

A CHRISTMAS TO BELIEVE IN

Adapted from the the play by Sharon Kay Chatwell

Directed by Terry & Vicki Ridsdale



CAST

Narrator #1	Paige Hawkins
Narrator #2	Rhys Sharman
Mary	Kate Hawkins
Joseph	Brinton Sharman
Angel	Leora Sharman
Company of Angels	Jonathan Kiely
Elizabeth	Vicki Ridsdale
Zechariah	Austin White
Herod	Mike Hawkins
Townspople/Shepherds	Julia Kiely
	Ellie Reid
	Madi Greaves
Wisemen	Jonathan Kiely
	Julia Kiely
	Austin White

Sunday Dec 2nd, 2018 10:30am

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Dec. 9, 10:30am Morning Worship and White Gift Sunday.
Dec. 13, 7pm Choir Cantata – *The Winter Rose*
Dec. 16, 10:30am Morning Worship and Cantata
Dec. 23, 10:30am Morning Worship
Dec. 24, 7pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion



THE ORDER OF SERVICE Dec 2nd, 2018 (10:30am)

* Indicates to stand if able

Prelude

Welcome

*A Call to Worship for Advent

Minister: The coming of our Lord is near; we wait in joyful expectation,

***People:* Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ, shed your light on all that is filled with darkness.**

The coming of our Lord is near; we wait with hope-filled hearts,

Draw close, Saviour of all creation, our hearts ache for justice and peace.

The coming of our Lord is near; we wait for the fulfillment of God's promises,

Draw close, Reconciler and Transformer of all things, renew our world.

The coming of our Lord is near; we wait for God's light to shine over all the earth,

Draw close, God's beloved Son, teach us the wonder of your all-embracing love and shine through us.

The coming of our Lord is near; we wait attentively to the signs of his coming,

Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ, come soon.

*Hymn 110: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer: (sung) 831 ("debts and debtors")

First Sunday in Advent: HOPE (*Light the Candle of Hope.*)

Leader: God longs for people who will not let discouragement be the last word; but who wait for God's Word.

People: Make us those hopeful people!

Leader: God yearns for people who push back against the dark lie of hopelessness. God's call to hope transforms the world.

People: Make us those hopeful people!

Leader: Let's pray together...

People: God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, in this season of Advent, we hold fast to your promises and live in hope. Give us courage to resist the world's anxiety. Bring light to our path as we await the bright dawn of your presence. Amen.

Gifts Doxology (sung)* Offertory Prayer

Introduction (Rev. Dr. Tim Reddish)

A Christmas To Believe In

Part One

Hymn 122: Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel

Part Two

Hymn 165: O Little Town Of Bethlemlen

Part Three

Hymn 149: Away In A Manger

Benediction

Postlude: