Irish traditional folk song)

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

“The Light of the Whole World” Luke 2

That night suddenly a bright new star appeared. Of all the stars in the dark vaulted heavens, this one shone clearer. It blazed in the night and made the other stars look pale beside it.

Some shepherds were out in the open fields, warming them selves by a campfire, when suddenly the sheep darted. They were frightened by something. The olive trees rustled. What was that... a wing beat?

They turned around. Standing in front of them was a huge warrior of light, blazing in the darkness. “Don’t be afraid of me!” The bright shining man said. “I haven’t come to hurt you. I’ve come to bring you happy news for everyone everywhere. Today, in David’s town, in Bethlehem, God’s Son has been born! You can go and see him. He is sleeping in a manger.”

Behind the angel they saw a strange glowing cloud—except it wasn’t a cloud, it was angels....troops and troops of angels, armed with light! And they were singing a beautiful song: “Glory to God! To God be Fame and Honor and all our Hoorays!”

The shepherds left their sheep and ran and ran until they reached the gates of Bethlehem and found their way to a tumbledown stable. They caught their breath. They had heard about this promised child and now he was here. Heaven’s son. The maker of the stars. A baby sleeping in his mother’s arms.

This baby would be like that bright star shining in the sky that night. A Light to light up the whole world. Chasing away darkness. Helping people to see. And the darker the night got, the brighter the star would shine.

prayer of confession

Lord Jesus, we look with hope to the day when grief, sorrow, sin, sickness, and death are no more. For when you return, we will be made whole. But, we confess:

**Our hope in you is obscured by darkness—
we have not trusted you, and your power, and your promise
to bring light in the darkness around us;
to bring light in the darkness within us.**

In anger, we have forgotten *your* patience toward us. **Lord, have mercy.**

In lust, we have forsaken faithfulness and refused to wait. **Christ, remain faithful to us!**

In gluttony, we have denied our neighbors dignity, de-valuing “them.” **Lord, have mercy.**

In sadness, we have forgotten times of joy. **Christ, remain faithful to us!**

In vanity, we have become blind to the people we claim to love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you the light of the world, be our light in darkness.

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.

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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: Horatius Bonar

music: Nathan Ryan
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hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down,
Your head upon My breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Til pilgrim days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
From that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

receiving of grace

John 1:5; 1 Peter 2:24

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

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

God's grace abounds for us, even in our weakness.

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

prayers of the people

You hear us calling.

You hear us calling, Abba Father (2x)

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and save us. (2x)

We pray to you, O Lord; you hear our voice in the morning.

God of compassion,

we remember the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, the prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all who suffer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You hear us calling

You hear us calling, Abba Father

O Lord of providence, who holds the destiny of the nations in your hand,
we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they,
together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness, that
order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You hear us calling

You hear us calling, Abba Father

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.
Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide us; increase in us the
recognition that we are all your creatures.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You hear us calling

You hear us calling, Abba Father

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.
Have mercy on our weakness, bring an end to divisions, and scatter our fears.
Watch over the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith,
and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You hear us calling

You hear us calling, Abba Father

O Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining the great chorus of those who, too, sing your
praise and depend on you alone.
We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace, and praise your name.
Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in
Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and save us. (2x)

community rhythms + practices

We regularly pray for needs in our community, our city, and the world as an act of obedience and love, and to align our concerns with the Lord's.

If you have children with you, please feel free to use this time to teach them to pray with us.

Submit prayer requests to prayer@allsoulsseattle.org

music by The Brilliance

Scripture's description of worship is not contained to Sunday mornings, but flows into all of life where we enjoy God's blessing and extend His blessing. Learn more about opportunities to grow and to serve on pp. 8-11.

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

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

Jesus, Our Joy | Colossians 1:9-17

Rev. R.J. March

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

grateful giving

Psalms 111:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
Let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received.

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 by singing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might. Hea-ve
 of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ble - ssec
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the hi

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

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.

BREAK BREAD

For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast. **As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

DRAW NEAR

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

standing

hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
 God of glory, Lord of love
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
 Opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
 Drive the dark of doubt away
 Giver of immortal gladness
 Fill us with the light of day

Thou art giving and forgiving
 Ever blessing, ever blest
 Wellspring of the joy of living
 Ocean depth of happy rest
 Thou our father, Christ our brother
 All who live in love are Thine
 Teach us how to love each other
 Lift us to the joy divine

words: Henry Van Dyke
 music: Ludwig van Beethoven
 arr. Wilson

Our pastors and other leaders are available following the service for prayer or to answer any questions you may have about All Souls.

benediction + sending

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Let us go forth and serve our world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

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

COME, O LONG EXPECTED (CHRISTMAS) PARTY - TONIGHT!

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).

ADVENT SERIES FOR WOMEN: ART, MUSIC + CRAFT

Thursdays, Dec 6, 13, 20, 7:30-9:30p | **this week:** O Emmanuel + Lyrical Dancing

Advent means "coming." 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

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!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, Dec 23, 6-8p

All ages welcome as we celebrate and share the joy of the season with our neighbors in the Admiral area. Dress warmly! We'll gather in Shannon Smith's home for hot cider and song sheets. RSVP to Becca (becca@allsoulsseattle.org) or Shannon (shannon@) for the address and directions.

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. To meet with a pastor or other leader confidentially, or for a counseling referral: pastor@allsoulsseattle.org

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 \(alissamoor@gmail.com\)](mailto:alissamoor@gmail.com)

READING GROUP

Every other Wednesday 7:30-9p / All Souls Loft

Enjoy reading and discussing books on spiritual and theological topics with others?

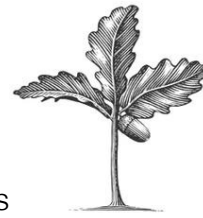
Join a group of learners. Contact: [Adam Aljets \(aljets@gmail.com\)](mailto:aljets@gmail.com)

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.

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 Steffhan Gambill (steffhan@allsoulsseattle.org) or visit westseattle.younglife.org

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

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

SAFETY NOTE:

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the 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.

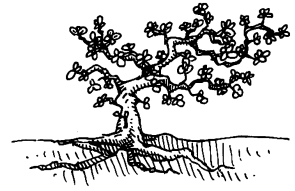
Parents:

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).

- **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).

- This December All Souls is **providing a Christmas gift for each teen mom in the West Seattle/Rainier Valley YoungLives ministry** —a warm, cozy fleece with the 'YoungLives' emblem on it given to the girls at their holiday party on Dec 17. We would like to cover the cost of thirty-six fleeces, \$32 each. To participate over the month of December, please place a check either in the offering bowl or on the back book table (memo: YL fleece) or give online (allsoulsseattle.org/give).

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