News From The Pews
November 8, 2026

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 neighbor

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The Rev. Sara E. Palmer,
Rector & Celebrant

Jennifer Mindek Beckham,
Seminarian & Preacher

11 am Holy Eucharist

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Lisa Watson in joyous celebration on the anniversary of her daughter Scout's adoption

The First Lesson
Micah 4:1-5
Bill McKinley

Psalm 85: 7-13
Led by Bill McKinley

The Epistle
Colossians 3:12-15
Sheila Arbury

The Gospel
Matthew 5:43-48
Mother Sara

Prayers of the People
Samuel Willis

THE CAPITAL HEARINGS

Today we welcome **The Capital Hearings** to our worship service as our Guest Chorale Ensemble. We also thank them for their beautiful concert last night. You can find out more about this amazing a cappella group (of which our own choir member, Heather MacDonald is a part of!) at thecapitalhearings.com.



Veterans Day | Wednesday, November 11 2026

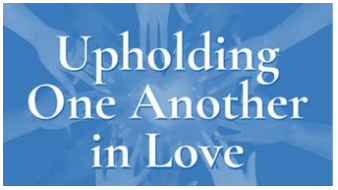




VETERANS DAY LIVESTREAM is Nov. 11 at 7 pm, EST and will feature commissioning of chaplains. Scan QR code to be taken to the Episcopal Church channel.

The Church office will be closed Wed. 11/11 in observance.

ALL SOULS CHURCH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE ENDS IN ONE WEEK



Our "Upholding One Another in Love" Pledge Campaign ends in one week on Sunday, November 15th

Thanks to everyone who has already pledged to the "Upholding One Another in Love" Annual Stewardship Campaign! **Our participation goal is 90 people/families pledging and our financial goal is $450,000 by November 15th. We are currently holding steady at 49 people/families at a total of $318,061.00 pledged so far with only $131,939 to go.**

Make a Pledge

You can pledge online at alsoulsdc.org or by filling out a pledge card and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it in to Andrea Meier, our Parish Administrator. Or use the QR code on the right or contact Andrea directly at office@allsoulsdc.org and she can record your pledge for you.

A DIAPER DRIVE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed diapers this year to the drive.

DC EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS
TUES, NOV. 10, 7:00 pm

The DC Episcopal Fellowship is launching a series of young adult symposiums. The first, focusing on Mental Health & God, will be held at St. Monica & St. James on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM (optional Mass at 6:00 PM). For details, please contact Joe Neal. We invite you to keep our young adults in your prayers as they grow together in faith and community. - *Peace & Blessings, Joe Neal, Co-Coordinator, DC Episcopal Fellowship (DCEF)*

CONFIRMATION & REAFFIRMATION at THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, SAT., NOV. 14

If you have not been confirmed in The Episcopal Church yet, now is your opportunity! Please let Mother Sara know ASAP if you want to do any of these rites on November 14th.

THANKSGIVING DAY, THURS., NOV. 26th

Our traditional potluck follows the 11:00 am Holy Eucharist service in the Undercroft at Noon. Sign up using the QR Code. All are welcome!



ADVENT QUIET MORNING RETREAT, SAT., DEC. 5th, 10am-1pm

"Come apart and rest awhile", Jesus says.

Please come and join others in our All Souls family on Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 1 pm. for an Advent Retreat. Bring a brown bag lunch for yourself.

As our schedules quickly fill with preparations for Christmas, it will be a source of blessing for us to take a morning just to be quiet, slow down, and have time to meditate on the true meaning of Advent: returning to God and preparing to welcome God's only Son, Jesus. We will be encouraged and uplifted as we share God's love. You will see signs around the church and Administrative Building declaring after Nov. 29th: SHHH! SLOW DOWN. IT'S ADVENT. We will reflect together in our Advent Morning Retreat, both on our own and in groups, on the importance of going deeper in our spiritual lives and seeking God's wisdom. To that end, please be reading the book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, the letter of

James, Jesus' brother in the New Testament, and the books in the Apocrypha (between the Old and New Testaments): Ecclesiasticus, Sirach, the Wisdom of Solomon. Please select two passages to share with us and explain why you chose them.

Please email your interest in coming on December 5th to Mother Sara: rector@allsoulsdc.org

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE LECTORS' MINISTRY?
We are now compiling the Lectors' Schedule for Nov-Dec-Jan. If you feel called to join us in this ministry, please contact Will Stewart, Lector Coordinator, at lectors@allsoulsdc.org as soon as possible so we are able to get you into the rotation.

PRAYER FOR USE BY CHILDREN REGARDING STEWARDSHIP
Jesus, we love you and we know you love us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Thank you for play time and for our growing bodies. Thank you for our laughter and our joy. Help us to give some of our time and some of our money back to you. When we think of giving something away to someone who needs it, help us to give two and not just one. *Amen.*

FAITH FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS | 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
November
8 - Prison Ministries with The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge & Caroline Mazzocchi
15 - Marcus Borg: Intellectual Champion of "Liberal Christianity"with Joe Howell
22 - Spiritual Journey Interview
29 - Advent Book Study with Jennifer Mindek Beckham
**Mother Sara recommends picking up your Advent book now to be prepared for the Faith Forum in December! Available on Amazon for $10.22 or Audible or Kindle and is titled, "All Creation Waits" by Gayle Boss.*

December
6 - Advent Book Study (Jennifer Mindek Beckham)
13 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)
20 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:
Veterans' Day *(Nov 11)* – Pray for all military veterans and their families.
Diocesan Confirmation Service *(Nov 14)* – Pray for those who are to be confirmed

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for: For Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Elaine Grierson, dear friend of Olivia & Ian Hodgson**,** Jesse Kim (friend of Carri Banholzer), Sandra Duncan (friend of Jody Koepp-Norris), Al Muller, Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff, Davis Ival, Cuba, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan; for all children everywhere.

We are thankful: for all who are prayerfully considering a pledge as we begin to conclude our annual pledge campaign for 2027; for all who brought food last week to potluck.



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