

December 30, 2018
First Sunday After Christmas
11:00 am

GATHER

PRELUDE Fanfare for the New Year Calvin Hampton

*HYMN 145 **Once in Royal David's City** *Irby*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 148 adapted* Betsy Wooster

One: O Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Many: Praise God, all you angels; praise God, you heavenly host!

One: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Many: Praise God, you sea monsters and all deeps!

One: For God commanded and they were created

Many: God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above all the earth.

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

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

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Donald A. Wells

ANTHEM

In Dulci Jubilo

14th c. German

In dulci jubilo,
Now sing we all *i-o*
He, my love, my wonder,
Li'th *in presepio,*
Like any sunbeam, yonder
Matris in gremio,
Alpha es et O, Alpha es et O!

O Jesu parvule
I yearn for thee alway:
Listen to my ditty,
O puer optime
Have pity on me, pity;
O princeps gloriae.
Trabe me post te, Trabe me post te!

O Patris caritas!
O Nati lenitas!
All with us was over,
Per nostra crimina:
But then thou didst recover
Coelorum gaudia
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia
If that they be not there?
Angels there are singing,
Nova cantica,
Sweet bells the while a-ringing
In regis curia.
O that we were there.

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-35

Sam Ou

*HYMN 132

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

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

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 152

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

Mary's Child

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Donald A. Wells

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 *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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Betsy Wooster

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

Refrain:

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell. (*refrain*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Betsy Wooster

*HYMN 126

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo; Personent Hodie Richard Cummins, *arr.*



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

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.

The lovely poinsettia display is donated by church members.

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, December 30	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>John 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	Movie for Families and Children
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour, <i>December Birthday Celebration</i>
Monday, December 31	3:00 pm	King of Instruments <i>Organ Demonstration</i>
	6:30 & 8:00 pm	First Night Pipes and Pops Concerts
Tuesday, January 1	All Day	Church Closed, <i>May you and yours have a blessed New Year!</i>
Wednesday, January 2	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
Thursday, January 3	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	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 4	12:30 pm	Planned Giving
Saturday, January 5	10:00 am	Hospitality Workshop
Sunday, December 30	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	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Baptism Class
	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Lessons and Carols</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

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* ❖ 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 & Lena Rojas, *Administrative Assistants*
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, *Oppong Serebour, & David Brode, Sextons*

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.