Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

November 29, 2026

"Awake In Wonder"

Prelude **Kevin Su Fukagawa**

Welcome **Linda D.**

Call to Worship **Christy W.**

Leader: The days are drawing near, and the season of waiting begins.

People: We come with expectant hearts, watching and waiting for the gift of Christ.

Leader: Jesus calls us to keep awake, to be alert, and to look for signs of God's presence among us.

People: In a world of uncertainty, we hold fast to hope in God who shows up. In times of darkness, we look for the light of God's love.

Leader: We trust in God's faithfulness, and we wait with joy and expectation.

People: Come of long expected Jesus!

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

As we enter this holy season of Advent, we come before you with hearts that are waiting, wondering and hoping. In a world and season that often feels hurried, distracted and uncertain, help us to pause and pay attention. Open our eyes to see your presence in the ordinary moments of life. Open our ears to hear your voice amid the noise of the world. Open our hearts to receive the hope that Christ brings in the birth of a baby.

*Opening Hymn "Have Thine Own Way", Hymnal #382

Verse 1
Have Thine own way Lord
have Thine own way
Thou art the Potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still

Verse 2
Have Thine own way Lord
have Thine own way
Search me and try me Master today
Whiter than snow Lord wash me just now
As in Thy presence humbly I bow

Verse 3
Have Thine own way Lord
have Thine own way
Wounded and weary help me I pray
Power all power surely is Thine
Touch me and heal me Savior divine

Verse 4
Have Thine own way Lord have
Thine own way
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only always living in me

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Ministry Message — Annette - Advent Fest

Lighting of Advent Candle — Thurner Family

First Reader:
We wait with hope, knowing that God is faithful and that Jesus Christ is coming again.

All: The darkness of this world cannot overcome the light of Christ. Our hope is not found in the circumstances around us, but in the promises of God.

Second Reader: Come, Lord Jesus! Fill our hearts with hope as we prepare for Your coming. Let us light the candle of Hope as a reminder that even in uncertain times, God's light shines, God's promises remain.

Children's Message — Pastor Melissa

Passing of the Peace

Scripture - Mark 13:24-37

24 "But in those days, following that distress," 'the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' 26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. 28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!' "

Anthem "Lord , Here Am I", Choir

Verse 1
Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
what is my labor, and where it shall be.
Refrain:
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Verse 2
Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
willing to suffer reproaches and loss.

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Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;
only support me with grace in my need.
Refrain

Verse 3
Living, or dying, I still would be Thine;
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
pity, and bring me again to the light.

Refrain

Sermon *"Awake In Wonder"* Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Big Pine Community UMC- Pastor Jaime Torres
Pioneer Memorial UMC - Pastor Jamie Torres

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS
CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Barbara C. for relief from pain from her sciatic nerve and knee pain. Prayers for healing and pain relief.
Prayers for Isabella (the Hartley's granddaughter) who hurt her back at a dance competition. Prayers for healing and a full recovery for her.
Prayers for Dan(a relative of the Scott's) who fell and fractured his spine. Prayers for comfort and healing for him and for his wife and family as they care for him during his recovery.
Prayers for Carole (Meribeth's DIL's mother) who is in the hospital with multiple health concerns. Guide her medical team, and be with her and her family and surround them with peace and comfort.
Prayers for Kathy M. son-in-law who sustained a serious injury. Surround his medical team with wisdom as they treat him and restore his health.
Prayers for Georgie (friend of Roger T.) who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Surround him with peace and comfort as his Drs determine a treatment plan.
Prayers for Chris Crosby (friend of Pam & John) who is in the hospital with serious ailments. Prayers for peace and comfort for him and his family.
Prayers for Diane(KathyM. Cousin) who has been diagnosed with cancer and is in the hospital with sepsis. Be with her medical team as they treat her and surround her with peace and comfort.

CANCER TREATMENT
Linda (Robin G.), Barbara (Tanya I), Danny C, Jennifer(Dr. Bob R.), Georgia(Forbes), Debbie, Ruby(Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia(Pam P), Frank (Taty V), Jan(Nathan), Wendall(Kathy M.)
IN HOSPICE CARE
Prayers for Carla VonZell. Surround her and her family with peace and comfort during this transition time.

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory "One King" Performed By: Kayla Bailey

Chorus
One king held the frankincense
One king held the myrrh
One king held the purest gold
(And) one King held the hope of the world
Verse 1
Kings of earth on a course unknown
Bearing gifts from afar
Hoping praying following yonder star
Silhouette of a caravan
Painted against the sky
Wise men searching for the holy Child
Verse 2
A star hangs over Bethlehem
A journey ends in the night
Three kings trembling
Behold the glorious sight
Heaven's treasure Emmanuel
Drawing men to bow down
Tiny Baby born to wear a crown
Bridge
God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
O tiny Baby born to wear a crown
Ending
The hope of the world
The hope of the world
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Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95

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Closing Hymn. "Shine Jesus Shine", TFWS 2173

Chorus
Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light

Verse 1
Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus
Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light

Verse 2
Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus
Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
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*Benediction — Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

New Advent Study
"Light of the World"
Lead by: Pastor Melissa

12-1- Women's Study - 10:00am in the Wesley Room - Childcare available for registered moms
12-2- Men's Study this week - 11:00 am in the Fireside Room

Altar Flowers: Jenni Scott - In Memory of my baby sister Peggi Louise
Fellowship Today: Kathy Warner, Maureen Oskey, Annette Thurner
Birthdays: 11-29 Ben Kuo, 12-1 Dave Hillman, 12-2 Jennifer Winter, 12-4 Katie Rainey,

Postlude — Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you
for leading us in worship
Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Kayla Bailey, and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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