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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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*cover:*

*Delridge Way pedestrian overpass, 1961*

*Engineering Dep't Photographic Negatives  
Seattle Municipal Archives*

Gratitude is what you feel. Thanksgiving is what you do.

timothy keller

# Order of Worship

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / 30 DECEMBER 2018



*Please silence all devices for  
the duration of worship*

## welcome

*Our community gathers on Sundays to enter the presence of the Lord and offer him praise, as he graciously invites us to do. We come to sing, pray, encounter scripture, celebrate Communion, and to simply be together. We're glad you're here, and as you're getting settled we invite you to sit toward the aisle, allowing access for others along the edges. Thank you.*

standing

## call to worship

*based on Psalm 95*

Come, let us sing for joy unto the Lord  
Let us shout to the rock of our salvation  
O, let us sing to him with grateful hearts  
Shout for joy with music and song

For the Lord is a great God (2x) / In his hands are the earth the seas (2x)  
For the Lord is a great king (2x) / The seas are his; he has made them (2x)

*adapted from Psalm 9:7-11*

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.**

## invocation

Father in heaven,  
most kind,  
most gracious,

Give us hearts that seek you,  
and eyes to see you,

in all of your majesty,  
Our Maker and Redeemer. **Amen.**

*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.*

***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.*

words: St. Francis of Assisi  
trans. William H. Draper

music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

## hymns

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn' in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## All Creatures of Our God and King

Let all things their creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Angels From The Realms of Glory

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

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!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
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: James Montgomery

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

Hymns comprise most of the  
worship songs at All Souls,  
because of their richness,  
doctrinal depth, and focus  
on God's character and  
redemptive work.  
Many hymns are patterned  
after the Psalms with their  
varied expressions of praise  
and thanksgiving, and, too, a  
wrestling with what it is to  
trust in a love as audacious  
as the Lord's. Our hope is  
that these hymns and prayers  
set to music would lead us  
into a dynamic encounter  
with our Savior, in worship.

## reading + interlude

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.*

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

## 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.*

words: William Chatterton Dix

music: GREENSLEEVES  
trad. English melody

## hymn

## What Child is This?

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

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:*

*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*

## 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.**

standing

## understanding our faith

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.**

## hymn

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit  
Holy communion, three in one (2x)

Come with your peace, with your invitation  
Bind us together in holy love

## community rhythms + practices

### The Apostles' Creed

*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*

*words and music by  
Sandra McCracken*

### Trinity Song

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

*Preschool and elementary-age children are dismissed to All Souls Kids following announcements, where they can learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to them.*



*Because All Souls is a church not only for the convinced but also for those journeying toward trust in Jesus, we gladly extend room for you to consider and dialogue. Use the prayers below during Communion as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

PRAYER FOR THOSE  
SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

*Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

PRAYER OF BELIEF

*Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

## word

Rev. Matt Bohling

- 1 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
- 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- 5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

## grateful giving

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 placing your comment card in one of the offering bowls as they are passed. Read more about giving in worship on p.12.*

## table

*The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians.*

## EXTEND PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you always! **And also with you.**

## INVITATION + THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We give thanks to you with those who have gone before us, and with brothers and sisters around the world, and along with the angels and all the company of heaven, we praise you by singing:

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

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

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

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

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

words: French, 18th c.  
trans. Crown of Jesus Music  
music: GLORIA, French, 18th c.

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).

### 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

### Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

*chorus:*  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! (2x)

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

*chorus*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king

*chorus*

### benediction + sending

Romans 15:13

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

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

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

## Gathering

### JOIN A HOME GROUP IN JANUARY

Beginning Jan 20, 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

### MORNING PRAYER

Join All Souls staff for prayer on Weds at 8:30a, at the All Souls Loft (4138 California Ave SW, 2nd fl).

### JOIN A GROWTH GROUP

While the strength of Home Groups (p.11) includes community building, safety to explore Christianity, whole-family participation (as applicable), and service among friends, **Growth Groups** are a more intentional and intimate place to go deeper spiritually, with a focus on life with God. Also, as those who've participated will attest, these groups foster a unique depth of relationship with the other women/men. To learn more, contact Becca Shirley (women) or Andy Pelander (men).

### CARE + COUNSEL

The Bible teaches that God has given us powerful tools to navigate difficulty and grapple with hard questions: the Holy Spirit, the gospel, and community. At All Souls we lean heavily on these for encouragement, direction, and life-change. So whatever it is, you should know it's okay to talk about it (relationships, sexuality, addiction, marriage/family, faith, etc.). Don't wait. To meet with a pastor or other leader confidentially, or for a counseling referral: pastor@allsoulsseattle.org

*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.*

## Bulletin Board

### NEW ADDRESS?

To ensure that your 2018 yearend giving receipt makes it to your mailbox, please let us know if your address changed this year. Please email any changes to info@allsoulsseattle.org, thank you.

### BABYSITTING CO-OP

New members welcome! Join our community of All Souls families who help each other with childcare and gather monthly for playdates and fun. Contact: Alissa Moor (alissamoor@gmail.com)

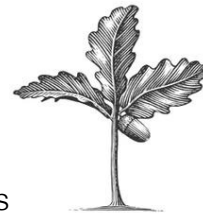
### READING GROUP

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

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

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

# All Souls Kids + Youth



Our ministry to children is designed to equip and partner with families as you seek to invest in the spiritual wholeness of your children.

We value the role of kids in our community, and are committed to cultivating an environment where they feel known, loved and respected. We intend to draw them into an engaging, enjoyable, and provocative encounter with the gospel using language familiar to them.

We encourage them to learn to ask good questions in the discovery of who they are and who God is, in the hope of building a foundation that shapes their lives for years to come!

Because worship is a celebration of grace, not a theological lecture, children of all ages are encouraged to join us at any time during the service— we are used to having them around! We also offer a safe place for kids to be together during the service.

- ▶ **Nursery (4mos-new walkers) and Toddlers (18mos-2 yrs):** Both rooms are open through the entire worship service and are fully staffed by providers who are trained in First Aid/CPR. Little ones receive excellent care in a safe, peaceful space set up specifically for our babies and toddlers. Please sign your child in and out on the provided clip-board when you arrive and pick up. You will be contacted during worship, if needed.
- ▶ **3-year-olds, Pre-K (4-5 yrs), and Kindergarten:** Children begin in worship, and are dismissed midway to these dynamic and fun classes. Kids will receive excellent care as they play, sing, read, do crafts, and have a nut-free snack. *The Jesus Storybook Bible* is our primary teaching tool. Please sign your child in and out on the provided clip-board when you drop-off and pick-up.
- ▶ **1st, 2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th Grade:** Kids begin in worship and are dismissed midway to class where they will learn and discover in a language and style more suitable to young, growing hearts and minds. Our instruction is framed around a cyclical exploration of key Biblical truths and gospel realities. Students are dismissed by their teachers to rejoin their families after worship (except for the 4th-5th Grade Class, which rejoins their families before the Lord's Supper).

## Middle and High School Students

We desire to be a community where each of us experiences significant, lasting relationships that would highlight the active presence of Jesus in the lives of His people, and where we would encounter Jesus in ways that will shape our understanding and experience of His grace for the rest of our lives. And this is true regardless of age.

- ▶ **Middle school students** are invited to participate in bi-monthly spiritual formation classes, in the library (2nd and 4th Sunday of each month), and to remain in worship or serve with All Souls Kids on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
- ▶ **High school students** are invited on Sundays to participate in worship and/or to serve with All Souls Kids.

Because we believe we grow best in the context of relationship, we are committed to walking alongside middle and high school students as they journey spiritually, including during **quarterly gatherings** designed to foster connection and growth through play, sharing, exploring, serving, and learning to pray together. If you are a parent or a student and would like to learn more and/or involved, please contact Suzanne Case ([suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:suzanne@allsoulsseattle.org)).

Additionally, **Young Life** has many opportunities for youth to connect, and to explore the gospel. To learn more, contact Stephan Gambill ([stephan@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:stephan@allsoulsseattle.org)) or visit [westseattle.younglife.org](http://westseattle.younglife.org)

**Upcoming** - Middle School students go ice skating at Seattle Center. Saturday, January 5, 2p. RSVP to Stephan Gambill ([stephan@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto:stephan@allsoulsseattle.org)) for transportation information.

*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](http://allsoulsseattle.org/kids)*

# How can I serve?



Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. (Romans 12:11)

We are called to serve, not to be served.

As Jesus came into the world to serve rather than to be served (Mark 10:42-45), our desire is that we as a church would regularly serve each other and also the under-resourced and marginalized of our neighborhood and city.

## ALL SOULS COMMUNITY

We value— and rely on!— a collaborative culture at All Souls.

We're not here to consume or spectate, but to **lean in, take ownership, and serve**, no matter what we bring to the table. We honor God with what he's given us and seek to bless those around us, as a family, on Sundays and throughout the week.

*current needs / opportunities to serve:*

- ▶ **Sundays** - As you might imagine, it takes many hands to turn a middle school into a warm, welcoming worship space. We need volunteers to help with set-up, greeting, coffee/snacks, and more. Contact: Shannon Smith ([shannon@allsoulsseattle.org](mailto: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](mailto:communitycare@allsoulsseattle.org). Thank you!

## NEIGHBORHOOD + CITY

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. (Jeremiah 29:7)

As a church 'not just for ourselves,' there are also lots of ways to serve and seek the well-being of our neighborhood and city through All Souls. We are primarily interested in connecting volunteers to vital service organizations already serving for the sake of renewal, mercy, and justice.

*current opportunities:*

### ▶ **Serve and Partner with the West Seattle DCYF Foster Care Office**

All Souls is actively building a relationship with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families' Delridge office. Foster care is a pivotal place to intervene upstream of many other social concerns (homelessness, addictions, etc), and opportunities to support kids and families in the foster care system are varied (toy/clothing donations, DCYF staff appreciations, etc). Please opt-in via email to receive regular updates with needs as they arise (contact: [nancyspiro@gmail.com](mailto:nancyspiro@gmail.com)).

- **Office Moms & Dads** is an on-call, daytime volunteer opportunity (customizable to your schedule!) to care for foster kids that have recently been removed from their home while a social worker works hard to find a foster care placement for them.

### ▶ **YoungLives**

All Souls is in the early stages of a partnership with YoungLives, the ministry of Young Life to teenage moms. Our hope is to begin to invest in life-on-life mentoring with teen moms in West Seattle through entering into their lives, building relationships with them and with their little ones, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to become the women and mothers God created them to be. All levels of commitment are welcome! If you have questions about this ministry, or are interested in hearing more about partnering with YoungLives, contact Rachel Pelander ([rachelpelander@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpelander@gmail.com)).

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

# Home Groups

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

We need local 'family'— siblings in Jesus we can lean on, learn with and from, care for, and celebrate growth alongside. Home Groups, designed to invite us into this relational space, are a vital part of our shared life and growth in Christ— places of care and community where we discover and live the Christian life together.

Simply put, they are the best way at All Souls to integrate as a newcomer, build lasting friendships, and to consistently be in each other's lives. We are a community that places high value on this time together in God's word and in prayer, and also serving our city and neighborhoods.

Home Groups meet at least twice a month, and vary slightly in structure from group to group, based on group dynamics/ composition. Generally, groups meet to discuss scripture, share stories, pray, plan service projects/relationships, and share meals. All are encouraged to prioritize Home Groups. They can be joined by anyone at anytime, and aim to accommodate a variety of schedules, including those of families and commuters.

Groups meet regularly through the academic year, shifting to a more informal, intermittent schedule during summer months. To learn more about a group and how to jump in year-round, please contact the leader(s) directly.

PLEASE NOTE: Group rosters are typically capped at 12 adults (plus kids). If a group is full, staff will help you find another option.

Neighborhood	Contact	Time	Notes
ADMIRAL	Graeme + Sarah Hanson s.wulf.hanson@gmail.com	Wed / 7 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults
ALASKA	R.J. + Carolyn March rj@allsoulsseattle.org	Sun / 5 - 6:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal and childcare
ARBOR HEIGHTS	Jeff + Suzanne Case suzannecase3@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
	Matt + Nancy Spiro Nicholas + Alyssa Incorvaia nancyspiro@gmail.com	Tues / 6 - 7:30p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome includes a meal
FAIRMOUNT PARK	Jake + Emily Anderson jake.anderson486@gmail.com	Thurs / 6 - 8:30p	Mixed group of adults; includes a meal
GATEWOOD	Luke + Terri Crook terrilcrook@gmail.com	Sun / 6:30 - 8p	Mixed group of adults; occasional meals
GENESEE	Joseph + Sydney Buckley joseph@bkly.org	Sat / 10 - 11:30a	Mixed group of adults; children welcome Includes brunch
	Matt + Amy Huey amy_c_huey@yahoo.com	Mon / 6:30 - 8p	Mixed group of adults; children welcome

*group information can also be found at [allsoulsseattle.org/connect](http://allsoulsseattle.org/connect)*

# Giving as part of worship

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, scripture says the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. So, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, please consider adopting this as a spiritual practice— that you might grow in faith.

We recognize, too, that as the church, we must consistently remind one another of the truth that everything we have is a gift from the Lord.

The Bible says that 'we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus's death on the cross represents the most generous gift ever given— when he gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God.

Giving cheerfully, sacrificially, and consistently is a part of our worship—not because it's something churches do, but because giving in response to the gospel ought to be worshipful. When we are generous with others, we are reminding one another of the great generosity of our God.

All Souls seeks to build community, love our neighbors, and work for peace and justice within Seattle. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own financial needs, but to be able to serve those in need in our city and neighborhoods.

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

- Place cash or check in the offering on Sundays
- Mail a check, or set up automatic bill pay through your bank, payable to:  
All Souls  
PO Box 16613  
Seattle, WA 98116
- Visit [allsoulsseattle.org/give](http://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](mailto: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