

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

AUGUST 17, 2025



The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse and inclusive community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors.

Today

11 am Holy Eucharist

We welcome The Rev. Daniel Gross as presider and preacher today.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

Please join us in the undercroft after the service for fellowship and refreshments.

Thank you Bill McKinley & Owen Basil for hosting coffee hour today.

*The altar flowers are given to the greater glory of God
by Anne Armstrong in loving memory of her cousin, Fleance.*

Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Isaiah 5:1-7, Artie Roach

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18, Artie Roach

The Epistle, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Sheila Arbury

Gospel, Luke 12:49-56, Rev. Dan Gross

Prayers of the People, Dee Snyder

Parish Prayer List

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Albans School for Boys, The National Cathedral School for Girls,
Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School, Washington Episcopal School,
The Bishop John T. Walker School;

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Scottish Episcopal Church;

For Those Who are Sick or in Need, we pray especially for:

Robert, Christopher, Laura, Nancy, Warren, Shinn, Charles, Haiti, Palestine, Israel,
Iran, Ukraine, Sudan;

For Those Who Have died, especially: the cousin of Anne Armstrong, Fleance;

We Give Thanks for: those who have made the Bishop John T. Walker School possible.

WE WELCOME THE REV. DAN GROSS TODAY

Mother Sara is visiting friends in Rochester, NY with her husband David through Tuesday. She will be back at All Souls on Wednesday, August 20th.

BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR HAITI—THANK YOU! Another \$700 will be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington on behalf of All Souls in response to Bishop Budde's Summer appeal for Haiti. This is in addition to the previous \$16,100 that has been sent. Thank you to all who have contributed.

EPISCOPAL 101—FOUNDATIONAL COURSE WITH MOTHER SARA PALMER BEGINNING WEDNESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 10, 6:30 PM IS NOW FULL

Check back in March of 2026 for a Sign Up for Mother Sara's Spring 2026 class. She will be offering this course again. The class is capped at 15 to allow everyone the ability to share.

CHURCH CLEAN UP | SEPTEMBER 13, 9 AM—NOON

Come be a part of a special morning cleaning up All Souls inside and out! Jeff Wells, Junior Warden is heading up this work day. We could use all hands on deck. Contact him for more information at junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org or phone 202-746-0120 or sign up online on the website under the SIGN UP HERE tab or call or email the church office to sign you up or scan the QR code.



INGATHERING SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

Our annual "back to church" Sunday is September 14. Our wonderful **CHOIR** will be back and singing weekly and the Sunday morning Adult **FAITH FORUMS** will begin again at 10 am in the Conference room and Helen Schmedtje and Samuel Littauer will share their faith journeys.

COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

If you are new to All Souls in the last six months, please do grab a coffee and snack downstairs and **come up in the Conference room at 12:15 pm** to meet Mother Sara. This is a great way to make new friends and also have your questions answered about the Episcopal Church and about All Souls.

20'S AND 30'S GET TOGETHER, SAVE THE DATE! | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Mark your calendars for "BYOH" (Bring Your Own Hot sauce) mixer as it will involve food! It will be happening from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm in the undercroft. More details to follow soon!

ALL SOULS VOLUNTEERS AT CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK | SAT., OCT. 4

Kurt Jacobs is verifying this date with the Capital Area Food bank. Mark your calendars and the church will confirm the date and time in upcoming announcements.

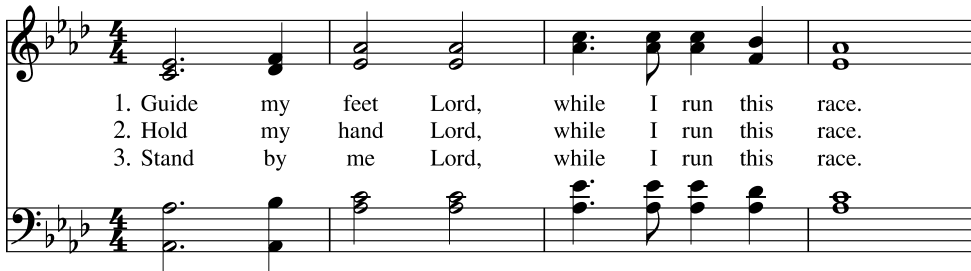
HONORING OUR NEWCOMERS | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 11 AM

BLESSING OF THE PETS | OCTOBER 5 AT 3:00 PM

We will be honoring our newcomers during the 11 am service on this date and giving away special swag bags to them! Later that afternoon at 3 pm, bring your pet pooch, gold fish, finch, kitty cat, etc. to be blessed by Mother Sara, during the Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the Animals service. All animals welcomed leashed or caged. The blessing will happen in the Sterrett family Garden in front of the church.

Guide my feet Lord

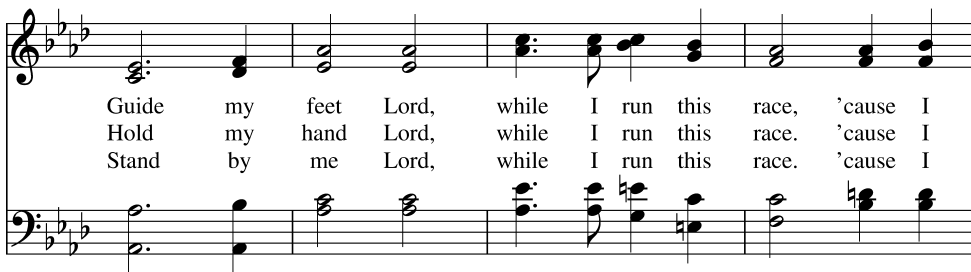
Wonder Love and Praise, #819



1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I



don't want to run this race in vain.
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Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935).



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