



## 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.

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Jesus in the temple, growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual, songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

### Welcome and Discussion

Gathering Song ELW Hymnal #300  
“The First Noel”

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the Day Natalie Larkin

Children’s Message Merylee Blair

Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 [click link for reading](#) Natalie Larkin

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God’s gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 216

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52 [click link for reading](#) Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of this identify and mission.

Sermon Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson

Special Music Aleta Braxton, soloist  
“Mary’s Boy Child”

Apostles’ Creed

Call to Stewardship

Prayers of Intercession Natalie Larkin  
“Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**”

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn ELW Hymnal #288  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

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### Participants in Today’s Worship

Deacon Cecelia Travick-Jackson  
Natalie Larkin  
Merylee Blair, Children’s Message

Vocals:  
Aleta Braxton  
MaryAnn Fiore  
Terry Paulson

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

David Cohen, Pianist