

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025
9:00 AM

New Song

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH — Tim Boggess

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES — Dave & Andrea Householder

SONG OF PRAISE — *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,
you come to us in ways we do not expect,
and your salvation often takes forms we do not recognize.
Forgive us for resisting the work
you desire to birth in our lives.
By your Spirit, speak to us again—
calming our fears, clarifying our purpose,
and leading us in the way of faithful courage.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES — Eric Robinson

SONG OF PREPARATION — *Mary, Did You Know*

SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE — *Three Semesters, and Other Prayers God Ignores* — Tim Boggess
Advent Series: Learning to See in the Dark

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING SONG — *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

BLESSING

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