



THE MAGI ARE COMING

All Church Worship — Old South Church *in Boston*

January 2nd, 2022 ❖ 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany 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

A Child Is Born
Only at Night

Thad Jones
Matt Myer Boulton

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *(refrain)***

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising voices raising, worshiping God on High. *(refrain)***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *(refrain)***

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *(refrain)***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Katherine A. Schofield

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

Welcome to worship!

<https://oldsouth.org/sundays>

WELCOME

*Go to the above site to find our **Virtual Friendship**
and all things Sunday!*

INVOCATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Shawn M. Fiedler

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Howard Cha-Young Kim

SERMON

Reflection

Nancy S. Taylor

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored, Je-sus, the light of the world;
 4 Hail the Bear-er of God's peace! Je-sus, the light of the world;

Glo - ry to the Christ-child bring, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je-sus, the light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ - teous-ness! Je-sus, the light of the world.

Refrain
 We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
 dew-drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by
 day and by night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

CALL TO PRAYER

Jessica Young Chang

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:

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**O most Compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your new order of justice peace and love;
Give us what we need for growth, And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in
the time of testing, that we may resist all evil, For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

Willie Sordillo



Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer. Thank you for this day, help me walk your way. For -
give me when I stray; these three things I pray. A - men, A -
men. A - ah - ah - men.

RESPOND

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Shawn M. Fiedler



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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

OFFERTORY

Some Children See Him

Alfred Burt
Additional lyrics by Kurt Elling

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

Last time, end

Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.



Musicians in this Service

Zoë Krohne
Doug Rich
Consuelo Candelaria-Barry
Willie Sordillo



INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

Check out the church website at
www.oldsouth.org/Sundays for everything Sundays,
www.oldsouth.org/calendar for a calendar of virtual 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

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister* ❖ James W. Crawford, *Senior Minister Emeritus*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting Associate Minister*
Donald A. Wells, *Theologian in Residence* ❖ June R. Cooper, *Theologian in the City*
Howard Cha-Young Kim, *Pastoral Resident* ❖ Jessica Young Chang, *Seminarian*
David Story, *Wedding Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*

Mitchell Crawford, *Minister of Music*
George Sargeant, *Associate Organist & Choirmaster*
Tim Harbold, *Director, Gospel Choir* ❖ Willie Sordillo, *Director, Jazz Worship Music*
Peter Coulombe, *Director, Old South Ringers*

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Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
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Phil Stern, *Moderator* ❖ Rob Gabler, *Clerk* ❖ Bill Bulkeley, *Treasurer*
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Paul Brouillette & Susan Navia, *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.



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in BOSTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCING: *HOWARD CHA-YOUNG KIM* OLD SOUTH'S NEW PASTORAL RESIDENT

In December we bid Godspeed to our Urban Pastoral Ministry Program's pastoral resident, **the Reverend Amo Ngoepe**. After a visit to her family in South Africa, she is off to serve as the sole pastor of All Souls Bethlehem in Brooklyn NY.

In January, we are thrilled to welcome **Howard Cha-Young Kim** as our new, two-year pastoral resident. This residency, like Amo's, is funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment and in partnership with City Mission.

Howard is a 2020 graduate of Duke Divinity School (M. Div., Magna Cum Laude). His BA (religious studies) was awarded by UCLA in 2014. Howard is on the ordination track with his home church, The Way, LA, where he also serves as their (remote) administrator. Howard brings experiences in both church and parachurch ministry, administrative support of nonprofit organizations, a facility with social media and graphic design, organizing and building solidarity between marginalized communities, including affiliation with Asian and Pacific Islander American communities.

Howard and his wife moved east (they currently reside in Providence) where she is enrolled in an architecture program. Together they have often ventured to Boston to explore the city and its restaurants. Howard writes: "Boston has been teaching me that God is present in the city and dwells in the streets, and as I'm falling in love with Boston, I want to be where God dwells. Urban ministry is hard work, often painful, but a beautiful way of living out the call of Jesus Christ. I want to continue learning how to deeply feel and listen to Boston's heartbeat, to serve the people who are in need of help, and be present to how God is moving in the city. I love that this ministry program is a mixture between serving local congregations and being a part of the organizing work in the city. I believe that my experience in working in urban contexts in Los Angeles, serving the local community and helping develop rhythms of sabbath and faithful protest, is a great asset to this program. But more importantly, I'm excited to sit at the feet of local community leaders and support the Godly work they are already doing."



THE MAGI HAVE ARRIVED!

Our annual **Stewardship campaign** to fuel Old South's 2022 ministries of mercy, justice, and beauty has begun! Together we join the three kings in presenting our very best to God and God's future. The theme for 2022 is *Stepping Into God's Future*—quite apt as we walk together into times of transition, challenges and the unknown!



Join us as we

- ⇒ listen to inspiring reflections by Old Southerners during worship in January
- ⇒ consider prayerfully what contribution you can make in 2022.
- ⇒ prepare to celebrate our congregation's steadfast generosity at hybrid celebrations on Thursday, January 27 and Sunday, January 30.

A 2022 Commitment Card will be arriving in the mail soon, along with your 2021 Giving Statement.

You can also pledge online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/OSCGiving2022>.

Giving Envelopes for 2022 are now available at the Church. If you would like envelopes contact Helen McCrady, helen@oldsouth.org.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR FORUMS

*Sundays, following All-Church Worship, 2nd Floor Mary Norton Hall
Livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/1352423>*

January 16th, Old South Church Enslavers and Enslaved Archivist Emily Ross has delved into the records of Old South and the archives of 17th and 18th century Boston newspapers to explore the depth of slave holding by members of Old South. She will present a snapshot of her findings.

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Sam Johnson Room on the fourth floor, and Zoom

Delve into the day's scripture passage heard in worship. Led by our ministerial staff, this no-homework Bible study delights in taking a scholarly look at ancient texts. Don't leave your questions at the door; we need them. For more information contact jess@oldsouth.org.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

As we are all aware, COVID has not gone away. Nowhere close. Now it seems we need to be extra cautious through January, after which we hope to be on the other side of Omicron. Between now and then the virus will be relentless.

Here's our thinking at Old South Church, although we reserve the right to pivot on a dime, depending on the virus:



- We will remain open daily for visitors.
- Masking is mandated, as is social distancing. Do upgrade any cloth masks to at least a three-ply surgical mask.
- If you have so much as a sniffle, do not enter the building.
- We encourage you to get tested as often as possible, or as often as necessary, considering your circumstances and the availability of tests.

JAZZ WORSHIP – *Thursdays at 6pm*

We will continue to be hybrid (both in person and remote; masking and social distancing).

ALL CHURCH WORSHIP – *Sundays at 10am*

We will continue to be hybrid (both in person and remote; masking and social distancing).

OTHER PROGRAMING AND MEETINGS

We expect most of our other programming (meetings, classes, small groups) to go remote for the month of January. Church School families should check their Friday newsletter from Kate for details on children's classes. Stay tuned. Stay safe.

OLD SOUTH MICRO COMMUNITIES

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/SSF88ecoqoHPQykR8>

In an effort to help our community stay well connected, build new friendships, and weather the isolation of the winter season, we are once again creating groups of 4-5 people who each week will have a question to discuss over text or email. This year our discussion topics will be more spiritually based and groups will be encouraged to gather (in person or online) for an initial "getting to know you" session. We'll kick this off the week of January 16th and run through April 9th, the beginning of Holy Week. Once you have signed up, you will hear from us the second week of January introducing you to your micro community!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 19th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
2nd floor Mary Norton Hall

The Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. Want to help out? Donate blood to help end the critical shortage status with the Red Cross. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/BloodDriveOSC> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



GREEN TIP: 12 Green Tips of Christmas

11. Freeze and/or share leftovers with elderly neighbors. Compost any other waste.
12. Recycle your tree at the end of the season.

DONATE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP—

Sundays Jan 23 & 30 are available

The church is open for worship on Sunday mornings and we have beautiful flowers in front of the pulpit again! Would you like to give the flowers one Sunday in memory or honor of a special person or event?

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/SundayFlowers2022> to sign up for a Sunday, or contact Helen McCrady, helen@oldsouth.org. Due to the COVID economy the price has gone up to \$100. Please send your message along with your payment. You can drop it off, send a check, or go to www.oldsouth.org/donate and make your gift online.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Join us for worship in person and on Vimeo.

JAZZ Worship Resumes January 6th, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

ALL-CHURCH Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly **HEALING Worship** is held the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

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.
