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Welcome to New Hope

Watch our worship service LIVE from our website each Sunday at 10 a.m.

<https://www.newhopeagoura.org>

The recorded service will be available anytime following the live-stream.

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” ([Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)) The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper. Welcome and Introduction

Prelude

“Prepare Ye” (the Way of the Lord)

by Stephen Schwartz

Welcome

Opening Song

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ELW Hymnal 257

vs. 1-4

Advent Candle Lighting

“Holy Child Within the Manger”

by Marty Haugen

Prayer of the Day

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Children’s Message

Merylee Blair

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 [click link for reading](#)

Terry Paulson

Upon Timothy’s report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Gospel Acclamation

“Advent Gathering Song”

vs. 1 & 2

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36 [click link for reading](#)

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God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.

Sermon Message

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Hymn of the Day

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW Hymnal #715

Prayers of the People

“Here us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**”

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Call to Stewardship

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Service of Holy Communion

“Holy, Holy”

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The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

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Dismissal

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Closing Hymn

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ELW Hymnal #254

Participants in Today’s Worship

Deacon Lynn Bulock
Merylee Blair, Children’s Message
Terry Paulson, Lay Reader

Vocals:
Aleta Braxton, Music Director
MaryAnn Fiore
Terry Paulson

Audio / Video Technicians

Calvin Beeker
Gail Beeker
Gabe Hoffman
Laurie Scott

David Cohen, Pianist