



January 28, 2024 ❖ 11 a.m.

Stewardship Celebration Sunday

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

O du, mein holder Abendstern from *Tannhäuser*

Richard Wagner

*HYMN 540

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

NEW BEGINNINGS

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

*INVOCATION

Madison Chau

One: Holy Jesus, you turn over the tables of injustice in the world.

**Many: Turn over our hearts,
that what we hide even from ourselves will be brought to light.**

One: Loving God, you call new life into being in upturned earth,
making seeds to grow.

**Many: Turn over our hearts,
so that what came before can become something new**

One: Blessed Spirit, you turn the earth anew,
making night and day, summer and winter.

Many: Turn over our hearts, so that we may serve you in all seasons.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

ANTHEM

God, Your Word

David L. Ray

OLD SOUTH CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Aislin Kate Anderson, *director*

God, your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Your word gives me direction for the way that I should live.

Your word tells me to love and how to give.

Your word gives me the courage to bravely run the race.

Your word shows me the wonders of your grace.

LISTEN

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Kate M. Nintcheu

SCRIPTURE

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
 Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
 Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
 ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

LAY REFLECTION

Noah Brewer-Wallin

CALL TO THE OFFERING

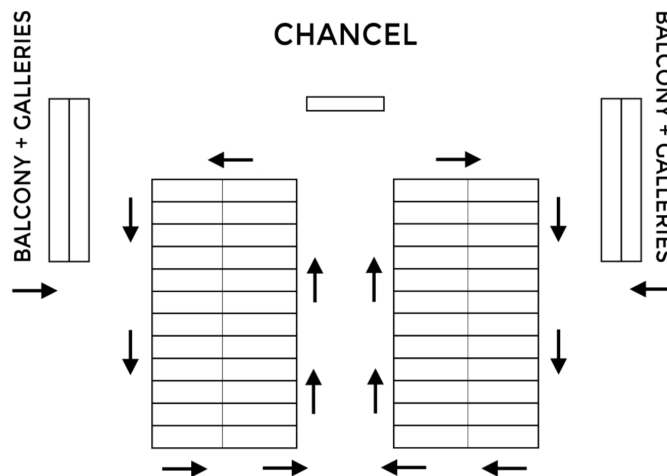
John Edgerton



To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, or with a Credit Card,
 scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.
 You can also Text 44-321 and enter OSC to make a gift.

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to present your Giving Card as indicated below. If unable to come forward, please inform an usher, who will present the Giving Card on your behalf.



OFFERTORY This Little Light of Mine Moses Hogan, *arr.*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

In my home, all over the world:
Let it shine, shine, shine;
let it shine.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 556 **God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens** HOLY MANNA

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BLESSING John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE Grand March from *Tannhäuser* Richard Wagner



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

The flowers today are given...

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



Old South Church *in* Boston invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday — March 24th | 9AM ☩ 11AM

Maundy Thursday — March 28th | 7PM

Good Friday — March 29th | 12PM ☩ 7PM

Easter Sunday — March 31st | 9AM ☩ 11AM

MARATHON SUNDAY — April 14th, 2024 | 9AM ☩ 11AM

Each year hundreds of marathoners join us for worship, where we pause to acknowledge the runners, their families, and volunteers in a special “Blessing of the Athletes.”

PHILLIS WHEATLEY SUNDAY — May 12th, 2024 | 9AM ☩ 11AM

Old South honors and learns from one of the saints of this church who was stolen from Africa, suffered the Middle Passage, was sold into slavery, and triumphed through her awesome wit and the mighty power of her pen.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — November 3rd, 2024 | 11AM

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.

MEETING HOUSE SUNDAY — November 24th, 2024 | 11AM

We return to our ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House at Washington & Milk Streets, to give thanks for God's many blessings and the rich history of our faith.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2023

Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 5PM

LESSONS AND CAROLS | 8PM

CAROLS AND COMMUNION | 11PM

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*

Jamie Garuti Sage, *Multimedia Director*

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.



OLD
SOUTH
CHURCH
in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP AT OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Go to tinyurl.com/2024OSCPledge to pledge

Like vibrant rainbows adorning the sky, our collective efforts illuminate the path ahead.

Join us as we share the treasures of community, commitment, & 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!"

2024
**Stewardship:
an Epiphany**



STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCH

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

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our members and friends with January birthdays! Join us at coffee hour and the Stewardship Lunch after Festival Worship to celebrate with cake and singing!



YOUNG ADULT DINNER AFTER TWILIGHT WORSHIP

Thursday, February 1st, 7:00 p.m. in the Crawford Library

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship and get to know other 20s and 30s members at Old South. There will be pizza and salad. GBIO will be joining us to invite us into their work pursuing housing justice in Boston. We will be meeting in the Crawford Library after Twilight Worship! Hope to see you then!

THE COMMUNITY HOUR FORUM

*Sundays, 10 a.m., 2nd floor Mary Norton Hall and online,
go to tinyurl.com/OSCForums 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 28 - SUNDAY FUN DAY: Come Play With Us

This Sunday we invite you to join members of the Christian Formation committee for a relaxed, informal time to play board games together. Yes, that's right. We're just going to play games. Bring your favorite one, or play ours! (No Zoom this week!)

RACE RELATIONS IN BOSTON: Then and Now

February 4 – Race and Education: The Bussing Crisis and Beyond

February 11 – Racial Segregation and the Affordable Housing Crisis

At least since the bussing crisis of the 1970s, Boston has had a reputation as a racist city. Boston's school system continues to struggle, and Boston is ranked as the 11th most segregated metropolitan area in the country. Yet today, Boston is a majority minority city, with an Asian-American mayor, a city council that is half BIPOC, and people of color in key roles like police chief and leaders of the MBTA.

On this 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Boston bussing crisis, and during Black History Month, BU professor and Christian Formation chairperson Tim Longman will lead discussions around the history of racial discrimination and segregation in Boston and the state of race relations today. What are the legacies of racial animosity and division? What ongoing issues of racism confront the area today? How can Old South help in city-wide efforts to dismantle racism? Join us in person or online.

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.



GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION (GBIO) HOUSING JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

Sign up for a House Meeting here : bit.ly/OldSouthHouseMeetings, (the first is Sunday, February 4)

Sign up to take action on Sunday, March 3 at 3pm: bit.ly/gbiomarch3



Housing in Boston and beyond is too often unaffordable, unattainable, and undignified -- and this affects both our neighbors and our own members. In February, Old South's GBIO team is hosting conversations (House Meetings) for us to reflect on how unaffordable housing touches our lives, connect more deeply with one another, and prepare to take action with 1700 of our neighbors on March 3rd. Questions? Connect with Old South co-liaisons Harrison Reeder and Christina Gregg: reeder.h@hotmail.com and clg3792@gmail.com,

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.

GREEN TIP: Draft Proof Your House

Conduct a Draft Audit by inspecting all the rooms in your home to see where outside air may be coming in. Inspect all windows and doors, plus look for cracks in windows, walls, ceilings, etc. Next, seal windows and doors with weather stripping or plastic sheets, and fix any remaining cracks with caulk.

HEARD IT AT COUNCIL: January 2024

Read the full report at oldsouth.org/news/heard-it-council-january-2024

January's Church Council meeting brought great financial news and discussion of Social Justice work by SNEUCC. Find out what happened in this month's Heard it at Council report by our church historian, Kate Silfen.

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.

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



*To give via ApplePay, GooglePay, or with a Credit Card,
scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.*

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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