

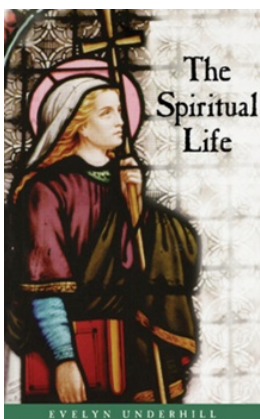
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News From the Pews

This Sunday

November 30, 2025
The First Sunday of Advent



10 am Faith Forum

The Spiritual Life
by Evelyn Underhill
with Mother Sara

Consider the Faith Forum
in the Conference room
during this season of Advent
to explore your spiritual life.

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.

Sunday's Readings

The First Lesson,
Isaiah 2:1-5
Anne Armstrong

Psalm 122
Chanted by the Choir

The Epistle,
Romans 13:11-14
Kevin LaGrand

Gospel,
Matthew 24:36-44
Mother Sara

Prayers of the People
Samuel Willis

Leaflet for 11.30.25 & Announcements



Advent

The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." (episcopalchurch.org/glossary/advent)

LEFTOVERS SUNDAY: **This Sunday at Coffee Hour**

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 Synder and
vEnessa Acham



A Message from the Junior Warden on the 2026 Stewardship Campaign

by Jeff Wells



With the formal conclusion of the 2026 Stewardship drive this past Sunday, the Vestry, Stewardship Committee, and Wardens are asking everyone who has not yet made a pledge to the 2026 Stewardship Campaign **to do so as soon as possible**. A report on the success of the campaign will be part of the Vestry's report to the Bishop in advance of her visitation on December 21st. Thanks to the **more than 61 families and individuals** who have already made their pledge! We are now only **\$63,890 away** from completing our goal with **\$361,110 pledged**.

Upcoming Events



FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Sundays at 10 am,
in the Conference Room

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



YOUNG ADULT EPISCOPALIANS

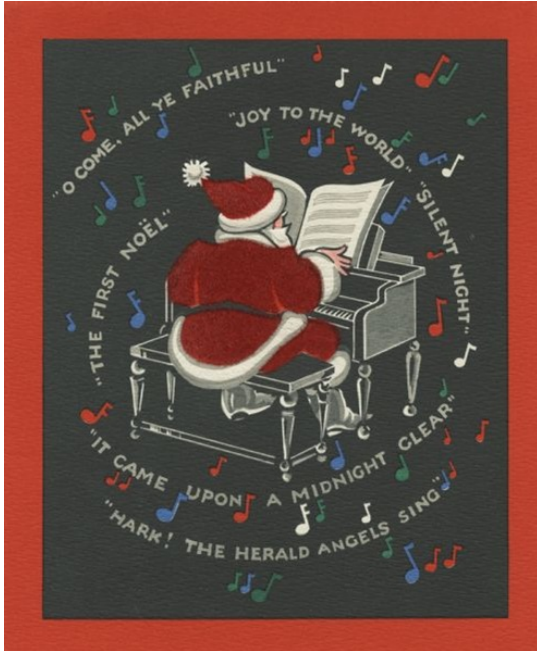
*Advent
Retreat Day*

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**Saturday, Dec. 6:
Advent Retreat Day for Young Adults,
2-5:30 pm at St. Columba's**

Join Young Adult Episcopalians (20's & 30's) for this diocesan facilitated retreat afternoon at St. Columba's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 6. In a world full of uncertainty and noise, Advent calls us to slow down and listen for the quiet rhythm

of promise. This 3.5-hour retreat provides the opportunity for young adults to pause, breathe, and reflect on God's unwavering love, and the hope that it brings. Retreat leader, [The Rev. Sally Slater](#), will guide the group through scripture, prayer, and silence, in creatively exploring the quiet ways God's love is at work in our lives and in the world around us. Participants are invited to wear comfortable clothing, bring a journal, and an open heart. **Contact Joe Neal if you plan to come.** (neal.joseph9@gmail.com)



**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.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, Dec. 7, The Second Sunday of Advent

10 am - Forum: *Conference Room*

11 am - Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 14, The Third Sunday of Advent

10 am - Forum: *Conference Room*

11 am - Holy Eucharist with organ and choir

Sunday, Dec. 21, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 am - Forum with Bishop Budde: *Conference Room*

11 am - Holy Eucharist & confirmation with organ and choir; **Bishop's visit**

Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

5 pm - Lessons and Carols, family service

(without Holy Eucharist)

9 pm- **Festive Holy Eucharist** with organ and choir

Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

11 am - Holy Eucharist with organ and hymns



Christmas Flower Dedications and Music Donations

Please email Andrea your dedications for Christmas flowers at andrea@allsoulsdc.org, to be printed in the Christmas leaflet, **no later than Dec. 17.**

Contribute online, by mail or in the offering plate designating Christmas music & flowers. There is no suggested amount and we only ask that you give what you can and from the heart. Thank you!



Christmas at All Souls

December 7 11 am Advent Lessons & Carols	December 24 Christmas Eve 5 pm, A Lessons & Carols Family Service 9 pm, Festive Eucharist	December 25 Christmas Day 11 am Holy Eucharist with Music
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Episcopal 101 begins January 7

EPISCOPAL 101 BEGINS IN JANUARY



COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OUR BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

All are invited, whether longer-term members or newer parishioners. Mother Sara will facilitate a new series of seven (7)

Episcopal 101 classes **beginning January 7th, 2026 and ending on Wednesday February 25th (no class on Ash Wed., Feb. 18).** The classes will be held in-person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Conference Room here at All Souls. Come and ask all your questions, and make new friends in the dark and cold winter months!

Thank you Tom Andrew, Music Minister

for a wonderful organ concert last week

The free concert accepted donations of \$541 that will go toward the music program at All Souls. Thank you to all who attended and all who gave. *photo: L. Watson*



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