

Welcome to Nazareth!

We are blessed to have you worship with us this Christmas Eve!

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Whether you are visiting from across town or from out of state, we are grateful for your presence here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for a Welcome Packet this evening to learn more about Nazareth. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to go to our website at naz.org or to contact us at 319-266-7589 or at info@naz.org.

Communion at Nazareth

Communion is offered at the following times:

- ◆ The first Sunday of the month at all worship services
- ◆ Most Sundays during the 9:50 worship service

Baptism at Nazareth

Baptisms are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. A meeting with a pastor is required prior to baptism. To learn more, please email membership coordinator, Deb Rhoades, at deb.rhoades@naz.org.

Children and Student Ministry at Nazareth

Children of all ages are more than welcome to attend worship services with their families! However, for those families who prefer, the well-staffed Nazareth Nursery is open during all Sunday morning worship services and welcomes infants and toddlers to age three. Activity bags for children are available in Fellowship Hall. Here are some additional ministry opportunities for children and students:

- ◆ **KidzRock** (for pre-K to 6th grade) is offered from 9:50-10:50 a.m. on Sundays.
- ◆ **Confirmation Class** (for 7th-9th graders) is offered from 9:50-10:50 a.m. on Sundays.

These classes, along with many Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Groups, resume on Sunday, January 8.

Wednesday Evenings at Nazareth

Every Wednesday, join us for an evening of food, fellowship, worship and learning. All of the following activities resume on Wednesday, January 11:

- ◆ **The Wednesday Family Meal**
5:00-5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
\$4 per person, with a maximum of \$15 per family
- ◆ **KidzWOW** (Worship on Wednesdays for K-4th Graders)
6:00-7:15 p.m. in Room 138
- ◆ **JUMP56** (Jesus Use Me Please for 5th/6th Graders)
6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Underground
- ◆ **CHAOS** (Christ Has All Our Solutions for 7th-9th Graders)
6:15-8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center Gym
- ◆ **BIGhouse** (for 10th-12th Graders)
7:00-9:00 p.m. at Orchard Hill Church

Membership at Nazareth

ALPHA, a class for those who would like to learn more about the Christian faith and to make connections here at Nazareth, will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. beginning April 19. Please email Deb at deb.rhoades@naz.org for details. The atmosphere in ALPHA is friendly and inviting, and a meal and free childcare are provided!

Naz Next Steps

At Nazareth, we desire for all people to make discipleship an ever-present part of their lives. In order to help, we offer a variety of tools including opportunities for fellowship; invitations to serve others in Christ's name; and spiritual growth resources, adult educational ministry programs and Bible study groups. Stop at the Naz Next Steps area in Fellowship Hall or email Jenny at jenny.nelson@naz.org with questions.

As we live in response to God's amazing grace and love, the people of Nazareth value



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Living together in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known.

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Sunday Worship Services
8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
Senior Pastor
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Pastor Denny Hanson
Associate Pastor
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Pastor Bob Ericson
Visitation/Teaching Pastor
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Office Hours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

Connect with Nazareth!
www.naz.org
info@naz.org
[facebook.com/MyNazareth](https://www.facebook.com/MyNazareth)
twitter.com/mynazchurch
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Be Invitational!
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.”
(Luke 2:10-11)

Christmas Eve (4:30 p.m. Worship Service)

December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2016 ° 4:30 p.m. Worship Service

Prelude - *Medley of Carols*.....Nancy Graen and Nathaniel Parrish, duet

Greeting

Carol - Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful.....#45 (green)

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| 1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! (Refrain) | 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, in the highest! (Refrain) |
| 2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain) | 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to thee be glory given! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (Refrain) |

Refrain

Oh, come, let us adore him! Oh, come, let us adore him! Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Dialogue

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of all the people.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have filled us with the New Light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Solo - *Gesu Bambino* (Yon).....Sarah Abbott, soprano

The Prophecy - Isaiah 9:2-7.....J.D. Cryer, reader

The Lesson - Titus 2:11-14.....J.D. Cryer, reader

Nazareth Choir - *Child of Light* (Shepperd)

Children's Sermon - *The Christmas Story*: Luke 2:1-20

Carol - Angels We Have Heard On High.....#71 (green)

- Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
(Refrain)
- Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
(Refrain)
- Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King!
(Refrain)

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo
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Sermon - *Christmas Beyond Expectations*.....Pastor Brian King

Offertory - *Mary, Did You Know?* (arr. Pentatonix)

- Nancy Graen, Polly Jacobson, Larry Johansen, Ali Parrish and Greg Tagtow

Prayers and *The Lord's Prayer*

Service of Lights

Solo - *O Holy Night* (Adam).....Heather Williamson, soprano

Reading.....Travis Toliver, reader

Nazareth Choir/Carol - Night of Silence/Silent Night (please see screens)

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude - *Fugue in G Major, BWV577* (J.S. Bach)



Preacher: Pastor Brian King

Assisting Minister: Pastor Dennis Hanson

Director of Music/Organist/Pianist: Nathaniel Parrish

Choir Director: Nicki Toliver

Instrumentalists: Cara Lockard and Vanessa Horstman (violin), Scott Hall (cello) and Kim Groninga (flute)