



Old South Church

Copley Square, Boston

*A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Gathered 1669

January 21st, 2024

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

GATHER

PRELUDE

Invocation

Isadore Freed

*HYMN 542

Born of God, Eternal Savior

WEISSE FLAGGEN

WELCOME

Ashley J. Popperson

INVOCATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

ANTHEM

Al Shlosha D’varim

Allan E. Naplan

*Al shlosha, al shlosha d’varim haolam kayam,
al haemet v’al hadin v’al hashalom, hashalom.*

The world is sustained by three things:
by truth, by justice, and by peace.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1

Stephanie LaShoto-Westfield

*HYMN 398

Shadow and Substance

TWILIGHT

*During the hymn, children that wish may meet childcare staff
in the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the 3rd floor.*

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 531

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Rachel J. Barton

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

Many: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray. *Please be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Love Never Fails

Julie Turner & Jefferey A. Hall

THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS

Peter Coulombe, *director*

LAY REFLECTION

Connor Vigeant & Jamie Chelel

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ashley J. Popperson



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scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

OFFERTORY

Come By Here

Kyle Pederson, *arr.*

Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
O Lord, come by here.

Someone's praying Lord, come by here...

Someone's crying Lord, come by here...

In the [morning; evening] Lord, you are here.
In my [waking; sleeping] Lord, you are here.

In my [pleading; waiting; caring; blessing] Lord, you are here.
In my [loving; grieving; hoping], you are here.

In my [longing; falling; hiding; rising; healing; aching; laughing; praising], Lord;
In my [seeking; finding; breathing; dying], Lord, you are here.

Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
O Lord, you are here.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

Deo Gracias

John Eggert



Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship
in the Gordon Chapel following the Postlude.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of
the Hon. W. Lloyd and Gertrude M. Allen
by Melody Allen & family.

Close-Up, a twenty minute tour of the Sanctuary,
begins immediately following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent David Becker.



WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.

Restrooms are available. Just ask!

An accessible, single-use restroom is available near Reception.

Welcome to Old South Church in Boston. We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. Today, Old South Church continues to outfit itself for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving church in the heart of Boston. If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Old South, it's time to think about **membership**. Contact Associate Minister Ashley Popperson for more info at ashley@oldsouth.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our hearing loop works directly with devices equipped with a "T-Coil." The sound is best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does not work in the upper galleries. If you would like to borrow a device paired with our system, please ask an usher.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

We have arrangements for discounted parking with two nearby garages for Old South Church worship or church business (excluding weddings and concerts). For more information check out www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit or see the front desk.

LEARN MORE

Check out the church website at www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of events, and the general website www.oldsouth.org for more on the history and other information about this storied ship of faith!

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OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON — MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF

John M. Edgerton, *Senior Minister*

Ashley J. Popperson, *Associate Minister*

Rachel Barton, *Assistant Minister and Nancy S. Taylor Fellow*

Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*

David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Madison Chau, *Seminary Fellow*

James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus* ❖ Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister Emeritus*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*

George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*

Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*

Summer Marsh, *Director, Old South Preschool*

Aislin Kate Anderson, *Children's Choir Director*

Amelia Gerrard, *Church Administrator* ❖ John Braught, *Director of Operations*

Rémy Hatfield-Gardner, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Kathleen Steen, *Staff Accountant*

Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Karen Hand, *Wedding Coordinator*

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Rémy Hatfield-Gardner and William Wei, *Livestream Production Assistants* ❖ Ava Welling, *Sound Technician*

Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, and David Brode, *Sextons*

Corey Spence, *Weekday Receptionist*

Shirley Bivins, Shelia Randolph, and George Sargeant, *Evening & Weekend Receptionists*

Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*

Debby Kuenstner, *Chair, Board of Trustees* ❖ Kate Silfen, *Historian*

Christine Del Favero and Tony Rich, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*

A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

Old South Church in Boston, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Christ's invitation carved into the stone of this church's portico, "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door," welcomes all who seek to know God. Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to journey together toward the promised realm of God. We invite everyone to join in the common life and mission of our reconciling community through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the worship, rites and sacraments of this church. As we all move forward with the work of this church, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this congregation and in the world. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the healing, unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Go to tinyurl.com/2024OSCPledge to make your pledge

Look for a pledge card to arrive in your mailbox soon!

Like vibrant rainbows adorning the sky, our collective efforts illuminate the path ahead. Join us as we share the treasures of community, commitment, and collaboration, including the invaluable contribution of your financial support as we forge a brighter future together. During Stewardship month, each member of Old South Church is encouraged to commit annually, or pledge, a certain financial donation to Old South Church. Together, our dollars fuel the church's ministries. We ask members to consider giving a meaningful amount for them. Or, by pledging a percentage of their income: 1%, 2% up to 10%. We ask members to "Give until it feels good!"



STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCH

Sunday, January 28th, following Festival Worship, in Mary Norton Hall, 2nd floor

Go to tinyurl.com/2024Stewardshiplunch to RSVP

We will lift up our communal generosity at Stewardship Celebration services on Thursday, January 25th and Sunday, January 28th and celebrate our shared belonging to this faithful community of givers who support all that Old South Church has to offer. Everyone is invited to a joyful Stewardship Celebration Lunch following Festival Worship on January 28th. Let us know you are coming by going to tinyurl.com/2024Stewardshiplunch.

THE COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

Sundays, 10 a.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall and online,

go to tinyurl.com/OSCF forums for Zoom link, password: Community

This casual, no-commitment, come-when-you-can forum hosts series on a variety of topics. Clergy, lay, and special guests share in leading sessions.

January 21 - Rediscovering the Birth:

Discussion with Rev. Don Wells, Theologian-in-Residence



Did you find yourself challenged, moved, confused, and/or touched by Don Wells' beautiful Christmas reflection (tinyurl.com/WellsChristmasReflection)? Come join us as we discuss themes such as childbirth, incarnation, motherhood, vulnerability, and church history—and wrestle with their implications for Christians today. Open to all, whether or not you've had a chance to read Don's essay.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GBIO'S HOUSING JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

Sunday, January 21, following Festival Worship, in the 4th floor Guild Room

Join us for a teach-in about the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Housing Justice Campaign! Come to learn more about the work we're doing to impact current legislation on affordable housing and justice for those returning from incarceration, and to hear about ongoing events being held with state legislators. Snacks will be provided.

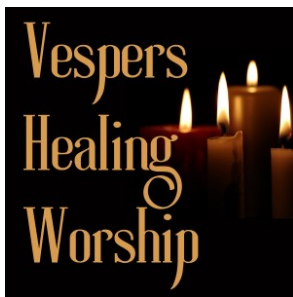


SAVE THE DATE FOR HUGE GBIO GATHERING

Sunday, March 3rd, exact time and location TBD,

tinyurl.com/March24GBIOAction to register

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 3, GBIO will be coming out to bring our Housing Justice Campaign home. Register now for this huge and important action. Starting with 300 of us on the steps of the State House, then 1,400 together at Temple Israel in June and 100s so far with our legislators in our ongoing In-District Meetings, we have demanded affordable housing through the real estate transfer fee, full funding of public housing, and key supports for our reentering citizens. And we will continue to raise our voices as one. Everyone deserves a home.



VESPERS HEALING WORSHIP

Next service February 11th, 5 p.m. on Zoom,

go to tinyurl.com/OSCHealing to join

Please join us to take a moment for rest and renewal in the presence of God and other spiritual companions gathering by Zoom. All are welcome to share this quiet space and lift up our concerns, our losses, our hurts, and our celebrations in the Healing Presence of God and one another.

TWILIGHT WORSHIP: EXPECT CREATIVE DISRUPTION

Thursdays, 6 p.m., in the Gordon Chapel

Our Thursday evening worship service is undergoing some creative change. You'll notice these changes over the next few months. We'll be trying out various orders of worship, styles of music, and working toward a more formal launch of a renewed service in the months to come. If you have feedback, we'd love to hear it! Email ashley@oldsouth.org.

REGISTER FOR THE OLD SOUTH TEAM AT THE 8th ANNUAL WINTER WALK

Sunday, February 11th, meet at at 8:30 a.m. for registration

On the Common at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets

The Winter Walk is an initiative that believes ending homelessness is within our reach. Their mission is to raise awareness and funds towards that goal, and to support organizations that are working on prevention, support, and care for our homeless community. Join the Old South team as we take this 2 mile walk through the streets of Boston during the coldest month of the year, beginning and ending on Boston Common on Sunday, February 11th, 2024 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.! To register, go to tinyurl.com/winterwalk2024 and select either fundraise or donate (your registration fee is already covered because OSC is a sponsor), then select Join a Team and find Old South's team. From there you may choose to donate extra money if you choose! Questions? John Edgerton jme@oldsouth.org.



NEW PARKING POLICIES FOR 100 CLARENDON GARAGE

Effective this month, the 100 Clarendon Garage increased their rates from \$7 to \$10 for 3-hour parking validation for Old Southerners on Saturdays and Sundays only. They no longer offer weekday parking discounts. Please see the front desk to get your parking validated.

SNACKS FOR FESTIVAL WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Go to tinyurl.com/OSC2024hospitality to sign up

Join us in spreading joy through snacks! We're on the lookout for volunteers, individuals or families, to whip up delicious treats and bring them to OSC for coffee hour. Whether you're a whiz at picking treats from the store, a baking aficionado, or prefer assembling fruit plates, your talents are welcome. Each volunteer will bring enough snacks for around twenty people, and we usually need three volunteers per Festival service. If you're ready to serve and satisfy taste buds, sign up at the link above and drop off your creations in the Crawford Library with David Brode just before the Festival Service.

REQUEST FROM (G)RACE SPEAKS

If you are a person who identifies as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), we want to hear from you! As we create future programming, we seek your input. To provide ideas, please contact Anne Scholder anne.scholder@gmail.com or Deb Washington nelldarnell@outlook.com.



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GREEN TIP: Curb Your Consumption

Curbing consumption can have a huge impact on the environment. The three "R's"—reduce, reuse and recycle— get a lot of attention, but the planet could benefit from some focus on the most important and most underrepresented "R": refuse. When you refuse, you say "no," which is not always easy. Freebies at events, cheap goods on clearance, the hot new children's toys or the latest gadgets that promise to make your life better—none of these are essential. And they almost always end up either in the trash or forgotten in the back of a closet. Next time you're tempted to purchase or accept a non-essential item, think about whether it would truly improve your life. If not, it's ok to just say, "No, thanks!" Check out more green ideas at Green Mountain Energy tinyurl.com/GreenideasfromGME.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us in person, on Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube

TWILIGHT Worship, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

VESPERS HEALING Worship, the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



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You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

NOTICES 1) Worship services and events at Old South Church are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify an usher. 2) Please do not leave bags unattended in the building, including the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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