

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

*We invite you to greet those around you,
wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”*

WORDS OF WELCOME

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Carol Chen **Catherine Hyden**
Cynthia Curtis **David J. O’Malley**
Laura Walker Dunn

PRESENTATION

LITANY OF INTENT

One: Friends in Christ, these people have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to enter a covenantal relationship with Christ and with you. We are all here to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

Many: We give thanks for every community that has been your spiritual home and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in the life of faith, be Christ’s disciple, resist oppression and evil, show love and justice, and bear witness to Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those joining: I promise, with the help of God.

Many: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and love, and to participate in the life of this church, by worshipping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and treasure for the ministry of the church?

Those joining: I promise, with the help of God.

One: We then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and we expand this circle of community, all rising in body or spirit to share our covenant of mission with you.

***All:** I do now in the presence of God and before this assembly give myself to the One whom Jesus called “Abba, Father” as the God in whose love I am grounded and whose realm I serve; to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, to whom I surrender and who rules my life; to God the Holy Spirit as the One who sustains, recreates, and guides me. I will share God’s everlasting covenant by loving and living responsibly in communion with this one God. And I do furthermore engage to walk with my brothers and sisters in the wider Church and the Old South Church secure in God’s grace, prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.

*THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

LISTEN

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lamb

Benjamin Britten

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues;
Give the glory to the Lord,
And the Lamb.
Nations, and languages,
And every Creature
In which is the breath of Life.
Let man and beast appear before him,
And magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter,
Bind a leopard to the altar
And consecrate his spear to the Lord.

Let Ishmail dedicate a tyger,
And give praise for the liberty
In which the Lord has let him at large.

Let Balaam appear with an ass,
And bless the Lord his people
And his creatures for a reward eternal.

Let Daniel come forth with a lion,
And praise God with all his might
Through faith in Christ Jesus.

Let Ithamar minister with a chamois,
And bless the name of Him
That cloatheth the naked.

Let Jakim with the satyr
Bless God in the dance,
Dance, dance, dance.

Let David bless with the bear
The beginning of victory to the Lord,
To the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah from the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnificent and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE

Job 39 *selected verses*

*HYMN 17

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing
verses 1–4 only

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

SOLO

Britten

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry.
For he is the servant of the living God.
Duly and daily serving him.

For at the first glance
Of the glory of God in the East
He worships in his way.

For this is done by wreathing his body
Seven times round with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his savior.

For God has blessed him
In the variety of his movements.
For there is nothing sweeter
Than his peace when at rest.

For I am possessed of a cat,
Surpassing in beauty,
From whom I take occasion
To bless Almighty God.

SOLO

Britten

For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valor.

For this is a true case:
Cat takes female mouse,
Male mouse will not depart,
but stands there threat'ning and daring.
If you will let her go,
I will engage you,
As prodigious a creature as you are.

For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valor.
For the Mouse is of an honorable disposition.

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

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. *You may be seated.*

OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS

Joining at *JAZZ Worship* October 18

Timothy C. Holmes
Alexandra Rowen

Joining at *FIRST Worship* October 21

Mahalia Damm

Joining at *FESTIVAL Worship* October 21

Carol Chen
Cynthia Curtis
Laura Walker Dunn
Catherine Hyden
David J. O'Malley

See the bulletin board in the Elevator Lobby
for more information about our new members!

*Help us welcome them.
Say hello and introduce yourself!*

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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 urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

The flowers today are given by Carolann Dawe in loving memory of William J. Dawe, Jr. and William J. Dawe Sr. & Lucille Dawe.

Flowers are also given to celebrate the ministry of Anthony Livolsi , and to thank him for sharing his gifts with us.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one the devices that is paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does NOT work in the upper galleries.

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):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and **you** pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.
2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill **Old South** (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 21	8:00 am	Common Cathedral Meal Prep
	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Church School
	10:00 am	Community Hour
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 pm	350th Anniversary Committee
	12:30 pm	Sanctuary Volunteers
	1:00 pm	Christian Service and Outreach Training
	1:30 pm	O.W.L. Program at First Church, Cambridge
	Monday, October 22	6:00 pm
7:30 pm		Spiritual Classics Group – “A Canticle for Leibowitz”
Tuesday, October 23	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Congregational Care and Support
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, October 24	12:00 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	Young Adult Small Group – “The Beatitudes”
	6:45 pm	Young Adult Small Group

Thursday, October 25

12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
5:00 pm	Operations Committee
6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	"Through the Bible" Study
7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group – "The Sin of Certainty"
7:00 pm	Young Adult Open Small Group
8:00 pm	Women's Christianity and Civic Life Small Group

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
9:00 am	Children's Choir
9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am	Church School
10:00 am	Community Hour
10:00 am	Family Day Soup Kitchen
11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
11:15 am	Children's Music
12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
12:30 pm	350th Tell the Story Task Force
12:30 pm	(G)RACE Speaks
1:30 pm	O.W.L. Program at First Church, Cambridge

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, *Associate Minister*
James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
Kate Nintcheu, *Director, Children & Family Ministries*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Calvin Genzel, *Wedding Outreach Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader* ❖ Betsy Wooster, *Seminarian Intern*
Carolyn Davis, *Director, Old South Preschool*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers* ❖ Amy Budka, *Children's Music Leader*
Deb Washington, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
Randy Billings, *Chair, Board of Trustees*
Stephanie LaShoto & Ralph Watson, *Senior Deacons* ❖ Vicki Newman, *Pledge Secretary*
Helen McCrady, *Sr Church Administrator* ❖ Jamie Garuti, *Communications Administrator*
Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist*
Rebecca Bowler & Lena Rojas, *Administrative Assistants*
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, & Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, *Receptionists*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY AT OLD SOUTH

COMMUNITY HOUR SERIES: RESTORING GOD'S CREATION

Sundays October 21 and 28 at 10am in Mary Norton Hall

Because climate change is the existential and moral challenge of our time, we seek to increase awareness and understanding of the issues we face, and to galvanize the congregation to be environmental stewards, both individually and collectively.

OCT 21: WHO IS A CREATION CARE VOTER?

How your voice is heard and why your vote counts in the setting of climate policies. Led by Nathaniel Stinnett, Executive Director, Environmental Voter Project.

OCT 28: CHUCK THE THROW AWAY MINDSET

Reduce, reuse, recycle. What are our choices to lighten our impact on God's creation? Led by the OSC Climate Task Force.

EMERGENCY CONTACT CARDS

The Care & Support Committee have printed new Emergency Contact cards for Old South congregation members to carry in their wallets. Cards will be available at coffee hour on Sunday Oct 21st, along with pens to fill them out. Once you have completed filling them out, please return them to the Care & Support members for laminating. These will be returned to you ASAP, or by the next Sunday if we cannot finish them immediately. For more information email Karin Wetmore, kwetmore@comcast.net.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TRAINING

Sunday, October 21st, 12:30pm-3pm at Old South Church

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership against Domestic Violence is offering an intensive training on best practices around responding to disclosures from loved ones about domestic or intimate partner abuse. RSVP to john@oldsouth.org

ADULT EDUCATION

SNAILS'S PACE READTHROUGH OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

Thursdays at 7pm in the Sam Johnson Room

Join us as we journey through the Hebrew Bible with our new study leader, Jonathan Mason Wolfe, a PhD student at Harvard Divinity School. We're currently reading through 1 Samuel. For more information, email Bev Hanna at hannab08@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S DAYTIME SMALL GROUP

Join this community of women in reading and reflecting together on faith and life and enjoying spiritual friendships. New members are always welcome at these Thursday 12 - 1pm gatherings. Email martha@oldsouth.org for information.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are interested in discussing the news of the day, theology and faith, or big ideas and issues with other men from Old South, drop by any Wednesday from 12 -1pm at the church for conversation and fellowship. This group is casual and come-as-you-can, so no weekly commitment needed. Email martha@oldsouth.org for information.

'BANNED IN BOSTON' BOOK DISCUSSION

Friday, October 26, 1-2pm at Old South Meeting House

Join Old Souther Neil Miller as he discusses his book "Banned in Boston". He'll delve into how Eugene O'Neill's Pulitzer-prize winning play "Strange Interlude" was banned by the mayor of Boston in 1929 and forced it into "exile" in Quincy, where it played for a month before closing, causing much controversy. More information at www.osmh.org/event/eugene-oneill

ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 4th at 11am

Join us for our special All-Saints service. In a solemn service of sacred music, we gather to name and remember our own beloved dead who now rest from their labors in the arms of God. A Requiem is performed by the Festival Choir and soloists, joined by a chamber ensemble for the occasion. Following worship we will hold a communal inurnment in the Columbarium of the ashes of Harry Huff, David Chandler, and Peter Southwell-Sander.

COMMUNITY LIFE

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, October 23 at 6pm at the Friendly Toast

We'll test our wits in teams of up to six people and enjoy delicious food and beverages at the Friendly Toast on Stanhope Street. Please arrive at 6 p.m. so we can all be seated together and try to bring cash. RSVP to martha@oldsouth.org -- trivia and/or church newbies welcome!

QUEER BRUNCH AT CITY TABLE

Sunday, October 28, 12:30-2pm

Calling LGBTQIA+ Old Southerners: come brunch with us! We'll be heading over to City Table (less than a block away) after Festival Worship to enjoy good food and fellowship. We'll have childcare available at church and extra funds if money is a barrier. Please RSVP -- yeses only! -- to martha@oldsouth.org by Thursday, Oct. 25.

CITY STRINGS UNITED BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, October 28, 3-5pm at Old South Church in Gordon Chapel

We're excited to welcome City Strings United, a local non-profit that provides free cello lessons for youth from economically-strained communities. The benefit concert will include the band Kip Kidogo with Zoë Krohne and Doug Rich.

GENERATING IDEAS FOR 350TH PROJECT

One of the committees preparing for Old South's upcoming 350th anniversary is working on a secret project geared towards children. They are asking for your help in creating a list of hands-on, practical ideas for children to help practice kindness. For example: "Take a handmade gift to a neighbor who lives alone and visit with them", or "Look for someone who seems sad or lonely, and speak with them." Ideas generated can be emailed to children@oldsouth.org

FAITH INTO ACTION

CANDIDATE FORUM HOSTED BY GBIO

Monday, October 22, 6:30-9pm at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center

The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization is hosting a public forum with candidates for Governor, District Attorney, Attorney General, and other high elected offices. Hear candidates speak on reducing racial disparities in our criminal justice system, protecting immigrants, making homeownership more affordable, and more. Email john@oldsouth.org to RSVP.

SMART FROM THE START GALA

Thursday, October 25th, 6:30-10pm

One of our grantee organizations, Smart from the Start, is celebrating its 10th birthday. Come celebrate at the Boston Center for the Arts' Cyclorama to support Smart from the Start children and families. Tickets at smartfromthestartinc.org/events/10-year-anniversary-celebration

LOOKING AHEAD

Children's Sabbath, November 11th at 9am & 11am

Meeting House Sunday, November 18th, 11am at the Old South Meeting House

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 in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON

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