



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.

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song

"Magnificat"

Advent Candle Lighting

"Holy Child Within the Manger"

Prayer of the Day

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Children's Message

Merylee Blair

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 [click link for reading](#)

Carol Mansmann

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

"Advent Gathering Song"

vs. 5 & 6

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18 [click link for reading](#)

Rev. Chryll Crews

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity. Sermon Message

Sermon

Rev. Chryll Crews

Special Music

Megan McDonald, soloist

"Breath of Heaven"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Deacon Lynn Bulock

"Here us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**"

Call to Stewardship

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Chryll Crews, presiding

Holy, Holy, Holy

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The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Chryll Crews

Dismissal

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Closing Hymn

"Sing with Joy, You Advent People!"

Sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Participants in Today's Worship

Deacon Lynn Bulock
Rev. Chryll Crews
Merylee Blair, Children's Message
Carol Mansmann, Lay Reader

Audio / Video Technicians
Calvin Beeker
Gail Beeker
Gabe Hoffman
Laurie Scott

Vocals:
MaryAnn Fiore
Megan McDonald
Terry Paulson

David Cohen, Pianist