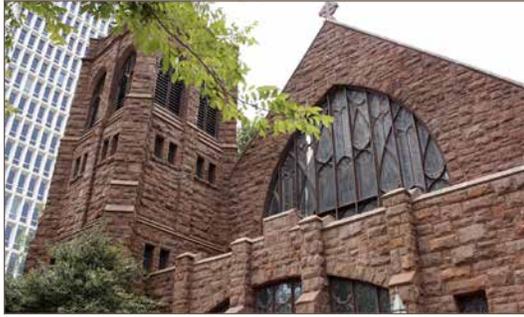


# Welcome to All Saints'!

Since 1903 a band of Saints has gathered at the corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue in Atlanta,



Georgia, to hear and respond to the good news that we are—at all times, in all places, and without any exceptions—beloved children of God. From our founding as an outreach ministry, this truth has both comforted and challenged us in our century-long journey together.

We have not always lived fully into the unconditional promise of God's love, and have occasionally acted as if "all the saints" meant only those who looked or loved or sounded like us. Thanks to God's grace and the powerful witness of Saints within and beyond our parish, we now try to welcome all sorts and conditions into our midst. As you will learn within this profile, the Saints have sought to do God's work during the civil rights movement, in response to the AIDS crisis, in fighting poverty and addiction, and in welcoming refugees fleeing war and oppression.

This history can make us a little complacent; smugness is not unknown amongst the Saints. When we are most open to the Holy Spirit, however, we know that our past should spur us to action as well as thankfulness. In the years to come, we want to reach out to more Saints: to the thousands of Millennials who now live within blocks of our campus, to the students attending the two major research universities in our neighborhood, and to all who seek a place to know and be known.

We must extend our reach inward as well as outward. Saints already known to us seek a greater sense of community in times of joy and of sadness. We are a destination parish; virtually all of the Saints pass at least one other Episcopal church on the Sunday morning drive from their homes to All Saints'. This desire for fellowship brings with it the challenge of accessibility: to transcend the limitations of our central location, Atlanta traffic, and the competing demands of modern life to offer more opportunities for the Saints to connect with one another.

These are, we believe, the right problems to have. Our parish-wide survey reveals All Saints' to be a transformational church that is high in both energy and satisfaction, a "source of new meaning and purpose" for its members, and a possible "mentor to other churches." While the Saints are diverse in many important ways, we share a wicked sense of humor, a commitment to a progressive theology, a passion for beautiful liturgy, and a joy in great music. Our worship inspires and sustains us. Our campus sparkles with recent renovations. Our parish events are consistently over-subscribed. While not perfect (we are just Saints, after all), our house is in order, and we look forward to proclaiming the Gospel in ways that were unimaginable only a few years ago.

We are All Saints'. Come learn more about us.