


# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025
9:00 AM

*New Song*

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**LIFE OF THE CHURCH** — Tim Boggess

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES** — Weitekamp Family

**SONGS OF PRAISE** — *Angels From the Realms of Glory*
*There Is A Louder Shout To Come*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,**
**we come to you confessing that, like John,**
**we sometimes stumble in our waiting.**
**When your timing confuses us,**
**when your ways do not match our expectations,**
**we begin to wonder if you are truly the one we hoped for.**
**Forgive us when doubt clouds our vision and when fear**
**keeps us from seeing the signs of your kingdom breaking in.**
**Open our eyes to recognize you as the one who has come**
**and is still coming with life for all.**

*(a moment for silent reflection)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** — Eric Robinson

**MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK** — Rick Holdsworth

**SONG OF PREPARATION** — *Hope Of The Broken World*

**SCRIPTURE READING** — Isaiah 35:1-10
Matthew 11:2-6

**MESSAGE** — *It's About Joy* — Tim Boggess
Advent Series: Learning to See in the Dark

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING SONG** — *Joy to the World*

**BLESSING**

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