

MARSING
Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, December 23, 2018

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD

Welcome	John Cossel
Hymn No. 188 – “Child in the Manger” (all verses)	
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 Fourth Advent Candle	Terry and Mary Beth Prince
Special Music – Medley	A Capella Ensemble
Hymn No. 190 – “Angels We Have Heard on High” (all verses)	
Hymn No. 192 – “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” (all verses)	Congregation
Hymn No. 187 – “The Birthday of a King” (both verses)	

LET'S JUST LIFT OUR HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN

Invitation to Prayer	
Chorus No. 165 – “Emmanuel”	
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	Fritz Cordes
(Children may leave for Children's Church)	
The Morning Message – “ <i>God Is With Us</i> ”	Pastor Bill
Scripture: Matthew 1:20-25	
Hymn No. 195 – “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” (all verses)	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



Our annual service of **CANDLELIGHT AND CAROLS** will take place this evening. 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.

OUR ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE
takes place after the service.

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 a.m.

The last Sunday of the year presents a great opportunity to set the pattern for your New Year's participation in the life of your church and its people. Why not declare your intent for 2019 by attending Sunday School and resolving to do so every Sunday in the year ahead?

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 a.m.

Pastor will bring a special message designed to help us focus on our walk and worship in 2019. It will be titled “*Faith For a New Year*” and will draw our attention to how we may best love and serve the Lord in the weeks and months to come. Put a strong end to the old year and make a healthy beginning for the next by being present.

PRAISE AND STUDY – 6:00 p.m.

Pastor will return to his series of lessons on Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation with a lesson titled “*Interpreting the Signs of the Times.*” The Bible is neither silent nor mysterious about things to come; it is, in fact, quite open and specific about what God has in mind for our world. There are some clues about the timing of future events that should receive our special attention. Learn about them next Sunday.



NOTES OF INTEREST

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep praying faithfully for the salvation of your unsaved family members, neighbors and friends. Expect it to happen.

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

Ask God to touch the life of every member of your church family on Christmas day.

Pray for the privilege of sharing your faith with your neighbors and friends.

Ask the Lord to send new people our way so we may extend His love in the name of Jesus.

Ask God to help us always lovingly make each guest feel welcomed and at home.

Pray the Lord's continued blessing on our giving 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 Nampa Bethel Church of the Nazarene and the Doug Wilson family.

Ask the Lord to touch and bless our District leaders, Scott and Vicki Shaw, this Christmas and beyond.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday AM.	\$ 311.78
Sunday PM.	\$ none
Month Total to Date.	\$ 2583.17

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday School.	30
Morning Worship.	46
Evening Praise.	none

Your faithful giving during the Advent and Christmas seasons is deeply appreciated.

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES



SUNDAY SINGSPIRATION NEXT WEEK at Vision Bible Church. Please tell pastor Bill today if you plan to sing and what you will be singing.

COMING ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 2019 – a video presentation of the life of Billy Graham titled *“Billy Graham, A Extraordinary Journey.”* Be sure to be present to celebrate the amazing story of how an ordinary man was used by an extraordinary God to touch the lives of tens of millions of people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

POINTS TO PONDER

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS

“I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.”
– Charles Dickens

“How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, His precepts!”
– Benjamin Franklin

“Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you.”
– Steve Maraboli

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.”
– Laura Ingalls Wilder

“Christmas can be celebrated in the school room with pine trees, tinsel and reindeers, but there must be no mention of the man whose birthday is being celebrated. One wonders how a teacher would answer if a student asked why it was called Christmas.”
– Ronald Reagan

“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”
– Roy L. Smith

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”
– Hamilton Mabie

“When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things - not the great occasions - give off the greatest glow of happiness.”
– Bob Hope

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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