

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

SEPTEMBER 21, 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

Mother Sara Palmer, Celebrant

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

Healing Prayer is available today at the Mary Chapel following Holy Eucharist.

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

We appreciate JoAnn LaFon facilitating coffee hour today.

Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Annie Plews

Psalm 79:1-9, ASC Choir

The Epistle, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Artie Roach

Gospel, Luke 16:1-13, Mother Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People, John Wiecking

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND | C.H.H. PARRY

Sung by the Choir

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

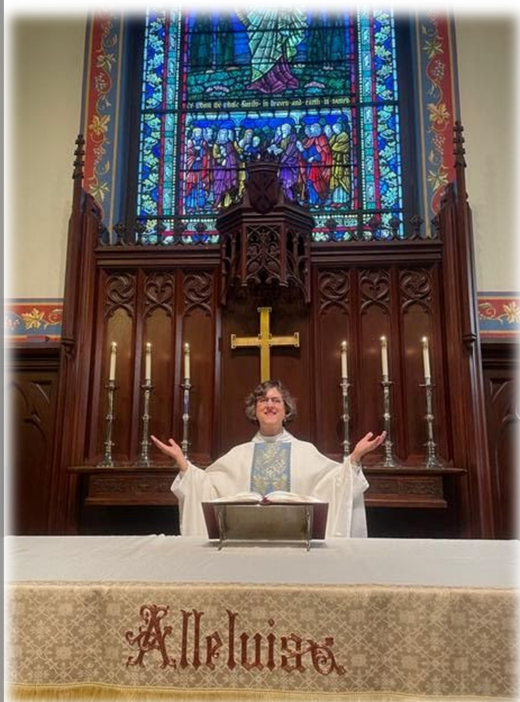
2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

God's Healing Ministry at All Souls

by Mother Sara



On the first and third Sundays of each month, we will offer Healing Prayer after Holy Eucharist in the side Mary Chapel. Two Healing Ministers, whom I have trained, will be standing there awaiting you. We are thankful to Al Muller and Lisa Watson who have served for years in this important ministry of God's love; Elizabeth Ellis, Vicky Drell, vEnessa Acham and Janelle Diller will now join Al and Lisa on the schedule.

The God of the Bible is a God of healing. In Exodus 15: 23-26, God showed Moses a piece of wood to throw into the bitter water of Marah; immediately it became sweet and potable for God's thirsty people in the desert. God reveals here God's Name in Hebrew as YHWH (God's unpronounceable name) Ropheka: "I am the LORD who heals you." In the New Testament,

Jesus' divinity is revealed in the four Gospels through His multiple healings and even raising people from the dead! Jesus fulfilled Isaiah 53:5 by His death on the cross which removed our sins and can bring healing: "By his wounds, we are healed." Peter's first letter chapter 2: 23-25 repeats this truth.

After Pentecost (Acts 2), when God poured out the Holy Spirit upon the believers gathered in the Upper Room, God gave, and continues to give, gifts (plural) of healing to God's church, to be used for God's glory and the common good: 1 Corinthians 12: 9 (see verses 4-11). After receiving Holy Communion, please go to the Mary Chapel. A Healing Minister will ask you: "For whom do you pray?" You may pray for yourself and/or someone else. They will ask your permission to lay a hand on your head as they pray for you. In these stressful and scary times we live in, please do avail yourself of this moving and caring ministry! Our Ministers are instruments of God's love and we leave the results of the prayers in God's hands. All prayer requests are confidential.

If you have any questions about the Healing Ministry, you can email Mother Sara: rector@allsoulsdc.org



Autumn Calendar Dates



FAITH FORUM SERIES

The Fall Forum Series runs through December 21 and meets at 10 am in the Conference room.

See complete list of topics on website at allsoulsdc.org/formation.

This Sunday Sept. 21 | African Bible Study: Lectio Divina with presenter Mother Sara.

Next Week: Sept. 28 | Stories Jesus Still Tells, by John Claypool with presenter Peter Laugesen. Why Parables? Why Stories?

COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA



**SUN., SEPT. 28,
12:15 PM**

Grab a coffee and a bite to eat and do join Mother Sara and other new visitors and members to All Souls

in the conference room. Make new friends and get your questions answered about the Episcopal Church.



20's & 30's EVENT—BYOH!

Friday, OCT. 3, 6:30 pm

Join the ASC 20's and 30's Ministry in a hot sauce tasting! We will meet in the Undercroft. Sign up at the Welcome table or on the website. Contact Joe Neal for more info. at neal.joseph9@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW FRIENDS

Sun., OCT. 5 during the 11 am service

A goody bag for new members and all those continuing to visit All Souls will be presented.

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE AND STAINED GLASS OF ALL SOULS

Sun., OCT. 5, after the 11 am service

with Jr. Warden, Jeff Wells as tour guide.

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sun., OCT. 5, 3:00 pm

Join All Souls for an outdoor service in the garden in front of the church. All leashed or caged animals are welcomed and do invite your neighbors!

MENS FELLOWSHIP IN THE UNDERCROFT

Wed., OCT. 8, 5:30 pm

This get together will begin with a fellowship hour at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and a short talk by one of our members. If you plan to attend please email Ike Brannon at chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com. All are welcome; invite a friend!

THE HISTORY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF STAINED GLASS AT ALL SOULS

Sat., Oct 25, 2:30 pm

Presentation by the family that has been caretaker to our glass for years. Stay for the concert afterward and make a day of it.

ALL SOULS CHURCH

FLUTE AND PIANO

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sat., OCT. 25, 4:00 pm

Come enjoy David Palmer on Piano and Sara Zhu on flute in the Nave of All Souls.

Free! Donations will be given in aid of Woodley House.

CAPITAL HEARINGS CONCERT

Sat., OCT. 25, 8:00 pm | 10th & G

See flyer on Welcome Table

TOM ANDREW BENEFIT ORGAN RECITAL

Sun., NOV. 23, 3:00 pm

Free and open to all! In the Nave. Donations to support the Music program at All Souls.

THE HISTORY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF STAINED GLASS AT ALL SOULS PRESENTED BY JED BOERTLINE OF WASHINGTON ART GLASS STUDIOS

We are thrilled to announce that Jed Boertline, of Washington Art Glass, whose family has been caring for the windows of All Souls for nearly a century, has agreed to give a stained glass presentation to us on Saturday, October 25th at 2:30 pm.

Jeff Wells, Junior Warden, host and coordinator

A Piano and Flute Benefit Concert follows at 4pm - providing ASC an opportunity to invite the neighborhood for a delightful afternoon.

Jed's presentation will be no more than an hour and feature the following:

- ◇ His family's artisan history with stained glass
- ◇ His family's history with the stained glass at All Souls Church.
- ◇ A demonstration and discussion of the fabrication of stained stenciling, coloring etc.
- ◇ Discussion and questions about specific All Souls stained-glass windows.

Parish Prayer List

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville; St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville; United Nations International Day of Peace (September 22) Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations; Pray for international human rights and all organizations and individuals that promote peace and justice worldwide;

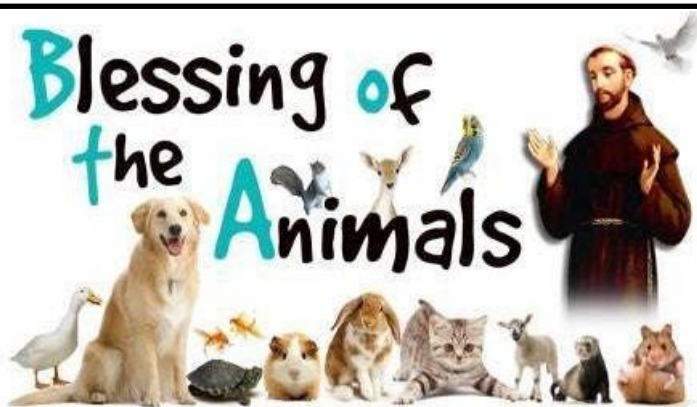
In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan;

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

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

We Give Thanks for: the Ministry of Mother Sara Palmer as Rector of All Souls and for all of our Ministry Leaders.



at All Souls Church DC
- The front Garden -
Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 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. Please come!

All Souls near the Zoo | 202.232.4244
2300 Cathedral Ave., NW. | Washington DC 20008
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**KEEP THE
FAITH**
Live Concert at 10th & G
October 25, 8:00 pm

Pick up a QR code at the Welcome Table and get the All Souls discount code for \$15 tickets.

Sermon Notes | Sunday Notes
The Rev. Sara Palmer
September 21, 2025

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

Please check your listing in the Parish Directory at the Welcome Table or Narthex. We plan to print a new copy the first week of October. Please submit a photo if needed to andrea@allsoulsdc.org.
Thank you!



ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*If you are interested in
joining a committee or
activity, please speak to one
of the co-chairs*

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES: SEPTEMBER 2025

COMMITTEE/ ACTIVITY	CHAIR/ CO-CHAIRS	MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION
20's and 30's group	Joe Neal	Anyone in their 20's or 30's is welcome for all events	Brunches, potlucks, volunteering, and other fun social engagements
Altar Guild	Mike McGee	Judy Andrew, Caroline Efird, Jason Harris, Yates Stallone	Preparation of the altar and vessels; Removal after service
Acolyte Guild	Mike McGee	vEnessa Acham, Jason Harris, Heidi Rasciner, Yates Stallone, Dan Gross	Servers, Gospel bearer, chalice, thurifer
Archives	Kevin LeGrand		Stewardship of All Souls paper and electronic records
Bell Ringers	Tara Mancini	JoAnn LaFon, Joe Neal, Helen Schmedtje	Ringing bells before and after mass; Tolling the bell before a funeral
Building Committee	Jeff Wells	Joe Howell, Kevin, Tara, Rick Taylor, Joe Shuler	Caring for our beautiful, historic building
Christian Formation	Peter Laugesen	Joe Howell, vEnessa, JJ Chung, Joe Neal, Sebastian Wellford	Planning adult forums and other Christian Formation events
Endowment Board	Jim Solomon	Larry Amon, Kevin LeGrand, Dale Lewis, John Wiekling	Direct and monitor the investment portfolio of the All Souls Endowment; Recommend grants and draws from the Endowment to the Vestry
Evening Prayer	Nancy Morgan	Weekly evening prayer via Zoom on one weekday evening	A quiet service of prayer, contemplation, and reflection
Finance Committee	Art Warren	Larry Amon <i>Ex officio:</i> Parish Rector, Treasurer, Senior Warden, Junior Warden <i>Of counsel:</i> Jonathan Nicholas	Monitor All Souls finances; Make recommendations to the Vestry as needed
Garden Guild	Larry Amon	Cynthia Evans, Kevin LeGrand, John Longstreth, Bill McKinley, Dee Snyder, Jack Strausman, Jeff Wells, JJ Chung	Maintain our beautiful gardens and grounds
Healing Prayer Ministry	Al Muller and Lisa Watson	Vicky Drell, Elizabeth Ellis, vEnessa Acham, Janelle Diller	Preside and offer healing prayer in the Mary Chapel on 1 st and 3 rd Sundays of each month
History of Parish	Embry Howell		Write and regularly update a history of our century-old parish

Inreach Committee	vEnessa Acham and Dee Snyder	Don Albert, Owen Basil, Lynn Crowley, Vicky Drell, Elizabeth Ellis, Kevin LeGrand	Caring for our congregation: Card Ministry, Coffee Hours and other hospitality, Foyer Dinners, friendly phone calls and visiting, greeting visitors, and other acts of kindness and connection
Lectors	Will Stewart	See Annual Report	Reading lessons at church services
Men's Fellowship	Ike Brannon	Men of the Parish	Men of the parish meet quarterly in the undercroft for dinner and fellowship
Membership	Stefan Lopatkiewicz		Works with parish administrator to record and monitor membership
Nominating Committee	Jeff Wells, vEnessa Acham, Kurt Jacobs, Jim Lewis	Vestry members rolling off current year	Nominate candidates for vestry members, wardens, and convention delegates
Outreach Committee	Sheila Arbury and Kurt Jacobs	Daniel Callis, Elwood Gibson, Tom Durham, Carolyn Kulischek, Cindy Shaughnessy, Julia O'Hanlon	Includes a broad array of activities that reach out to help with our wider community and to support work of like-minded non-profits; Work includes both hands-on and fund-raising projects, both domestic and international
Stewardship Committee	Jonathan Nicholas	Samuel Littauer, Joe Shuler, Art Warren, Jeff Wells, Lisa Watson	Annual Stewardship drive and other special fundraising drives
Tending Our Soil	Heidi Rasciner	John Longstreth, Tara Mancini, Al Muller, Dee Snyder	Diocesan initiative for congregational strengthening and growth; Beginning year 3 of 3-year program
Ushers	Joe Neal	Jim Solomon, Sebastian Wellford, Vicky Drell, Al Mueller, Mahnaz Raeisi, Mark Porter, JoAnn Lafon, Elwood Gibson, Tara Mancini, Jonathan Nicholas, Joe Howell, Ike Brannon	Ushering at All Souls services
Video Streaming	Kevin LeGrand	Alex Hardee, Joe Neal, Samuel Littauer	Streaming All Souls services on-line
Architecture and Stained Glass Docents	Jeff Wells	Under development	Offer tours of our historic building and windows to interested parties

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vEnessa Acham (2026)
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**For Vestry Minutes and
Parish Documents**

www.allsoulsdc.org/governance



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