



epiphany
Stewardship:
An Epiphany

January 6, 2019
EPIPHANY
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 *Adagio* from SONATA NO.1 IN F MINOR Felix Mendelssohn

*OPENING WORDS Nancy S. Taylor

One: This is the day that God has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Enter into God's gates with thanksgiving

All: and into God's courts with praise.

One: Blessed be the name of God

All: From this time on and forever more.

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: the name of God is to be praised.

One: It is good to give God thanks

All: to sing praises to your name, O Most High

*HYMN 157

Brightest and Best

MORNING STAR

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *Unison.*

Katherine Schofield

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of Mercy. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

—*Arnold Kenseth*

*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

Nancy S. Taylor

ANTHEM

Recitativo and Trio from CHRISTUS, Op. 97

Mendelssohn

When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judaea,
behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men, and said:

“Say, where is he born the King of Judea?
For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.”

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

Jan Monsma?

*HYMN 159

As with Gladness Those of Old

DIX

During the hymn, children may leave for choir and care.

REFLECTORS

Randy Billings & Sarah Monsma-Billings
Randy and Sarah, long-time members of Old South Church (she 35 years, he 29),
brought up their children here. Randy currently serves as the chair of the board of
Trustees while Sarah serves on the *Tell the Story Task Force* of our 350th Anniversary
Committee.

*HYMN 154

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

SPIRITUAL

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

John M. Edgerton

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

One: Let us pray. *You may be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Unison.*

**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

A Stable Lamp is Lighted?

David Hurd

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton

OFFERTORY

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob
from CHRISTUS, Op. 97

Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a Scepter from Israel rise up,
and dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus shines in glorious beams of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;
thine be praise and adoration!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Katherine Schofield

GO FORTH

*HYMN 173 **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** PESCADOR DE
HOMBRES

*BENEDICTION Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE Grand March from ATHALIA, Op. 74 Mendelssohn



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

The flowers today are given in loving memory of their son, Benjamin,
by Linda and James Crawford.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome! We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. We continue to outfit ourselves for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

Need to stretch your legs during worship? The Chapel has full audio of the service.

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, January 6	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship,
	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 AM	Community Hour, <i>Civil Discourse</i>
	10:00 AM	OSC Finances 101
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Baptism Class
	10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Church School
	11:00 AM	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Randy Billings and Sarah Monsma Billings, Storytellers</i>
	11:15 AM	Children's Music
	12:15 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Climate Change Task Force
	1:30 PM	O.W. L. Class
Monday, January 7	4:30 PM	Leadership Committee
	6:00 PM	Theological Book Group
	7:00 PM	Christian Service and Outreach
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Classica
Tuesday, January 8	5:30 PM	Membership Committee
	6:00 PM	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, January 9	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Hour
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
Thursday, January 10	12:00 PM	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	3:00 PM	Climate Change Steering Committee
	6:00 PM	JAZZ Worship
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	"Through the Bible" Study
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Open Small Group
8:00 PM	Women's Christianity and Civic Life Small Group	

Friday, January 11	6:00 PM	Parents' Night Out
Saturday, January 12	1:30 PM	A. Gustafson Memorial Service
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	12:30 PM	OSC Finances 101
	1:30 PM	O.W. L. Class

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
John M. Edgerton, *Associate Minister* ❖ Katherine Schofield, *Interim 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* ❖ Evan Shu, *Historian*
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, *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.

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WELCOME TO OUR INTERIM ASSOCIATE MINISTER

We are excited to announce that Reverend Katherine Schofield is joining Old South as our Interim Associate Minister! Katherine has a rich ministerial background, having served at Harvard's Memorial Church, First Congregational Church of Wareham, United University Church in Los Angeles, and as a staff member at the Office of Religious Life at the University of Southern California.

Rev. Schofield is a graduate of Hamilton College with a Bachelor of the Arts in Religious Studies, and received her Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. Her work is driven by a passion for social justice, community service, and the spiritual nurture of people of all ages.

SERVE THE CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP IS HERE

Our annual Stewardship campaign to fuel 2019 ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty has begun! We join the Three Kings in presenting our gifts to Jesus in the season of Epiphany. We'll hear reflections by Old South members about why they support OSC.

Giving Envelopes for 2019 are now available at the Front Desk. If you have used envelopes in the past there should be a box with your name on it. If you have not used envelopes before and would like to, ask for one!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The Sunday Flower Calendar for 2019 is up in the first floor elevator lobby, and **we're looking for folks to sign up for February 3rd and March 24th.** Donating Sunday flowers is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and special events. The cost is \$50. Put your name by the date you want and send the message you wish to appear in the bulletin to helen@oldsouth.org.

COMMUNITY LIFE

COMMUNITY HOUR SERIES ON CIVIL DISCOURSE

Sundays, January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at 10 a.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Join us in a four-week session covering the tenets for civil discourse, values-based conversations, the messiness of policymaking, and the importance of maintaining a sacred space for debate.

Grounding conversations in our shared faith, we will learn strategies and techniques for engaging in the hard topics respectfully and lovingly - looking to understand our neighbors, even when we disagree. We'll explore how our denomination, our congregation, and each of us as individuals can be inspired by our faith to publicly engage on important issues.

OLD SOUTH FINANCES 101

Sunday, January 13th at 12:30 p.m. in Mary Norton Hall

Where does the money come from? Where does it go? Stewardship Committee reveals it all. Come with your questions and curiosity.

QUEER BRUNCH

Sunday, January 13th, 12:30-2 p.m. at City Table

Calling LGBTQIA+ Old Southerners: come brunch with us! Please meet at the back of the Sanctuary after Festival Worship. We'll be heading over to City Table (less than a block away) 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.

YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA

Tuesday, January 22nd, 6 p.m. 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!

JUSTICE & ACTION

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE MEETING

Sunday, January 6th at 12:30 p.m.

Join the Climate Change Task Force Steering Committee as we prepare five proposals for this Spring: climate justice, policy study and advocacy, letter writing, communications, and personal stewardship. Come, learn, act, vote.

In the words of Jim Antal, "With God's help, we can do this together." For more information contact Mary Ann Lape (malape70@gmail.com)

SABBATH OF JUSTICE WITH AYANNA PRESSLEY

Friday, January 18th at 6 p.m. at Temple Israel

Each year Temple Israel devotes the Sabbath before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to celebrate the values and life of Dr. King. This special Shabbat evening is called "Shabbat Tzedek," a Sabbath of Justice.

This year, Representative Ayanna Pressley will be the Shabbat Tzedek speaker. Pressley is an advocate, policy-maker, activist, and survivor. On November 6, 2018, Pressley was elected to represent Massachusetts' 7th Congressional District in Congress-- the district in which Temple Israel is located-- becoming the first woman of color to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

We anticipate a full house, so please plan to arrive by 5:30. If you would like to travel with other Old Southerners, please meet at Old South at 5:00pm, we will take the Green Line. RSVP to John@oldsouth.org.

MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, February 24th, 10-12:30 p.m. at Old South

In 2017 Old South began periodic mobile soup kitchens, led by member Ralph Watson, to serve our unhoused community. We're looking for 4-5 families to help out. We'll prepare soup, sandwiches, and bags of goodies for our neighbors, then load it up on a cart and take it outside to pass it out. This is a limited-space opportunity, so RSVPs must be solid (illness notwithstanding.) Contact Kate Nintcheu (children@oldsouth.org) to reserve your family's spot!

MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

MUSIC PROGRAMMING RESUMES THIS WEEK

Please note that all musical ensembles, including Children's Choir, will start back up again this week. Welcome back!

GOSPEL CHOIR TO PERFORM AT MLK BREAKFAST

Monday, January 21st at 8:15 am at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

We couldn't be prouder of the Old South Gospel Choir, who is performing for the second year in a row at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in Boston. The breakfast is the nation's longest-running and Boston's premier event dedicated to honoring the legacy of Dr. King. If you'd like to attend, you can purchase tickets at www.bostonmlkbreakfast.org/.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, January 11th, 6-10 p.m. at Old South Church

When's the last time you had a date night? Drop your kids off at Old South for 4 hours of fun, games, and crafts while you head out in the Back Bay. Ages 6 months through 5th grade - RSVPs required, as space is limited. 2nd Fridays each month. Visit www.oldsouth.org/parents-night-out or email Kate at children@oldsouth.org.

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11am

Are you providing care for others -- for parents, partners, children, neighbors, friends? Old South's monthly Caregiver Support Group, led by social worker and Old South member Rich Hassinger, is a structured space in which you can reflect, process, and be encouraged in your ministry of compassion.

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.
