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## *News From the Pews*

### *This Sunday*

December 7, 2025  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*

11 am Holy Eucharist

*Advent Lessons and Carols  
with Holy Eucharist*

*The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector*



**Advent Lessons & Carols  
and Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, December 7  
11:00 am  
All Souls Episcopal Church  
in Woodley Park (near the Zoo)  
All are Welcome!  
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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.

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### *Sunday's Readings*

**The First Lesson,**  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
*Will Stewart*

**The Second Lesson,**  
Jeremiah 23:5-6  
*Cynthia Evans*

**The Third Lesson**



Baruch 4:36-5:9  
*Judy Andrew*

**The Fourth Lesson**  
Isaiah 7:10-15  
*Kevin LeGrand*

**The Fifth Lesson**  
Luke 1:26-38  
*Mother Sara*

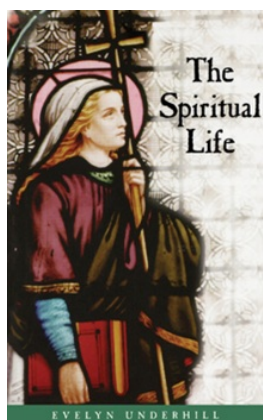
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**The Second Sunday of Advent** focuses in **preparation, repentance, and peace**, highlighting John the Baptist's call to "make straight the way of the Lord," often symbolized by lighting the **Peace Candle** (or the second candle) on the Advent wreath, as it's a time to clear obstacles in our hearts and lives for Christ's coming, moving from judgment toward hopeful reconciliation and the "**peaceable kingdom**" Isaiah foretells.

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### **10 am Faith Forum**

*The Spiritual Life*  
*by Evelyn Underhill*  
with Sebastian Wellford

Bring your coffee & your questions  
to the Conference room  
& explore your spiritual life  
further this Advent.

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### **Christmas Flower Dedications and Donations** Deadline, this Wed. Dec. 10



Please help beautify the church for Christmas with your flower donations. We will print dedications in the Christmas leaflets. Leave in the offering plate with check or pay online by **this Wed., Dec. 10th** (was previously Dec 17, but the deadline to order has changed. **Thank you!**)

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**Christmas Gifts for  
Needy Children Collection**  
**deadline next Sun., Dec. 14th**



**All Souls** is doing our annual collection of gifts for the needy **children at Housing Up**. Carolyn Kulischek, Julia O'Hanlon and Sheila Arbury made 50 "ornaments" for the tree which have the names and ages of each of the 50 recipients. Please consider **taking several** this Sunday to *brighten a child's life*.

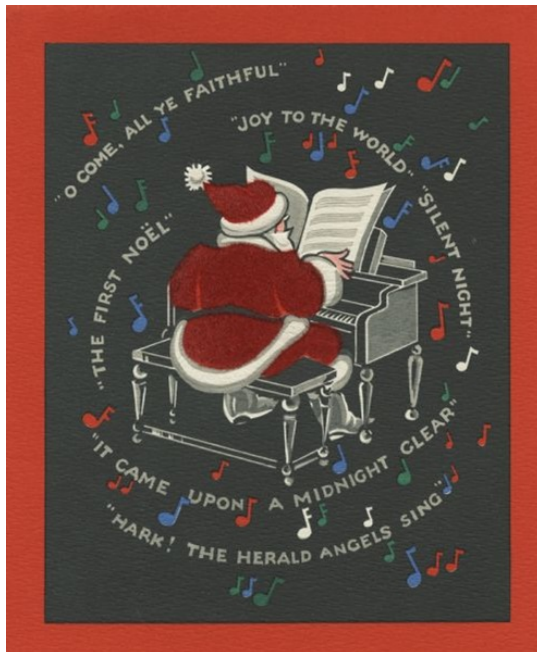
The gifts have to be wrapped and brought to the church by **December 14th**.

They will be taken to **Housing Up on the 15th**. Please do take an ornament and bring joy to a child as we anticipate Jesus' birth at Christmas, God's best-ever gift to all of humankind.

Deep thanks in advance!



## Upcoming Events



### The Men's Fellowship Christmas gathering Wednesday, December 10th RSVP Today!

The Men's Fellowship will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 10th** 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](mailto:chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com).



## Liturgical Calendar

### Sunday, Dec. 14, The Third Sunday of Advent

10 am - Forum: The Spiritual Life by Evelyn Underhill with vEnessa Acham  
*Conference Room*

11 am - Holy Eucharist with organ and choir

### Sunday, Dec. 21, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

11 am - Holy Eucharist & Confirmation *with* organ and choir  
and Bishop Budde

### Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

5 pm - Lessons and Carols, family service  
*with reserved Sacrament*

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

### Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

11 am - Holy Eucharist *with* organ, soloist & hymns

### Sunday, Dec. 28, Christmas I

11 am - Holy Eucharist *with* organ and choir  
The Rev. Martin Smith, guest preacher and celebrant

A festive banner for Christmas at All Souls. The background is dark blue with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, there are blue and white Christmas ornaments and pine branches. The title "Christmas at All Souls" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, there are three columns of text, each for a different date. The first column is for December 7, the second for December 24, and the third for December 25. Each column lists the time and the service. At the bottom, there is a line of text with the website, phone number, and email address.

**Christmas at All Souls**

<b>December 7</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>December 25</b>
<b>11 am</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>Advent Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	<b>5 pm, A Lessons &amp; Carols Family Service</b>	<b>11 am Holy Eucharist with Music</b>
	<b>9 pm, Festive Eucharist</b>	
<a href="http://allsoulsdc.org">allsoulsdc.org</a>	202-232-4244, ext. 1	<a href="mailto:office@allsoulsdc.org">office@allsoulsdc.org</a>

## *Episcopal 101 begins January 7*

Mother Sara will facilitate a new series of seven classes beginning **January 7th, 2026 and ending on Wednesday, February**

EPISCOPAL 101 BEGINS IN JANUARY



**25th.** There will be no class on Ash Wed., Feb. 18. The classes will be held in-person in the Conference room.

This class is for anyone new to the church or long time members seeking a “refresher” course! Taking the class prepares those interested in being received, confirmed or

baptized into the Episcopal church.

Come and ask all your questions, and make new friends in the dark and cold winter months! Sign up online or at the Welcome table.

## *Thank you from Woodley House DC*

Dear All Souls friends –

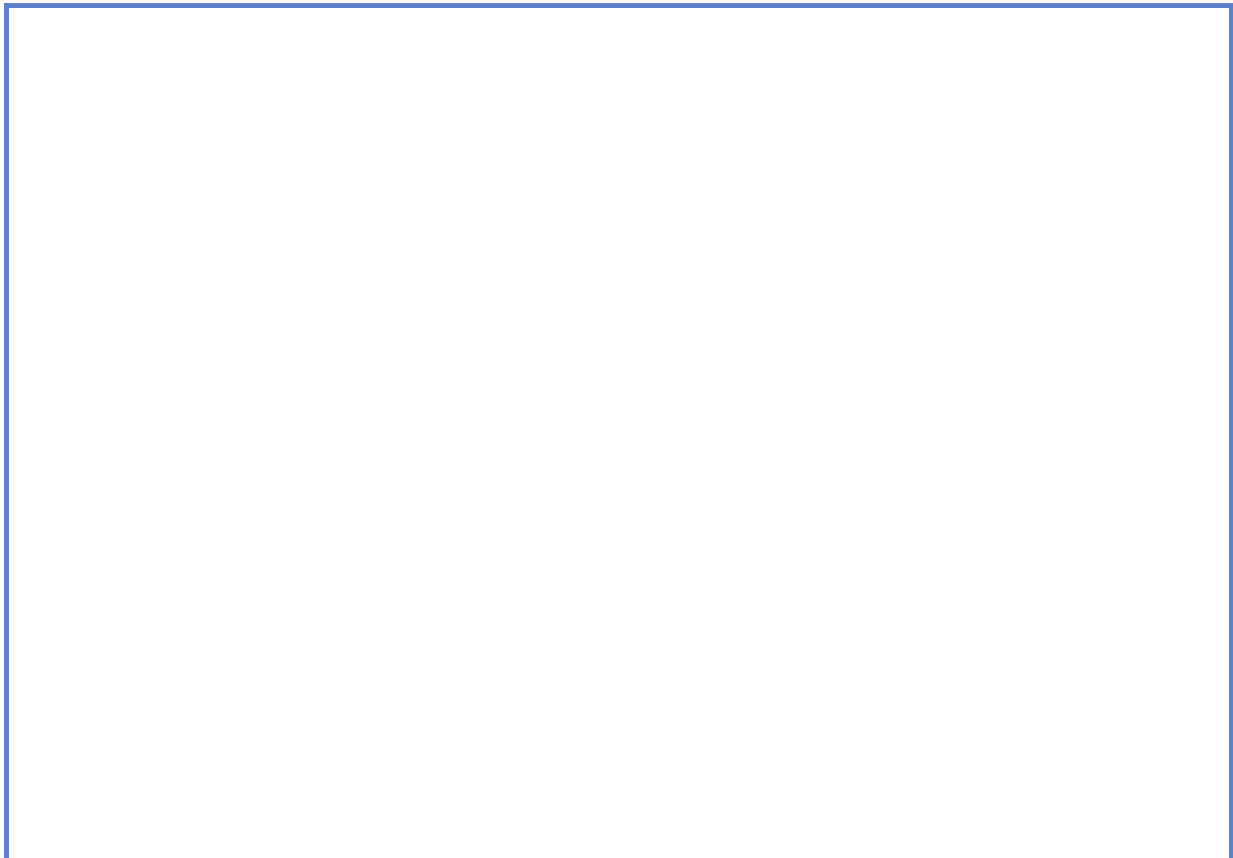
We wanted to share a quick appreciation to All Souls Episcopal Church for your ongoing donations to the Woodley House Food Pantry. We’ve attached a flier of gratitude as well.

The Parish’s food donations have contributed to an outpouring of support this fall that has left our pantry shelves more stocked than they’ve been in years! And it couldn’t have come at a more critical time for our community.

Wishing you and everyone at All Souls a healthy and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

-Dan

**Dan Schiff (he/him/his)**



# THANK YOU

to our friends and neighbors at  
All Souls Episcopal Church for your  
generous contributions to the  
Woodley House Food Pantry this year!



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**Reminder:**  
Next Sunday  
December 14  
is our 2nd  
Sunday  
collection!



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