

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

AUGUST 31, 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

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.

We thank Leibi for helping facilitate our coffee hour every Sunday.

*The altar and Mary chapel flowers are given to the glory of God
by the Drell family,*

*in loving memory of Christopher Drell, beloved son and brother
of Larry, Vicky and Michael, on his 46th earthly birthday.*

Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Jeremiah 2:4-13, Calvin Zon

Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Calvin Zon

The Epistle, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, vEnessa Acham

Gospel, Luke 14:1, 7-14, Mother Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People, Sheila Arbury

Parish Prayer List

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Campus Ministries and the students they serve, National Association of Episcopal Schools, Pray for all students and teachers, Labor Day (September 1), Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage;

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Church of South India;

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

Robert, Christopher, Laura, Nancy, Warren, Shinn, Charles, Maria, Stephen, Rebecca, Lucas, Aqueel, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan;

We Give Thanks for: all those who labor for the Gospel of Christ in the world.

September



LABOR DAY, SEPT. 1, CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED.

CHURCH CLEAN UP | SEPT. 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. Pizza is provided. Scan QR code or sign up
on welcome table.



INGATHERING SUNDAY | SEPT. 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.

Join the Choir!

ALL SOULS CHOIR BEGINS SEPT. 14, 10 am

If you have thought of joining the choir and can read music, this is your year! Talk to Tom Andrew, Music Minister after the service or email him at tom@allsoulsdc.org. He would be happy to give you more info. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings before services so no extra evening is required. Come and make a joyful song unto the Lord!



ROCK CREEK CLEAN UP | SAT MORNING., SEPT. 20, 9:30 am — Noon

Sebastian Wellford is leading this environmentally friendly volunteer event. Sign up on the parish website and/or contact Sebastian at swell11@vt.edu. Meet at the church at 9:30 am.

COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA | SUNDAY, SEPT. 28, 12:15 pm

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.



October

20'S AND 30'S GET TOGETHER, SAVE THE DATE! | FRIDAY, OCT. 3, 6:30 pm

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. Contact Joe Neal for more information at neal.joseph9@gmail.com. SIGN UP online or on the Welcome table.

VOLUNTEER AT THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK | SAT. OCT. 4, 9 am — Noon

Kurt Jacobs is leading this effort. He is finalizing the details with the Food Bank. Come be a part of a special afternoon and know that your kindness makes a difference in the lives of others.

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE | SUN. OCT. 5 at 3 pm

Join Mother Sara and parishioners in the front garden of the church for a blessing of animals. All leashed or caged animals are welcome. Open to the community.

Today's Sermon Notes

August 31, 2025

Mother Sara Palmer

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

I believe that love heals.
And when I forget
I believe that
I connect to creation.
Commit to a daily practice,
Cultivate compassion,
Create a grateful heart,
And come home to myself.
Then I remember.

from Love Heals
by Becca Stevens,
founder of Thistle Farms

THE SIGN UP STATION AT THE WELCOME TABLE OR ONLINE

SIGN UP for Ministry events online under the "Get Involved" Tab / "Sign Up Here" or on the Welcome Table (where QR codes are always available). These two sign up methods will be monitored and synced by the church. If you need assistance signing up, feel free to send Andrea Meier, Parish Admin. an email at office@allsoulsdc.org or phone her at 202-232-4244, ext. 2.



Application deadline is September 5 at 5 pm

This 3-day gathering will provide opportunities to build understanding and expand opportunities for future collaborations for scientists and faith leaders in the Chesapeake Bay region. This event will utilize conversations, thought experiments, and site visits to connect scientists and faith leaders around shared priorities. Additionally, it will provide opportunities to reflect on lessons learned from existing science and faith collaborations.

When: Monday, October 27th (2pm) - Wednesday, October 29th (12:30pm)

Where: Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
(647 Contees Wharf Rd. Edgewater, MD 21037)

Who: Scientists and Faith Leaders from the Chesapeake Bay Region

Support Provided: All participants will receive a \$595 stipend as well as housing and all meals during the workshop.

Application Deadline: September 5th, 2025 at 5:00pm

We are looking to engage participants across backgrounds, expertise, and career stages. We are particularly interested individuals who are in positions to make change within their organizations at institutional or programmatic levels. We have capacity for 14 participants.

- ⇒ Scientific attendees should have expertise in environmental science, public health, geography or a related field. Additionally, attendees should be at the post-doctorate fellow level or more senior.
- ⇒ Faith leader participants should have an interest in incorporating environmental science with their congregations, and should currently be in a leadership position within the congregation.
- ⇒ Attendees are expected to participate in all three days of the workshop.
- ⇒ Applicants will be notified of their status mid-September.
- ⇒ Please reach out to Rylee Wernoch wernochr@si.edu with any questions.