

MARSING

Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, December 16, 2018

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD

Welcome	John Cossel
Hymn No. 173 – “Joy to the World” (verses 1 and 4)	
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 Third Advent Candle	George and Clarian Jump
Hymn No. 168 – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (all verses)	
Hymn No. 182 – “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (all verses)	Congregation
Hymn No. 184 – God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (verses 1, 2 and 5)	

LET'S JUST LIFT OUR HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN

Invitation to Prayer	
Chorus No. 136 – “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” (verses 1 and 4)	
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	Mary Beth Prince
(Children may leave for Children's Church)	
The Morning Message – “ <i>Waiting for Christmas</i> ”	Pastor Bill
Scripture: Luke 2	
Hymn No. 196 – “There's a Song in the Air” (verses 1, 2 and 4)	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

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK after this morning's service. Please join us!

NO ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL this afternoon.

TONIGHT AT 6:00

No Sunday evening service on our potluck Sunday. Plan some special 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. **Be sure to pick up your cards each week.**

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School provides yet another opportunity to thank and praise God for the wonderful gift of His Son, and through Him the gift of salvation and eternal life. Take advantage of the opportunity by attending faithfully.

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 a.m.

Pastor's concludes his series of special messages for the Advent/Christmas season with a sermon titled “**God is With Us!**” The ultimate meaning of Christmas is that God came to us in the person of His Son, Jesus. He was born in a lowly manger for the specific purpose of one day dying on a despised Roman cross. In all that we do throughout the Advent season, we must not forget why Jesus came and what He came to accomplish. And now, in the person of His Spirit, He's with us every moment of the day in every circumstance. He not only was here, He is here, and that's why we celebrate.

PRAISE AND STUDY – 6:00 p.m.



Our annual service of **CANDLELIGHT AND CAROLS** will take place next Sunday night. We'll sing carols, listen to some very special music, enjoy some humorous video clips, and light candles to indicate our love for and surrender to Christ this Christmas. Plan on joining us for a very special evening.

NOTES OF INTEREST

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Continue praying for the salvation of your unsaved family members, neighbors and friends. Believe that it will come to pass.

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

Pray for God's special touch on every member of your church family this Christmas.

Ask the Lord to give you opportunity to share your faith in Christ with your neighbors and friend this season. *Invite them to attend church with you in celebration of Christ's birth.*

Ask God to send many new individuals and families our way so we may extend His love to them in the name of Jesus.

Pray that we will always lovingly make each guest feel welcomed and at home.

Ask God's continued blessing on our giving so that His church may continue to prosper.

Pray for one or more members of your church family by name each day.

Pray for the Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene and the Tommy Lobdell family.

Pray for God's special touch on our District leaders, Scott and Vicki Shaw, at Christmas and beyond.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday AM. \$ 1123.39
Sunday PM. \$ none
Month Total to Date. \$ 2271.39

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday School. 23
Morning Worship. 39
Evening Praise. 34

Keep up the faithful stewardship. God is using you to bless and build His church.

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

THE REMAINING SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICES are as follows:

★ Sunday, December 23
AM – “God Is With Us!”
PM – Candlelight and Carols
Annual Cookie Exchange



THE NEXT SUNDAY SINGSPARATION 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 and let him know what you will be doing.

POINTS TO PONDER

EVEN MORE THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT

“But I am sure that I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round... as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely.”

– Charles Dickens

“Love came down at Christmas; love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas, stars and angels gave the sign.”

– Christina G Rossetti

“Christmas...that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance...a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.”

– Augusta E Rundell

“Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.”

– Oren Arnold

“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”

– Norman V. Peale

“From Home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other.”

– Emily Matthews

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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