

**ALCOHOL POLICY**  
**All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church**  
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Washington, DC 20008

We believe that God's gifts are good, and we know that humans struggle to use them in ways that are healthy, positive, joyful, and in harmony with God's purposes for creation. Moreover, we recognize the pain, confusion, and disease that arise when the gift of free-will is impaired by addiction to alcohol and other drugs. Because we are people of faith, we do not lose hope nor do we despair in the face of addiction. God in the form of Jesus Christ offers new life, and the Holy Ghost gives us power to transform our darkness into light.

The following principles will govern the serving of alcoholic beverages on All Souls premises.

1. All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church aims to provide a safe, accessible, and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
2. All Souls is committed to ensuring compliance with applicable federal and District of Columbia laws, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
3. When alcohol is served on the All Souls premises, the servers will monitor the consumption of alcohol and will not serve those showing signs of intoxication.
4. When alcohol is served on the premises, the event organizer will appoint an adult to oversee its serving. That adult should not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of his or her execution of his or her responsibilities.
5. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.
6. At events on the premises where alcohol is served, alcoholic beverages will be clearly labeled as such.
7. Food prepared with alcohol (with the exception of flavor extracts) must be clearly identified.
8. When alcohol is served on the premises, appealing non-alcoholic alternatives will be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.
9. The serving of alcoholic beverages at parish events, if publicized, will be publicized as a secondary or tertiary part of the event. For example, advertise an event as a "Light Reception" as opposed to a "Wine and Cheese Party."
10. Alcohol consumption will not be the focus of any All Souls ministry or event.
11. Food will be served when alcohol is present.

12. Groups or organizations sponsoring activities or events on the All Souls premises at which alcoholic beverages are served will assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and will provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired.
13. Alcoholic beverages shall not be served at meetings of the Vestry.
14. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.
15. Communicants should be informed that receiving the sacrament in one kind (bread only) is perfectly valid.
16. Alcoholic beverages that are not being served or being prepared to be served will be stored in a locked compartment.