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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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If you're always under the pressure of real identity, I think that is somewhat of a burden.

Mark Zuckerberg
Founder, Facebook

Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / 29 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.

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 Psalm 100

Shout for joy unto the Lord, all the earth
Come before him with your songs, songs of joy
Enter in his gates with thanks, praise his name

For the Lord (*the Lord*) is good / And his love (*his love*) endures forevermore
(*the Lord*) is good / And his love (*his love*) endures

adapted from Psalm 9:7-11

*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.*

The Lord reigns forever;

The Lord rules the world in righteousness.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

The Lord is a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you, Lord;

For you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned on high;

Proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*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'*

invocation

Isaiah 63:7

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us.

words: James Montgomery

music: REGENT SQUARE,
H.T. Smart
addtl music, arr. Evan Wilson

hymns

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim the Messiah's birth

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn king

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn king

Angels From The Realms of Glory

Though an infant now we view him
He shall fill his Father's throne
Gather all the nations to him
Every knee shall then bow down

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn king

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (2x)
Hallelujah!

Lord of heaven, we adore thee
God the Father, God the Son
God the Spirit, one in glory
On the same eternal throne

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Lord of heaven, three in one

words: William Chatterton Dix

music: GREENSLEEVES
trad. English melody

*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.*

What child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

chorus:

This, this is Christ the king
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The babe, the son of Mary

Why lies he in such mean estate?
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

chorus

What Child is This?

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own him
The king of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone him

chorus

reading + interlude

Revelation 5:11-13

Our gathered worship is a look forward to what life will look like for all eternity where we enjoy the presence of God and worship him together forever. This is the vision John was given:

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

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.

prayer of confession

from Psalm 139:1-6; 23-24

New Year's is a time when we make commitments, declare future hopes.

We ask, where does my life need change? And with that, we must also ask: where is the Lord calling me to repentance? Where is He calling me to lay down habits and perspectives formed by selfishness and pride?

Let's pray this Psalm together and ask the Lord to show us where He might be calling us to abandon self-reliance and cling to Him more fully:

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

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

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

This is our prayer together, as a community:

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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

seated

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Sin is a word that basically means to insert oneself into space only God should occupy. Martin Luther described sin as a "curving in on oneself," which causes a relational breach not only with the people we harm, but also with God by not giving him the place he deserves in our lives, as our loving Creator and Savior.

words: Katharina von Schelgel,
Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips,
Dann Stockton

music: Jean Sibelius,
Latifah Alattas, Reid Phillips,
Dann Stockton, David Wilton

hymn

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change, He will remain

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief,
and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future, as in ages past
Your hope, your mind,
your will let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright

receiving of grace

Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Hear and know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

responding to grace

from the General Thanksgiving

Let us pray in response to what God has done for us.

Lord, **we thank you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**Give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in your ways, all our days. Amen.**

understanding our faith

The Apostles' Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.*
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

doxology

Thomas Ken 1674, Louis Bourgeois 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

community rhythms + practices

standing

For centuries the church has used creeds and catechisms to articulate, and better understand, our shared faith.

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest summary of Christian beliefs. It has been used in some form since at least the 3rd Century.

** to 'descend into hell' is to be fully separated from God the Father; to sever union, relationship. Also, that upon his death Jesus Christ was fully dead.*

*** that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

*dox-ol-o-gy
(from doxa, meaning glory):*

An expression of praise to God emphasizing his Triune nature (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

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.

SAFETY NOTE:

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the field behind the building. Parents should exit onto the terrace through the doors on the right side of the stage and meet children on the field to sign out their kids with teachers.

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!"

word

'He must increase, I must decrease' | John 3:25-30

Rev. R.J. March

grateful giving

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.

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. As we celebrate together, prayer stations are set up on the window-side of the room, where community leaders are available to pray with or for you.

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,
 5 hea - ven and ear - th are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 9 Bless-èd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 12 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

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

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

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

benediction + sending

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us 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: Henry Van Dyke
music: Ludwig van Beethoven;
arr. Evan Wilson*

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

ALL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, Jan 12, 11:45a-12:45p

Lunch and childcare will be provided as we will be continuing the conversation begun at the Parish Dinner on Nov 17. If you missed the dinner or want to jog your memory, visit allsoulsseattle.org/parish to read about the evening and listen to recordings. Please share your feedback, questions, and ideas: parish@allsoulsseattle.org.

PINT NIGHT

Mon, Jan 13, 8-10p / the Beveridge Place

Join us at the Beveridge Place Pub, near Morgan Junction, for a pint and some friend-making. Anyone is welcome— especially those new to the All Souls community— so inviting friends and neighbors is easy. Bring your own food, and/or dog; parents, find a sitter and have a night out!

JOIN A HOME GROUP IN JANUARY

Week of Jan 26 — the beginning of the semester is a great time to visit a group!

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 gather twice monthly throughout the week and neighborhood to share meals and spiritual conversation.

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

CURIOS 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

DAILY WORSHIP

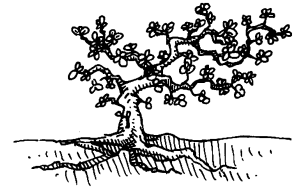
During Advent and Lent, the All Souls community comes together to provide All Souls Daily Worship, but there are other great resources for the rest of the year: the *Pray as You Go* podcast, the Trinity Mission (trinitymission.org), and the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Day by Day* to name a few.

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.

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> |
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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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25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." 27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:25-30