

November 25, 2018
Reign of Christ Sunday
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 Revelations of Saint John the Divine Larry King

*HYMN 301 **Crown with Your Richest Crowns** DIADEMATA

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 46, adapted*

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

One: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

**Many: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.**

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy
habitation of the Most High.

**Many: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will
help it when the morning dawns.**

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks, the earth melts.

Many: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*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

LISTEN

ANTHEM

Where Thou Reignest

Franz Schubert

Where thou reignest, King of glory,
Throned in everlasting light,
In thy courts no more is needed
Sun by day, nor moon by night.

Soon may we those portals enter,
When this earthly strife is o’er,
There to reign with Saints and Angels
In thy presence evermore.

Praise to God the Eternal Father,
Praise to God the Eternal Son,
Praise to God the Eternal Spirit,
One in Three and Three in One.

Honor, praise, thanksgiving, blessing,
Now and evermore be done;
God most holy, we adore thee,
Ever-blessed Trinity.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 4:1–8

Dan Bergstresser

*HYMN 259

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

DEO GRACIAS

Children may leave for choir and care.

SERMON

John M. Edgerton

*HYMN 300

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Nancy S. Taylor

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John M. Edgerton

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

OFFERTORY

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 303

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

DARWALL'S 148TH

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

John M. Edgerton

POSTLUDE



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

Our scripture reader today is Dan Bergstresser. Dan is a professor of economics at Brandeis, a former trustee of Old South, and a teacher in Sunday School.

Today's flowers are given by Nancy Whitman in honor of my family and friends,
two and four legged, here and above by Nancy Whitman.

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 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 25	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
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
Monday, November 26	6:00 pm	Theological Book Group
Tuesday, November 27	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Congregational Care and Support
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, November 28	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, November 29	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	3:30 pm	Climate Change Steering Committee
	5:00 pm	Operations Committee
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Dress Rehearsal
	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

Saturday, December 1	10:00 am	Christmas Craft Fair
	4:00 pm	Old South Ringers Concert
Sunday, December 2	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor 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>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 pm	350th Anniversary Committee
	12:30 pm	Advent Poetry Festival
	12:30 pm	Queer Brunch
	1:30 pm	O.W.L. Program at First Church, Cambridge
	2:00 pm	John Marttila Memorial Service
	3:00 pm	350th Combined Task Force
	4:00 pm	Community Chanukah Celebration at Central Reform Temple

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.

HOLIDAY SEASON

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 1st, 10am-4pm at Old South Church

Thirty New England artists will vend their unique offerings in pottery, knits, photography, fine art, jewelry, blown glass, beeswax candles, turned wood, and more!

Cookie Walk: Drop off homemade cookies for the Craft Fair on Nov. 30, or before 9am on Dec. 1st. Email Adriana at zuzus-petals@juno.com to participate.

OLD SOUTH RINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, December 1st, 4pm-5:30pm at Old South Church

Join Old South Church's resident handbell choir, under the direction of conductor Peter Coulombe, for their annual Christmas concert. Admission is free!

ADVENT POETRY FEST

Sunday, December 2nd, 12:30pm at Old South Church

Bring your favorite poem or prose selection that has enriched your celebration of the season. Or if you would rather listen, then come as well! Sign up by contacting Don Wells at granwell@comcast.net. A light lunch will be provided.

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 2nd, 4pm at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston

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.

FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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

Sunday, December 9th at 9am: Children's Christmas Pageant—Prepare yourself for a re-telling of the ancient story Boston-style, with humor, truth, and wonder.

CAROLS & POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 16th, 12pm in Mary Norton Hall

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Old South is accepting \$20 donations for the display of poinsettias that will be on the chancel from December 16 through New Year's Eve. Visit tinyurl.com/oldsouthgiving to make your donation.

Your message in honor or memory of loved ones or special occasions can be entered in the box on the second page of the donation screen. Cards will also be available at Church for the next several weeks. Checks should be made out to Old South Church. Questions? Call Helen at 617-536-1970 ext. 239 or e-mail helen@oldsouth.org.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

BLUE CHRISTMAS JAZZ WORSHIP

Thursday, December 20th at 6pm

While we're bombarded with words lauding the wonders of the season, many people find the holidays anything but joyful. The Blue Christmas service provides an opportunity to step away from all that and let go into music and readings which acknowledge your feelings without trying to talk you out of them. Even if you love the holidays, you may find comfort in this special service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00pm Candlelight Family Service: Children are invited to participate in an impromptu Christmas Pageant, with simple costumes provided. We sing carols to tell the Christmas story together. Childcare provided.

8:00pm Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols: An elegant telling of the Christmas story in carols and readings with music for choir and organ, culminating in the singing of "Silent Night" in our candle-lit sanctuary. Childcare provided.

11:00pm Candlelight Communion: A warmly traditional service with festive carol singing, sermon, and communion in our garland-bedecked chapel. We greet the birth of Christ by singing "Silent Night" outdoors by candlelight just after midnight.

COMMUNITY LIFE

UPDATE ON IMMIGRATION ACTIONS WITH GBIO

Community Hour Forum on Sunday, November 25th 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Calling all November birthdays and lovers of cake — join us for birthday cake in the Gordon Chapel on Sunday, November 25th after Festival Worship.

QUEER BRUNCH

Sunday, December 2nd, 12:30-2pm at City Table

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 November 29th.

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're 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. This group is casual and come-as-you-can. Email martha@oldsouth.org for information.

FAITH INTO ACTION

COAT BOSTON

Please bring donated coats to coffee hour on Nov. 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. 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 give checks to Karin Wetmore, or deliver them to the OSC Care & Support committee mailbox at the front desk.

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. 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.** 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.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 14th, 6-10pm at Old South Church

Isn't it about time you had a date night? Parents Night Out is here to help! Drop the kids off at Old South for 4 hours of fun, games, and crafts while you head out to the Back Bay. Ages 6 months through 5th grade - RSVPs required, as space is limited. Visit www.oldsouth.org/parents-night-out or email Kate Nintcheu children@oldsouth.org.

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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