



## 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.

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

### Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song ELW Hymnal 249  
"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Advent Candle Lighting by Marty Haugen  
"Holy Child Within the Manger"

Prayer of the Day Deacon Lynn Bullock

Children's Message Merylee Blair

Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 [click link for reading](#) Alison Rowe

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

Gospel Acclamation vs. 3 & 4  
"Advent Gathering Song"

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6 [click link for reading](#) Dr. Terry Paulson

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

Sermon Message Dr. Terry Paulson  
"Living in Anticipation"

Hymn of the Day ELW Hymnal #264  
"Prepare the Royal Highway"

### Apostle's Creed

Call to Stewardship Deacon Lynn Bullock

Prayers of the People Deacon Lynn Bullock  
"Here us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**"

### The Lord's Prayer

Benediction Deacon Lynn Bullock

Dismissal Deacon Lynn Bullock

Closing Hymn ELW Hymnal #253  
"He Came Down"

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### Participants in Today's Worship

Deacon Lynn Bullock  
Dr. Terry Paulson  
Merylee Blair, Children's Message  
Alison Rowe, 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