

MARSING

Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, December 2, 2018

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD

Welcome	John Cossel
Hymn No. 173 – “Joy to the World” (verses 1 and 2)	
Prayer of Invocation	John Cossel
Announcements for the Week	
Worship With Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory –	Sandee Cossel
Friendship Time	

PRAISE THE LORD

Lighting of the First Advent Candle	Fritz and Karin Cordes
Hymn No. 162 – “Celebrate Immanuel’s Name” (all verses)	
Hymn No. 167 – “The First Noel” (verses 1, 2 and 3)	Congregation
Chorus No. 165 – “Emmanuel”	

LET'S JUST LIFT OUR HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN

Invitation to Prayer	
Chorus No. 136 – “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” (verses 1 and 2)	
Open Altar – The Morning Prayer	Pastor Bill
(Feel Free to Gather and Lay Hands on Someone Needing God’s Touch)	

AND PRAISE THE LORD

Special Music	John Cossel and Chip Kiester
(Children may leave for Children’s Church)	
The Morning Message – “ <i>Fear Not!</i> ”	Pastor Bill
Scripture: Luke 2:8-11	
Hymn No. 163 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1 and 2)	Congregation
Prayer of Benediction	Pastor Bill

WELCOME GUESTS

We are delighted that you have come to worship with us this morning. We welcome you. Please make yourself at home. This church is God’s church; therefore, it is your church, too.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy our Sunday morning family celebration. We would love to have you feel so at home here that you would allow us to “adopt” you and make you part of this wonderful fellowship called the Marsing Church of the Nazarene. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your visit with us. And please come again soon.

Bill O’Connor, Pastor

THIS AFTERNOON

A CAPELLA ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
this afternoon at 5:00.

TONIGHT AT 6:00



Join us this evening for a special time of celebration and fellowship as we share in “*The Hanging of the Greens.*” We will decorate our sanctuary for the season and enjoy the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a most enjoyable time as we put the various reminders of Christmas in place and adorn the Christmas tree. Don’t miss out on all the fun. Our ANNUAL CHILI FEED follows the service, so bring your appetite and plan to enjoy yet another special time with your fellow members of the family of God.

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent offers another wonderful opportunity for fellowship and study with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Make Advent attendance a priority.

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 a.m.

Pastor continues his series of special messages for the Advent/Christmas season with a sermon titled “*Unto Us ... a Savior.*” Never has there been a finer or more valuable gift given than the gift of God’s Son. Though we should appreciate God’s gift every day that we live, Advent offers us the special joy of celebrating the “unspeakable gift” given for our salvation.

PRAISE AND STUDY – 6:00 p.m.

Pastor will present the 18th annual “*Sunday Night at the Christmas Cinema*” with a program of fifteen clips taken from the movies that will help us gain a deeper appreciation for Christmas. Next week’s service will also be “*A Very Hallmark Christmas,*” since every clip comes from a Hallmark movie. Join us for an enjoyable and inspirational evening that is sure to enrich your joy at this special season.



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE will follow. Bring a man’s, woman’s, or generic gift in the \$5.00 to \$10.00 dollar range and expect to have fun. Snacks are welcome!

NOTES OF INTEREST

MORNING PRAYER TIME every Sunday at 9:50 just to the right of the platform.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Continue to pray for the salvation of your unsaved family members, neighbors and friends. Believe in God's faithfulness to answer.

Keep lifting the health concerns of Cheri O'Connor, Sharon Reizenstein, Leah Trent, Marilyn Chambers, Milton Turner, Carmen Bledsoe, and John Peake.

Pray God's blessing on our special Advent services and times of fellowship throughout December.

Ask the Lord to give you opportunity to share your faith in Christ with your neighbors and friends. *Why not begin by inviting them to any or all of our special Christmas celebrations?*

Ask the Lord to send many new individuals and families our way during the holiday season.

Pray that we will always lovingly make every guest feel at home.

Ask God to help each Sunday visitor to feel welcomed, loved, and warmly included.

Ask the Lord's continued blessing on our Fall and Winter stewardship.

Lift one or more members of your church family to the Lord in prayer by name each day.

Pray for the Meridian Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene and the Tim Pusey family.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday AM. \$ 1287.85
Sunday PM. \$ none
Month Total to Date. \$ 5213.36

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday School. 23
Morning Worship. 39
Evening Praise. 21

Christmas is the season of giving. Celebrate by your continued faithful stewardship.

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

THE REMAINING SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICES are as follows:

- ★ Sunday, December 9
AM – *"Unto Us ... A Savior"*
PM – Christmas Cinema
Annual Gift Exchange
- ★ Sunday, December 16
AM – *"Waiting for Christmas"*
Annual Christmas Potluck
- ★ Sunday, December 23
AM – *"God Is With Us!"*
PM – Candlelight and Carols
Annual Cookie Exchange

THANKS TO KEN AND GENNELL BIRCH AND RANDY CRAWFORD for sitting up our Christmas tree in preparation for tonight's Hanging of the Greens.

A DISTRICT PRAYER GATHERING will be held here on Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Pastors from the region, as well as some members from their churches, will meet here to pray and then "prayer walk" the community. *You are invited to join them.*

POINTS TO PONDER

THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT

"Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more . . ." – Dr. Seuss

"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift – indescribable, inestimable, incomparable, inexpressible – precious beyond words." – Lois Lebar

"The greatest gift you will ever receive will never be found under a Christmas tree. It is far too valuable to be stored in any other place but in the depths of your heart." – Anonymous

"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ." – Frank McKibben

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present." – Edward Hayes

"For outlandish creatures like us, on our way to a heart, a brain, and courage, Bethlehem is not the end of our journey but only the beginning - not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last." – Frederick Buechner

"It is now, at Advent, that I am given the chance to suspend all expectation...and instead to revel in the mystery." – Jerusalem Greer

OUR MISSION . . .

We will be a Living Witness
to the Love of God by . . .
Sharing the Truth
Winning the Lost
Nurturing the Believer
Caring for the Needy

CELEBRATING
100
YEARS

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