



*I Believe ...  
Even Now*

**“We Believe, Even Now”**

Isaiah 52:7-10, Luke 2:1-20

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**THORNDALE  
United Methodist Church**

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***All Are Welcome!***

VIDEO with ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Christmas Processional*

Lawrence Rappoldt

WELCOME

THRESHOLD

HYMN

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Bill LaBriola

+OPENING PRAYER

+LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpse of heaven on earth  
in the faces and the light of those around us.  
Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—  
Even when our view is obscured by clouds of doubt,  
You have ignited the flame of hope, love, joy and peace within us,

**People: Let us glow with its brilliance from the inside out.**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

+GREETING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

SCRIPTURE

**ISAIAH 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Away in a Manger*

Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Glorious God, we give you thanks with all our heart. You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love. Receive these offerings on this holy day as our response to your great faithfulness, for we offer them in the name of your holy and precious Son, born again in us this day. Amen**

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

HYMN

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Hymnal #230

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN

***Away in a Manger***

Hymnal #217

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

HYMN

***Hark the Herald Angels Sing***

Hymnal #240

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

HYMN

***What Child is This***

Hymnal #219

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Bill LaBriola

MESSAGE

***"We Believe, Even Now"***

Pastor Shauna

CANDLE LIGHTING & HYMN

***Silent Night***

Handbell Choir

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***A Christmas Medley***

Lawrence Rappoldt

**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

PASTOR

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

MUSIC

Lawrence Rappoldt & Bill Labriola

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

DOOR GREETER

Cheryl Faust

LITURGIST

Pat Moore

USHER 1

Wayne Barrows

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

USHER 2

Chuck Moore

Terry Moore

TEMP TAKER

Hannah Smith

Jamie Ridge

ATTENDANCE

Irene Farra

Terry Moore

FLOATER

Hannah Smith

Jamie Ridge