

MARSING

Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, December 9, 2018

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD

Welcome	John Cossel
Hymn No. 173 – “Joy to the World” (verses 1 and 3)	
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 Second Advent Candle	John and Sandee Cossel
Hymn No. 180 – “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” (all verses)	
Hymn No. 175 – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (all verses)	Congregation
Hymn No. 186 – “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (both verses)	

LET'S JUST LIFT OUR HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN

Invitation to Prayer	
Chorus No. 136 – “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” (verses 1 and 3)	
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	Sue Colson
(Children may leave for Children's Church)	
The Morning Message – “Unto Us ... A Savior!”	Pastor Bill
Scripture: Matthew 1 and Luke 1&2	
Hymn No. 193 – “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (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

NO BOARD MEETING TODAY. THE A CAPELLA ENSEMBLE WILL REHEARSE this afternoon at 5:00.

TONIGHT AT 6:00



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. The program 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 of the holiday 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!

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent extends the opportunity for learning, worship and fellowship to us all with its mix of Sunday School, morning worship, and Christmas potluck. Why not take advantage of the full morning by attending all three?.

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 a.m.

Pastor's series of special messages for the Advent/Christmas season will continue with a sermon titled “**Waiting for Christmas.**” It's not just little children who have difficulty waiting for Christmas to arrive. There were several that first Christmas who waited anxiously too. Discover their story as we continue our celebration of Advent. In a similar manner, Advent reminds us that we too are waiting for the Lord to come to us in some new way in the present season

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

will take place following next Sunday morning's service. Bring your favorite Christmas dish or dessert to go along with the turkey provided by the church.

PRAISE AND STUDY – 6:00 p.m.

No Sunday evening service on our potluck Sunday. Plan some special Christmas activity with family or friends.



THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK IS IN THE FOYER. Bring your cards to church, place them in the designated baskets, save the postage, and get them directly into the hands of the other members of your church family.

NOTES OF INTEREST

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep asking God for the salvation of your unsaved family members, neighbors and friends. Trust Him to make it happen.

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

Ask for God's touch on our remaining special Advent services and times of fellowship.

Pray that God will give you opportunity to share your faith in Christ with your neighbors and friend this season. *Invite them to our special Christmas celebrations!*

Pray that God will send many new individuals and families our way in weeks to come so we may extend His love to them.

Ask the Lord to help us always lovingly make each visitor feel welcomed and at home.

Pray that God will bless our stewardship so that His church may grow and prosper.

Remember one or more members of your church family in prayer by name each day.

Pray for the Middleton Church of the Nazarene and the Mark Winkleman family.

Ask God's blessing on our District leaders, Scott and Vicki Shaw, during this special time of the year and beyond.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday AM. \$ 1148.00
Sunday PM. \$ none
Month Total to Date. \$ 1148.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday School. 26
Morning Worship. 40
Evening Praise. 30

God loved and He gave. Will you do the same?

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

THE REMAINING SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICES are as follows:

- ★ 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 SUE COLSON for all of her efforts in preparing our church for the season.

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.*

THE NEXT SINGSPIRATION will take place on Sunday evening, December 30 at Vision Bible Church. If you would like to be included in the program, tell pastor Bill.

POINTS TO PONDER

MORE THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.”

– Mother Teresa

“Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited.”

– Thomas Merton

“Politicians compete for the highest offices. Business tycoons scramble for a bigger and bigger piece of the pie. Armies march and scientists study and philosophers philosophize and preachers preach and laborers sweat. But in that silent baby, lying in that humble manger, there pulses more potential power and wisdom and grace and aliveness than all the rest of us can imagine.”

– Brian D. McLaren

“Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other – things that are of no real consequence – the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside.”

– Bonhoeffer

“The only people who soul can truly magnify the Lord are...people who acknowledge their lowly estate and are overwhelmed by the condescension of the magnificent God.”

– John Piper

“Christmas is fast approaching. And now that Christ has aroused our seasonal expectations, he'll soon fulfill them all!”

– St. Augustine

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
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