

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

NOVEMBER 23, 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

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:

The Feast of Christ the King

10 am Faith Forum

Spiritual Journey Interviews with presenter Mother Sara

11 am Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector

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

Please join us downstairs in the Undercroft after the service for coffee hour.

Today's Readings

The First Lesson,

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Heidi Rasciner

Psalm 46

Chanted by the Choir

The Epistle,

Colossians 1:11-20

Daniel Callis

Gospel,

Luke 23:33-43

Mother Sara

Prayers of the People

Lisa Watson



Christ the King Sunday

According to the "Episcopal Dictionary" found on the Episcopal Church website, episcopal-church.org, Christ the King is the Feast celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. The feast is unofficially celebrated in some Episcopal parishes, but it is not mentioned in the Episcopal calendar of the church year. Marion Hatchett notes that the Prayer Book collect for Proper 29, the last Sunday of the church year, is a "somewhat free" translation of the collect of the Feast of Christ the King in the Roman Missal. This collect prays that God, "whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords," will "Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule" (BCP, p. 236). The feast was originally instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and celebrated on the last Sunday in Oct. It has been observed on the last Sunday before Advent since 1970.

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Sundays at 10 am, in the Conference Room

NOV. 23: *Spiritual Journey Interviews with Cynthia Evans
& Art Warren, with presenter, Mother Sara*

The following four Sundays in Advent:

NOV. 30: *The Spiritual Life, by Evelyn Underhill with Mother Sara*

DEC. 7: *The Spiritual Life, by Evelyn Underhill with Sebastian Wellford*

DEC. 14: *The Spiritual Life, by Evelyn Underhill with vEnessa Acham*

DEC. 21: *Pastoral Visit by Bishop Mariann Budde*

THEMES AND VARIATIONS ORGAN RECITAL BY TOM ANDREW Today at 3:00 pm



We will explore how composers of several periods have used the Theme and Variations technique in interesting and diverse ways their compositions. Pieces using original material and hymn tunes will highlight the use of this compositional technique.

Composers include Dieterich Buxtehude, Johann Sebastian Bach, Cesar Franck, Leo Sowerby, and Paul Manz.

Come and hear how different composers explored this compositional device in many different ways.

**Free and open to all! Bring a friend.
Donations to support All Souls Music program.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE CLOTHING DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is planning a clothing drive to benefit So Others Might Eat, a local charity serving homeless individuals in Washington, D.C. (<https://some.org/>). We hope to collect clothing in Mid-January. We are hoping you will set aside things now as you go through your winter garments and find some that are in good shape that you no longer need. Please have them laundered or cleaned, but do not bring them in until we announce the date. Here is their "wish list":

CLOTHING WISH LIST:

- ⦿ New underwear for men and women, especially larger sizes (their greatest need)
- ⦿ New or gently worn socks for men and women
- ⦿ New or gently worn bras
- ⦿ Casual shoes
- ⦿ Belts
- ⦿ Men's jeans and casual pants
- ⦿ Men's shirts
- ⦿ Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets (cold season only)

Thank you in advance for thinking of your neighbors in need over the coming holidays.

**THIS THURSDAY
THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV. 27, 11 am
HOLY EUCHARIST & POTLUCK**

Come for Holy Eucharist and stay for the potluck in the undercroft! Sign up online or on the welcome table.



**HELP NEEDED FOR
THURSDAY'S
THANKSGIVING
DAY POTLUCK**

Please contact Donald
"Dee" Snyder to help

in the kitchen with set up, carving turkeys, warming food, etc. and also clean up. Many of our regular volunteers are travelling so we hope you will consider minding the gap and helping out with what is sure to be a memorable and joyous occasion. Please contact Dee at dsnyderma@gmail.com.

LEFTOVERS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 30

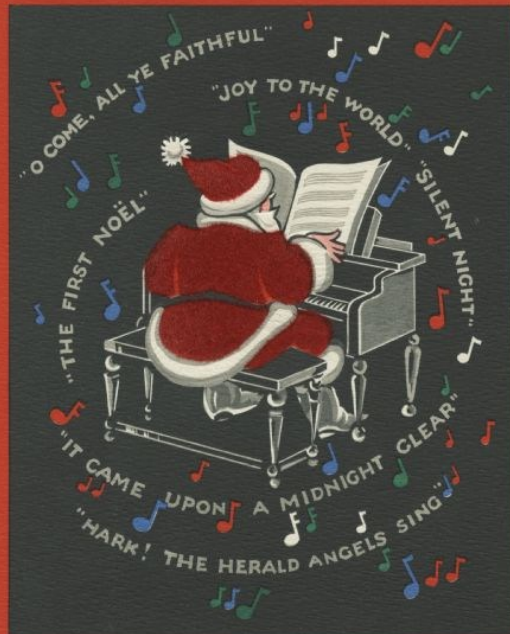
Let's continue the spirit of gratitude. Please bring Thanksgiving leftovers to share during our Coffee Hour Fellowship. Whether it is turkey, stuffing, pie, or something special from your table - all dishes are welcomed and will be enjoyed!

Hosts:
Hospitality Co-Chairs,
Dee Snyder and
vEnessa Acham



*.... and make us ever mindful
of the needs of others. Amen*

**THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
CHRISTMAS GATHERING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
RSVP TODAY!**



The Men's Fellowship will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 11th** in the Undercroft. The fellowship hour will begin at 5:30 pm and we will serve a **home-cooked meal at 6:30 pm**. To celebrate the season, we will gather around the piano and sing Christmas carols.

If you plan to attend, please send an email to Ike Brannon at chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.

**EPISCOPAL 101
BEGINS IN JANUARY
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30-7:30 PM**

Mother Sara will facilitate a new series of seven classes beginning **January 7th, 2026 and ending on Wednesday, February 25th**. There will be no class on Ash Wed., Feb. 18. Sing up online or at the Welcome table.

Parish Prayer List

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Margaret's Parish, DC; Charlie's Place Feeding Program, St. Margaret's Parish;
Thanksgiving Day (November 27); Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings;

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Anglican Church of South America;

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for:

All those experiencing food shortage or food insecurity; Robert, Christopher, Laura,
Warren, Shinn, Charles, Eric, Joann, Jane, Andrew, Nancy, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran,
Ukraine, Sudan;

For those who have died, especially,

All those who have died of famine or starvation;

We Give Thanks for: all of our blessings.

*Submit prayer requests to
Andrea in the church office (andrea@allsoulsdc.org) or
Mother Sara (rector@allsoulsdc.org) to stay on for a month at a time.*

We are prepared to pray indefinitely for your requests.

*Healing prayer is available after Holy Eucharist
on the 2nd & 4th Sunday, at the Mary Chapel.*



Christmas at All Souls

December 7	December 24	December 25
11 am	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Advent Lessons & Carols	5 pm, A Lessons & Carols Family Service	11 am Holy Eucharist with Music
	9 pm, Festive Eucharist	

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