

November 11, 2018
Children's Sabbath
11:00 am

*Warning! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's
soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?*

GATHER

PRELUDE

*100th ANIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 391 **In the Midst of New Dimensions** NEW DIMENSIONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers
and aunts!

**Many: Come grandmas and grandpas, uncles and nephews, nieces and
neighbors and friends!**

One: Christ calls us together as parts of one Body, for worship and service
and praise!

Many: Let's worship God together!

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY IN OUR DIVERSITY

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Strong and Courageous
COMBINED CHILDREN’S CHOIRS
Amy Budka, *director* and Ken Budka, *guitar*

I’m gonna be brave, I’m gonna be strong and courageous.

When trouble comes, I will trust in you
When I feel your love, I will trust in you
When life’s plans fail, I will trust in you
When all is well, I will trust in you

When I feel scared, I will trust in you
When I know you’re there, I will trust in you
When I’m weak or strong, I will trust in you
When I sing this song, I will trust in you

I will never be afraid, my God you’re always with me

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicholas Christopher Ryan
Child of Glen and Kelsey Ryan

INTRODUCTION AND ADDRESS

LITANY OF BAPTISM

Minister: We are gathered to present Nicholas Christopher Ryan to the Church and to dedicate him to God. What can we affirm about him?

People: **They are children of God, made in God’s image.**

Minister: As he grows and matures, how will he know he is a child of God and how will he learn of the Christian story?

People: **We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, the parents of our faith; about Moses and Miriam who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about the Savior, Jesus.**

Minister: In turn, what will we expect of him?

People: **We look forward to sitting with him at the Lord's Table, sharing with him the costs and joys of discipleship, learning and growing with him in the Christian pilgrimage, and declaring with one voice our faith in God and God's son, Jesus.**

Minister: Do you, Glen and Kelsey, parents, assume your primary responsibility for fulfilling these expectations by growing with your children in the Christian faith, helping them to become faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, and by offering them the nurture and support of the Christian church?

Parents: *We happily and genuinely accept this serious duty.*

Minister: And Old South Church, do you pledge to maintain a nurturing and challenging Christian environment for Nicholas?

People: **We do, for he belongs to us as well.**

Minister: Then, may God be with us.

People: **God help us. Amen.**

THE PRAYER AND ACT OF BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

HYMN OF BAPTISM 323 *seated*

Little Children, Welcome

SAIPAN

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE	Joshua 1:5a – 9	
SERMON		Kate Nintcheu
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES		Kate Nintcheu
*HYMN 537	Christians Rise, and Act Your Creed	INNOCENTS

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 Children of our heav'nly Mother Dan Forrest, *arr.*

Children of our heav'nly Mother,
safely in her bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God her own doth tend and nourish;
in her holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things she spares them;
in her mighty arms she bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from our God her children sever;
unto them her grace she showeth,
and their sorrows all she knoweth.

Though she giveth or she taketh,
God her children ne'er forsaketh;
Hers the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Craig Courtney

I have felt the hand of God in your hand

I have felt the hand of God in your hand. Holding me, you gave me strength to stand. When I was all alone, you came and met my need. And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead. Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me. I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

I have heard the voice of God in your voice. Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice. Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end. And when my faith was gone, you called me home again. When you spoke, God's voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all, you shared with me God's grace. And you were faithful to guide me as I grew. I saw your love for God and I saw God in you. When you smiled, God's love surrounded me. I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God, I have felt the hand of God through you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 497

Guide My Feet

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*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE



*Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Mary Hunter.*

The flowers today are given by Karin Wetmore in

Performing in the Trombone Ensemble:

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.

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 of 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, November 11	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Children's Sabbath</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:30 am	Pancake Breakfast
	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	Coffee with the Clergy
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Children's Sabbath</i>
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 pm	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	350th Faith in Action Task Force
	1:30 pm	O.W.L. Program at First Church, Cambridge
	Monday, November 12	7:30 pm
Tuesday, November 13	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Membership Committee Old South Ringers Rehearsal Church Council
Wednesday, November 14	12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm	Men's Lunch Hour Small Group Young Adult Small Group – “The Beatitudes” Young Adult Small Group

Thursday, November 15	12:00 pm	Women’s Lunch Hour Small Group
	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, November 18 Meetinghouse Sunday	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	11:00 am	MEETINGHOUSE Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	1:30 pm	G(R)ace 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*
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*
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.



OLD
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MEETING HOUSE SUNDAY

Sunday, November 18th, 10:55am at Old South Meeting House

Old South Church returns to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House, for Festival Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday, November 18. Preludes begin at 10:55am, and worship starts at 11:15am. Music includes the great Thanksgiving hymns, the Festival Choir, the Old South Ringers handbell choir, brass, percussion, and piano. Senior Minister Rev. Nancy Taylor will preach, and a Thanksgiving Proclamation will be read.

Buses depart from Old South Church at 10:30 am and 10:55 am. A returning bus departs the Meeting House immediately following worship. Childcare will be available at the church; children's activity packets available at the Meeting House. First Worship will be held in Gordon Chapel at 9am.

COMMUNITY LIFE

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 11th from 9:30am-10:30am in Mary Norton Hall

Catch up with your fellow church goers and meet new friends over a pancake breakfast prepared by the OSC Youth Group. Join us in Mary Norton Hall right after First Worship, or come early before Festival Worship!

VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Are you handy with a camera? Love capturing special moments on film? Whether photography is your hobby or profession, we need you! Email Jamie@oldsouth.org to be added to our list of volunteer photographers. Then when we have a special service or event coming up, we'll ask if you're available to help out.

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, November 20, 6pm at The Friendly Toast Boston

Just down the street from Old South is the Friendly Toast (on Stanhope Street), a fun restaurant/bar that does trivia every Tuesday! We'll test our wits in teams of up to six people and enjoy delicious food and beverages while doing it! Please arrive at 6 p.m. so we can all be seated together and try to bring cash. RSVP to Martha@oldsouth.org by November 19 — trivia and/or church newbies welcome!

ADULT EDUCATION

UPDATE ON IMMIGRATION ACTIONS WITH GBIO

Community Hour Forum on Sunday, November 25 at 10am in Mary Norton Hall

With devastating stories of separated families, far-traveling migrants, and loved ones trapped in detention centers in the news everyday, it can be easy to feel hopeless. However, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization is working hard to combat anti-immigration sentiments and policies. Join us for a Community Hour Forum as Rev. John Edgerton updates us on the immigration actions that GBIO has been working on.

THEOLOGICAL BOOK GROUP: NEW BOOK!

Marcus Borg's *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the 21st Century*, combines chapters from previous books as well as some unpublished materials and focuses on how to live with both spiritual and intellectual integrity in today's world. Interested in spirited discussion? Only a few spaces left. We begin on Monday, November 19th. Contact Don Wells (granwell@comcast.net) or sign up at the Front Desk (The book is \$14.00).

SNAILS'S PACE THROUGH THE WHOLE BIBLE

Join us Thursdays at 7pm as we journey through the Hebrew Bible with our study leader, Jonathan Mason Wolfe, a PhD student at Harvard Divinity School. We're currently reading through 1st Samuel. For more information, email Bev Hanna at hannab08@comcast.net.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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 need 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 and visit with them." Email your ideas to children@oldsouth.org.

NEW PEANUT POLICY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

We're instating a ban on peanuts and peanut products in the children's church school. This does not extend to the whole church, but we urge adults to exercise increased awareness and caution with all peanut products. Specifically - please be sure to wash your hands thoroughly before greeting others to avoid spreading the oils. Questions? Email Kate Nintcheu, children@oldsouth.org.

FAITH INTO ACTION

CARRY IT ON: CELEBRATION OF ACTION ON RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Wednesday, November 28th, 6-8pm at 89 South Street, Boston

Join Massachusetts Community Action Network for Carry it On, a one-of-a-kind gathering of community leaders, politicians, business leaders, and organizers from across the state. Reconnect with old friends and meet emerging leaders to support progressive action for racial and economic justice. Tickets and more details at tinyurl.com/CarryItOn.

COAT BOSTON

Please bring donated coats to coffee hour on Nov. 4th, 11th & 25th, and Dec. 9th

OSC is collecting warm winter coats for our partner, City Mission Society, to distribute to Boston school children. Coats must be new. Toddler to adult sizes are needed, in any color. (Please no fleece or soft-shell type of jackets.) Please include your name and phone number, so we know who to thank.

If you don't have time to shop, money can also be donated at www.citymissionboston.org/give, or by check made out to City Mission Society Coat Drive. Please **DO NOT** put Coat Drive checks into the collection plate. Please give them to Karin Wetmore, or deliver them to the OSC Care & Support committee mailbox at the front desk. Help City Mission achieve its goal of wrapping 2,000 children in coats this Christmas season!

DCF CHILDREN'S GIFT DRIVE

Help make Christmas brighter for a child in foster care by purchasing a Christmas present on a child's wish list. Once you sign up, you will receive your child/children's clothing sizes and wish list. You are responsible for purchasing at least one clothing item, one gift, and putting it in a labeled gift bag.

Please note that most gifts will total \$45 or more and **gift drop off at Old South will occur after service on Sundays, December 2, 9, and 16**. If you want to participate but cost or drop off dates don't work for you, please email us. To participate, send your name and the number of children you'd like to sponsor to oscgiftdrive@gmail.com or find Laura Spooner-Fleming or Robert Higgins after service. (They'll be the ones with the Santa hats!)

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 1st: Christmas Craft Fair — Thirty New England artists will vend their unique offerings in pottery, knits, photography, fine art, jewelry, blown glass, beeswax candles, turned wood, and more! 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Cookie Walk: Drop off homemade cookies on November 30, or before 9:00 am on December 1. Please label your treats ‘nuts’ or ‘no nuts’ and wrap them to be sold individually. To participate, email Adriana Repetto at zuzus-petals@juno.com ASAP.

Sunday, December 2nd: Advent Poetry Fest — Share a favorite poem or prose, or even an original writing, that has meaning for you in this season. Each reader will have 2 minutes.

Sunday, December 2nd: Community Chanukah Celebration — Central Reform Temple extends a special welcome to Old South Church in Boston for the 10th annual “A Light Through the Ages,” a celebration of Chanukah. The event will be at 4pm at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston.

Saturday, December 8th: Family Advent Activity — From 9am-11am, we’ll pack, wrap, and deliver Christmas gifts to our unhoused neighbors.

Sunday, December 9th: Children’s Christmas Pageant—Prepare yourself for a re-telling of the ancient story Boston-style, with humor, truth, and wonder. It’s going to be *wicked* awesome! 9am at First Worship.

Sunday, December 16th: Carols & Potluck Luncheon — Eat, sing, be merry! Celebrate the season and sing carols together over a lunch you help to provide. An all-church event at 12pm in Mary Norton Hall.

Monday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Services

5:00pm Family Worship

8:00pm Lessons & Carols

11:00pm Chapel Communion

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.

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