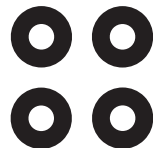




PEACE



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

In the garden of our Savior,
no flower grows unseen;
His kindness rains like water
on every humble seed.
No simple act of mercy escapes His watchful eye—
for there is One who loves me:
His hand is over mine.

Little Things with Great Love
Work Songs: The Porter's Gate Worship Project Vol 1

Order of Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | CHRISTMAS EVE | 24 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 · a service of lessons and carols

prelude

adapted from “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O Come, Desire of the nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid every strife and quarrel cease
And fill the world with heaven's peace
O Come, Desire of the nations, bind

lighting the advent candles

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

*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.*

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.**

*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.*

carols

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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 heaven above:
"Glory to God,
Glory in the highest!"

*words and music:
John Wade 1751*

chorus

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born that happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in the flesh appearing,

chorus

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the new born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"

Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel

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"

Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King"

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

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.

Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King"

*words: Charles Wesley
music: Felix Mendelssohn
adapted by
William H. Cummings*

*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.*

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.

carol

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

"Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!" so says our God.
 Comfort those who sit in darkness Mourning under sorrow's load.
 To God's people now proclaim That God's pardon waits for them!
 Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!

*words and music:
 Johann G. Olearius, 1671*

For the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
 Calling us to true repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
 Oh, that warming cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
 Let the valleys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, And the rougher places plain!
 Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign!
 For the glory of the Lord Now on earth is shed abroad,
 And all flesh shall see the token That God's word is never broken.

'Comfort, comfort my people,' says your God.

'Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Tell her that her sad days are gone
and her sins are pardoned.

Yes, her punishment is over and done with.'

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.

Christmas and the coming of Jesus is an announcement of peace from God.

But often our souls and minds overflow with anxiety and unrest.

We struggle to believe this good news of forgiveness that Christmas declares. Is it just possible?

*Let's take a moment now to silently lift your burdens and worries to God in prayer,
and ask him to remove our unbelief and calm our hearts with the assurance of His love.*

receiving of grace

May we remember this truth and declare it together:

**No matter how deep our sin,
How far we've fallen,
Or what shameful things we've said or done,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might be the righteousness of God. **Amen!**

interlude

second lesson

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.

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

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

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.

words and music:
 Isaac Watts

third lesson

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.

fourth lesson

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.

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

carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

*written by Lewis H. Redner
and Philip Brooks*

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth

seated

fifth lesson

Luke 2:8-16

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.*

interlude + prayers of the people

Let it be our joy this morning to prepare ourselves to hear the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to be, and with the shepherds and the wise men adore the Child lying in his mother's arms.

As we read in God's word the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of human brokenness to the glorious Redemption brought to us by this Holy Child; and in company with the Church both past and present, as we make glad our worship with songs of praise;

*We pray for the church,
those around us, and
people around the world as
a way to serve them. Prayer
is an act of obedience,
worship, and love.*

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

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Let us also pray:

For the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth. (silence)

Let us remember the poor and the helpless:

The cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and those who grieve; the lonely and the weary; the youngest and oldest; and all who know not the loving kindness of the Lord. (silence)

Let us also remember all those who have gone before us in the faith:

Those who rejoice in Christ with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude, which none can number, whose hope was in Jesus Christ. And let us pray that we may be counted among them, receiving grace to offer God our whole selves— our lives and our service— living in unity and fellowship with all his people, and giving honor to all that he has made. (silence)

standing

Let us pray together as Christ taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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
That hath made heaven
and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.

chorus

homily

Isaiah 35

Rev. Andy Pelander

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.

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 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.

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

offering

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

the Lord's table

carol

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace (x2)

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above Heavenly,
hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born (x2)

benediction + sending

May the God who loved you enough to send his Son into this world grant you peace
as you await his return and prepare for an eternity shouting his praise.

Go now in the hope of the peace he brings. **Amen.**

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

Thanks be to God!

based on Psalm 111:1

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of Redeeming grace, Jesus,
Lord, at Thy birth (x2)

Please contact info@allsoulsseattle.org for details or directions to any of these gatherings, or visit allsoulsseattle.org/calendar.

Gathering

JOIN A HOME GROUP IN JANUARY

Beginning Jan 7, groups gather bi-weekly through May

Home groups provide safe places to know and be known as we grow in relationship with ourselves, God, and one another. Each group is unique and has its own 'personality,' while they share a focus on growing in relationship with Jesus and with each other. Groups meet throughout the week and neighborhood, and include space for relation building, study and reflection, service, and prayer.

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, where we need community, home groups can become family. Please see p.11 for group meeting time, location, and contact details.

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Fridays, 11:45-12:30p, beginning Jan 12

We gather to pray for our community and the world on Fridays at the All Souls Loft. Bring your lunch and join us (4138 California Ave SW; prayer@allsoulsseattle.org).

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sundays, 9-9:45a in the library; childcare provided ages 2+ / resuming Jan 7

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@).

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.

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.

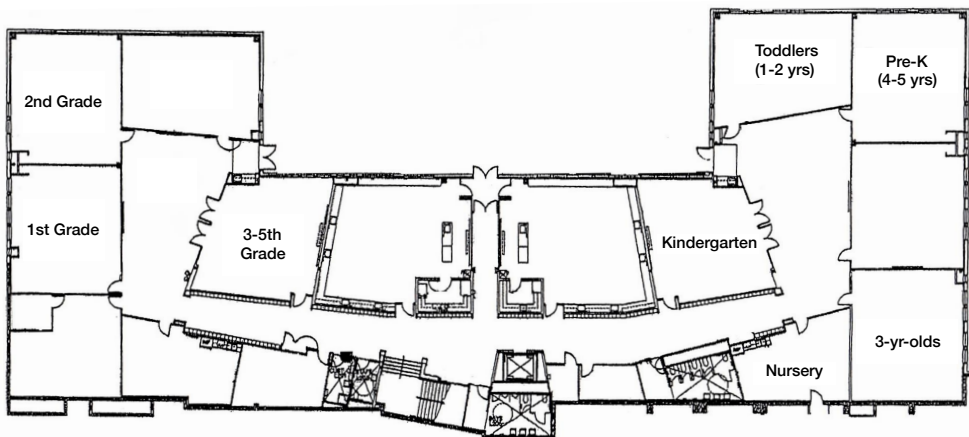
There are few ways that you can contribute financially to All Souls.

- 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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1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

2 it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

9 No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.