

December 8th 2019
**Second Sunday
in Advent**

*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

Advent Voices
THE OLD SOUTH RINGERS
Peter Coulombe, *director*

Kathleen Wissinger

*HYMN 107

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE

PETITION (*Brian Wren*)

Eliette Hilaire

**Holy Trinity, wrapped in light
lover of justice,
opponent of robbery and wrong,
your scrutiny is inescapable,
your purity is unbearable
and your love is immeasurable.**

* *Indicates all who are able may stand*

By the power of your Spirit,
cover us with robes of righteousness,
clothe us with garments of salvation,
and crown us with a garland of praise,
in the name of Christ.
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
in the silence of this space,
in your awesome presence,
we each pause to make our confession,
that we might make ourselves ready for Christ's coming...

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

**For You, O Lord,
My Soul in Stillness Waits**

Marty Haugen

Refrain: *(choir and congregation)*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Choir:

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your word;
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. *(to refrain)*

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

Amo Ngoepe

ANTHEM

Rorate Caeli

Plainsong (Mode I);
David Hurd *arr.*

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above;
And let the skies rain down righteousness.*

Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord; and remember not our sins forever.
Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;
our holy and beautiful house, where our forebears praised you. (*refrain*)

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean;
we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us; and abandoned us to our iniquities. (*refrain*)

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord,
and none but I can deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away. (*refrain*)

Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed.
I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you.
I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer. (*refrain*)

—*Officia Propria*, Paris, 1673

ATTEND

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

Following the scripture reading children are invited to leave for choir and care.

SOLO

Magnificat
(from the *Christmas Oratorio*, 1963)
Adriana Repetto, *soprano*

Calvin Hampton

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

SERMON

Fear God

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 106

My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise

MARIAS LOVSANG

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**Raphael Astoria
Jahnel Davis
Heather Fang**

**Jason Fang
Morgaan Jessell
Rachel Beth Schaefer**

PRESENTATION

Katherine A. Schofield

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

LITANY OF INTENT

- One: Friends in Christ, these people have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to enter a covenantal relationship with Christ and with you. We are all here to endeavor to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.
- Many: **We give thanks for every community that has been your spiritual home and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.**

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in the life of faith, be Christ's disciple, resist oppression and evil, show love and justice, and bear witness to Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those joining: I promise, with the help of God.

Many: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and love, and to participate in the life of this church, by worshipping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and treasure for the ministry of the church?

Those joining: I promise, with the help of God.

One: We then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and we expand this circle of community, all rising in body or spirit to share our covenant of mission with you.

***All:** I do now in the presence of God and before this assembly give myself to the One whom Jesus called "Abba, Father" as the God in whose love I am grounded and whose realm I serve; to Jesus Christ, God incarnate, to whom I surrender and who rules my life; to God the Holy Spirit as the One who sustains, recreates, and guides me. I will share God's everlasting covenant by loving and living responsibly in communion with this one God. And I do furthermore engage to walk with my brothers and sisters in the wider Church and the Old South Church secure in God's grace, prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and serve in the hope of the Gospel.

*THE RIGHT HAND OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Susan Navia, *Deacon*

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

Katherine A. Schofield

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift our hearts to God.

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

*DOXOLOGY

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Depths and heights break forth in singing; angels, saints, make melody,
All dominions, every power sing, make new psalms of ecstasy,
Let no heart refrain from praising God,
celebrate in harmony, evermore and evermore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amo Ngoepe

*HYMN 110

Now Bless the God of Israel

FOREST GREEN

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Nancy S. Taylor

POSTLUDE

Organ Flourish on *Joy to the World*

Michael Dell



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

A 20-minute Tour of the Sanctuary,
begins following worship at the front of the Sanctuary.
Led by docent Liz Morgan.

The flowers today are given by Joyce Akintola
in memory of all of those who have died of AIDS.



Notes on Today's Music

from MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Today, the Festival Choir presents music of American composer David Hurd (b. 1950), one of the most significant living composers of American church music. For 28 years, he was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at General Theological Seminary in Manhattan. He currently serves as Director of Music for The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Times Square. *Tell Out, My Soul*, his paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, captures the essence of the composer's style and harmonic language, which is influenced by the 20th century Anglican school (and especially Herbert Howells). The austere setting of the Advent Prose, *Rorate caeli* — found in Isaiah 45:8 — is of a different sort entirely, eschewing the opulence of *Tell Out, My Soul* for the spartan texture characteristic of plainsong. Hurd sets the verses antiphonally; the accompanying bells preface the *unison* refrain.

Calvin Hampton's solo setting of the *Magnificat* is taken from his *Christmas Oratorio*, an early work. While the *Oratorio* itself has not survived in complete form, the *Magnificat* was excerpted and edited for publication by Harry Huff in 2005.

Joining us today are the Old South Ringers, who present their Christmas concert this afternoon at 4pm. In their *Change Ring Prelude*, elements of plainsong are fused together with the technique of change ringing: playing the same notes in an ever-changing specific order.

CLERGY STOLES

Perhaps you have noticed in this 350th Anniversary Year that our clergy have been wearing matching stoles. The stoles were purchased from Stitching Hope, a women's fabric art and sewing cooperative in Chacraseca, Nicaragua. In 2011, a group of creative women, in partnership with JustHope and the founding partner, Federated Church (UCC), Chagrin Falls, Ohio, developed the enterprise. Along with creating jobs and enabling women to work toward their own goals and dreams, Stitching Hope provides training for the women, equipping them with business and financial tools to market their products and run their business. These aspiring women are contributing to their meager family incomes, and are hopeful that the work of their hands will contribute color, texture, and creative energy to the world. Our stoles have been paid for from the Peter Southwell-Sander Fund, named for the Senior Minister's husband, who died in 2006.



WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins please ask an Usher.
The Chapel has full audio of the service if you need to stretch your legs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

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 <https://www.oldsouth.org/your-first-visit> or see the front desk.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OLD SOUTH

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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NEW MEMBER BIOS

Joined at Jazz Worship

Neil Miller

Neil Miller has been attending Old South for the last three years. He grew up in a Reform Jewish congregation and was baptized at Old South in November after many years of spiritual and religious searching. He currently serves on Old South's Climate Change Task Force. Neil is the author of six published non-fiction books and numerous newspaper and magazine articles. He is a lecturer in English at Tufts University where he teaches Journalism and Non-fiction writing. Neil has traveled widely throughout the world to areas ranging from North Africa to the Middle East, and India, and lived for two years in Israel, where he taught high school. He lives in Somerville with his husband, Paul Brouillette.

Abby Smith

Abby was born and raised in North Carolina, and grew up attending Community UCC. Starting her faith journey in a social justice oriented church nourished her passion for empathizing with and helping others. She was able to combine these passions with her love of art by studying Industrial Design in college. She is now a designer at Dorel Juvenile developing safety products for children and their families. In her free time you can find Abby attending arts events, playing with her creativity, or exploring new places.

Joined at First Worship

Jill Carioggia

Jill is from Fort Myers, FL and is a 2018 graduate from Stetson University with a degree in Molecular Biology. Jill just moved to Boston in August to pursue a Master's of Divinity degree at Boston University School of Theology. She spends most of her days in coffee shops, listening to new music, and sending science memes to her friends. She loves playing guitar and has a passion for learning how to become more sustainable and ecofriendly. She is so excited to join a church that shares her same love for God and for all of God's people.

Eden Johnson

Eden is from Atlanta, Ga and just graduated from Birmingham-Southern college in Birmingham, AL and is pursuing a Masters in Divinity at Boston University. In their free time they enjoy cooking vegan dishes, watching The Office, and practicing yoga. They are so excited to be a part of such a thriving, historic, and socially justice minded church.

Joining at Festival Worship

Raphael Astorga

Raph was born in Western Massachusetts and then spent a lot of time moving around until he joined the Marine Corps in 2012. After some time at Florida State University he moved back to the northeast. He enjoys outdoor activities and trying new food.

Jahnel Davis

Jahnel moved to Boston, Massachusetts from Jamaica almost 8 years ago for college, fell in love with the city, and decided to make it home. She enjoys cooking, reading, road trips, theatre, and has recently taken up gardening (unsuccessful attempts so far). She visited numerous churches growing up but has never been an official member of any. She looks forward to this new journey as a member of Old South Church.

Heather and Jason Fang

Heather was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and grew up in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, where her family was heavily involved with their church. She moved to Boston in 2013 to attend dental school at Boston University. Jason grew up in Sudbury, MA and works as a tax accountant in the Back Bay. Heather and Jason met in 2014 and were married on Cape Cod in August 2019. They look forward to officially calling Old South home!

Morgaan Jessell

Morgaan is from West Palm Beach, FL and moved to Boston to work at Boston Children's Hospital Trust. In her free time she loves to cook, read and watch TV. Morgaan is excited to find a place that is both traditional and inclusive.

Rachel Beth Schaefer

Rachel is a graduate student in the MIT Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, working in environmental fluid mechanics. She graduated from the University of Delaware and is originally from New Jersey. In her free time, she likes exploring new areas, playing games, and writing poems and stories. Rachel has traveled to Malawi with Engineers Without Borders for a water project and is interested in addressing the environmental, societal, and economic aspects of climate change through a global perspective.

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON
MINISTERS, OFFICERS, & STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
Katherine A. Schofield, *Interim Associate Minister* ❖ Shawn M. Fiedler, *Acting 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*
Amo Ngoepe, *Pastoral Resident*
David Story, *Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister* ❖ Ken Orth, *Healing Worship Minister*
Martha Schick, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leader*
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*
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Linda Van Praet, *Accounting & Human Resources* ❖ David Albaugh, *Building Manager*
Allison Albaugh, *Wedding Coordinator* ❖ Emily Ross, *Archivist* ❖ Rebecca Pasipanodya, *Administrative Assistant*
Elias Perez, *Senior Sexton* ❖ Ozo Nwodo, Richard Serebour, & David Brode, *Sextons*
Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes, & Shirley Bivins *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.