



ADVENT

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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In preparation for the season of Advent, we invited artists from within our All Souls family to contribute to our space at Madison on Sunday mornings. As we move through this season of fading light, we are thinking about the contrast between light and shadows, hiddenness and revelation.

cover art by Lori Bailey "Journey into Darkness"

Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen.
Don't be afraid.

Frederick Buechner
Beyond Words

Order of Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / 22 DECEMBER 2019



*Please silence all devices for
the duration of worship*

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.

standing

welcome · a service of lessons and carols

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.

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 (2x)

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

lighting the advent candles

*from Isaiah 7:14; 40:3-5;
Matthew 1:23; John 1:14*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

first candle

In the wilderness **prepare the way of the Lord;**
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

second candle

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son.
And they shall call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us.

third candle

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

fourth candle

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken

the Christ candle

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
**and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

*If you, or someone with you
this morning, has special
needs we do not want to miss
an opportunity to serve you.*

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

*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.*

This is a liturgy in which not
only words, but also actions
and symbols, speak.*

** a word meaning 'the
people's work or participation'*

words: Isaac Watts

music: ANTIOCH, G.F. Handel,
arr. Lowell Mason

carols

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels

Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

chorus

chorus:

O Come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing!

chorus

words: John F. Wade, 1743
trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

music: ADESTE FIDELES,
John F. Wade

adapted by W. H. Cummings

*Music at All Souls is
comprised of "psalms,
hymns, and spiritual
songs" (Eph. 5:19).*

*These are often works that
date back as far as Jewish
antiquity, anchoring us in the
ancient roots of Christian
faith. Sometimes these are
newer works that reflect
prayerfully and prophetically
on our current moment.*

*They contain theological
richness and focus on God's
character and redemptive
work. They also lend poetic
voice to our deepest
emotional expressions: praise
and thanksgiving, anger and
sorrow, hope and joy.*

*We sing because we believe
God is with us— present in
our worship; inhabiting the
praises of his people.*

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"
10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"
12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,
"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.
15 And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will bruise your head,
and you will strike his heel."

God tells Adam and Eve that they have lost the life of Paradise and that Eve's descendant will bruise the serpent's head.

Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

words: Charles Wesley,
alt. George Whitefield

music: MENDELSSOHN,
Felix Mendelssohn,
arr. Cummings

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”
Hark! the herald angels sing
“Glory to the new born King”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
risen with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by
born that we no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth
born to give us second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King”

third + fourth lessons

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

*The angel Gabriel visits
the Virgin Mary.*

*Mary gives birth to
Jesus, and places him
in a manger.*

Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

carol

O Holy Night

words: Placide Cappeau
de Roquelaure, 1847
trans. John Sullivan Dwight
music: CANTIQUE DENOEL,
Adolphe C. Adams

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees,
Oh, hear the angel voices!

O night divine,
O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break,
for the slave is our brother.
And in his name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy
in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name

Christ is the Lord!
O praise his name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim! (2x)

fifth lesson + interlude

Luke 2:8-16

seated

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

*The shepherds go to
the manger.*

*Musical interludes are
included in our service in
order to provide space for
reflection and worship.*

prayer + homily

Matthew 11:2-6 | Rev. Andy Pelander

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples
3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus
answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the
lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor
have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

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.

** Hosanna means "save me!" but with Jesus came to mean "salvation is here!"*

grateful giving

based on Psalm 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 emailing pastor@allsoulsseattle.org. 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 Lo-rd, God of pow'r and might,
 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-èd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

carol

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the king of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

chorus

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught
And with his blood mankind hath bought

chorus

benediction + sending

May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness, who comes with healing in his wings, fill you with the joy and peace that passes all understanding. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God!

All Souls welcomes all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us.

Please note that we use wine for Communion; non-alcoholic grape juice is in the smaller of the two goblets. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten-free cracker is available in place of the bread (ingredients: water, organic brown and white rice flour).

A word to parents: Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how this process works, please speak with one of our pastors.

words and music by
Isaac Watts

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).

Connect with us via email!

The primary channel for church-wide communication at All Souls is email— periodic notes (2-4 monthly) with event and opportunity reminders and important updates, plus letters from our staff and leadership.

Send an email (right now!) to info@allsoulsseattle.org to be added, or to update your address on file, thank you.

Also, to see the full community calendar, visit allsoulsseattle.org/events.

Gathering

WOMEN'S EVENING OF READINGS + MUSIC + LYRICAL DANCE - TONIGHT

Sunday, Dec 22, 4-6p, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

Advent means “coming.” Come contemplate the “comings” that Advent awaits and anticipates with your All Souls sisters. We'll read, dance, and reflect. No dancing skills required. Ages 6+ welcome. RSVP to kara@allsoulsseattle.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN HOUSES

Tuesday, Dec 23, times depend on location

Spend Christmas Eve with your nearest All Souls neighbors. Sign up to attend a short candle-lit worship service in a home with carols and treats:

Andy + Rachel Pelander, Admiral, 4:30-6p | rachelpelander@gmail.com

Kara + Peter Barrett, Alaska Junction, 4:30-6p | kara@allsoulsseattle.org

Alyssa + Dan Reeve, Highland Park, 5p | alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org

R.J. + Carolyn March, Highland Park, 7:30p | rj@allsoulsseattle.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The All Souls community will not gather corporately for worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas, due to limited space, staff, and volunteer availability. We encourage you, though, to gather informally, and/or to worship with one of our neighboring church communities. Let us know if we can make a recommendation, and see you next Sunday, December 29, usual time and place!

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays 5-7p **Resuming on Sunday, Jan 5**

Gathers weekly to share a meal, play, and enjoy group discussion on spiritually formative topics. Hosted by Suzanne and Jeff Case in Arbor Heights; contact suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org for directions. Students are also invited to gather weekly to connect and meet leaders before worship.

Growing

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.

CURIIOUS ABOUT CHRISTIAN FAITH?

Do you wonder if God is real, or what his posture toward you might be? Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers to belief, or wonder how God could be good or loving amid so much pain in the world? Are you curious about how to connect with God— how to talk to him or listen to him? If yes, you're not alone— and a community leader would happily talk with you and/or hear your story. Contact Charlotte Aljets to get connected with a conversation partner (charlotte@allsoulsseattle.org).

LEARN + SERVE

One of the marks of Christian maturity and growth is moving from being self-centered to others-centered. More curious about someone else's questions, experiences, hopes. Toward that end, we are trying something new as a community— this year, All Souls staff will curate events and experiences that help us to learn from and serve among our **Native American** and **First Nations neighbors**. How might we, together, discover who God is in fresh ways this year as we engage with the Native American experience in our city? Visit allsoulsseattle.org/native for details.

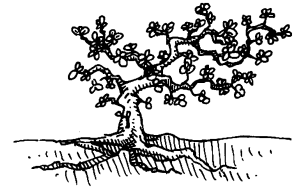
CARE + COUNSEL

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

ALL SOULS DAILY WORSHIP: EMAIL + PODCAST

During Advent, the All Souls community comes together to create All Souls Daily Worship, a collection of daily readings, prayers, and songs, delivered daily. This is a great way for us together to learn to wait in hope as we face the darkness during this season: allsoulsseattle.org/advent.

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 (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!
- ▶ **All Souls Kids** - Modeling and sharing the gospel to/with children is one of the more impactful ways one can serve. There are consistent needs in classrooms serving ages 2 through 5th grade, and your help is needed! The commitment is only one Sunday a month, and training and materials are provided— no experience necessary! Contact: Suzanne Case (suzanne@).

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 + Partner with Foster Care**

All Souls seeks to come alongside, serve, and support families, organizations, and agencies helping children in foster care in the West Seattle area. We heed the call from James 1:27 to "look after orphans and widows in their distress." Email Nancy Spiro (nancy.spiro@gmail.com) to learn about needs as they arise.

▶ **YoungLives**

YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms, invests in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms through entering into their lives, building relationships with them and their little ones, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to become the women and mothers God created them to be. There are a variety of ways to serve and many levels of commitment are welcome! To learn more, contact Alyssa Reeve (alyssa@allsoulsseattle.org).

- Donate a blanket for a Christmas gift to YL moms (\$33): give via allsoulsseattle.org/give (memo: YoungLives blanket)
- Cook a meal for the YL Monday night gatherings for moms, little ones, and mentors (HG or GG service opportunity!)
- Donations baby supplies: NEW convertible carseats, Ikea stackable high chairs, diapers (sizes 4-6), and wipes

Smaller Groups in Community

GROWTH GROUPS

To grow spiritually, each of us needs consistent time praying and listening with God and others. Growth Groups gather weekly for gender-specific deeper spiritual exploration and prayer, and are a more intentional and intimate place to focus on life with God. Also, as those who've participated will attest, these groups foster a unique depth of relationship with others. There are groups that are ongoing and some that are still forming, with a variety of meeting times and locations. To learn more and connect, contact Shannon Smith (shannon@allsoulsseattle.org).

HOME GROUPS

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community— a place where we're known, loved, and belong.

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.

Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals.

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 R.J. March, or a group host(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
ADMIRAL	Andy Lewis + Ruth Rogers Lewis ruthrogerslewis@comcast.net	Wed / 7 - 8:30p
ALASKA	Peter + Kara Barrett kara@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal and childcare</i>
ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p <i>includes a meal</i>
	Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia nancyspiro@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p <i>includes a meal</i>
COLUMBIA CITY	Daniel + Shiyun Chen danielandshiyun@gmail.com	Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal</i>
GENESEE	Joseph + Sydney Buckley joseph@bkly.org	Sat / 10 - 11:30a <i>includes brunch</i>
	Matt + Amy Huey amy_c_huey@yahoo.com	Mon / 6:30 - 8p
HIGHLAND PARK	Nate + Lori Bailey hi.loribailey@gmail.com	Thurs / 6:30 - 8p <i>includes a meal</i>
	R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p <i>includes a meal and childcare</i>

group information can also be found at allsoulsseattle.org/connect

Notes + Doodles

Feel free to use this space to respond to what you're hearing this morning— be that through chicken scratch, pencil sketches, or a crayon masterpiece. If it's helpful, you may use these questions as thought starters:



What is something I want to remember from worship this morning?

What is something I want to do (or do differently) because of worship this morning?

Art pouches are located on the book table and are available for all ages.

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