

March 17, 2019
**Second Sunday
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11:00 AM

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the founders of Old South Church first gathered.
Their descendants intend to mark the occasion as follows

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

- 11:00am *Anniversary Worship Service*
Featuring a hymn commissioned for our anniversary,
as well as the presentation of the Open Door Award.
- 12:30pm *A Ceremony*
Heraldic trumpets, dignitaries, an interfaith blessing.
- 1:00pm *350th Birthday Party*
Cake & ice cream, magician, games,
reenactors, and dance music.
- 2:30pm *Finale*
Pealing of the Tower Bell.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship, <i>Ron Buford preaching</i>
	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
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	12:30 PM	(G)RACE Speaks <i>Personal Story Workshop</i>
	12:30 PM	Sacred Music and the Bible
Monday, March 18	6:00 PM	Theological Book Group
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, March 19	5:30 PM	Board of Trustees
	6:00 PM	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 20	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Hour
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Small Group
Thursday, March 21	12:00 PM	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 PM	JAZZ Worship, <i>Katherine A. Schofield preaching</i>
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1:00 PM O.W.L. Program

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

Nancy S. Taylor, *Senior Minister*
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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.

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- 12:30pm *A Ceremony*
Heraldic trumpets, dignitaries, an interfaith blessing.
- 1:00pm *350th Birthday Party*
Cake & ice cream, magician, games,
reenactors, and dance music.
- 2:30pm *Finale*
Pealing of the Tower Bell.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17	9:00 AM	FIRST Worship, <i>Ron Buford preaching</i>
	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 AM	Community Hour, <i>Lenten Study</i>
	10:00 AM	Climate Environmental Stewardship Group
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Church School
	11:00 AM	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Ron Buford preaching</i>
	11:15 AM	Children's Music
	12:00 PM	350th Committee
	12:15 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	(G)RACE Speaks <i>Personal Story Workshop</i>
	12:30 PM	Sacred Music and the Bible
	12:30 PM	Climate Justice and Action
Monday, March 18	6:00 PM	Theological Book Group
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Classics
Tuesday, March 19	5:30 PM	Board of Trustees
	6:00 PM	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 20	12:00 PM	Men's Lunch Hour
	6:15 PM	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Small Group
Thursday, March 21	12:00 PM	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 PM	JAZZ Worship, <i>Katherine A. Schofield preaching</i>
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	"Through the Bible" Study
	7:00 PM	Young Adult Book Group
8:00 PM	Women's Christianity and Civic Life Small Group	

Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM FIRST Worship, *Katherine A. Schofield preaching*
9:00 AM Children's Choir
9:45 AM Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
10:00 AM Community Hour, *Lenten Study*
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM 350th Celebrate!
10:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study
10:00 AM Youth Group
10:00 AM Church School
11:00 AM FESTIVAL Worship, *Katherine A. Schofield preaching*
11:15 AM Children's Music
12:15 PM Fellowship Hour
12:30 PM Climate Social Justice & Action Group
12:30 PM LGBT/Queer Brunch *at Back Bay Social Club*
12:30 PM (G)RACE Speaks *Curriculum Module I*
12:30 PM Sacred Music and the Bible
1:00 PM O.W.L. Program

OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON MINISTERS, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

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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.