# Dear Guest,

Welcome to the Church, the group of believers in Christ that gathers at this location.

Whatever the reason that brought you through our doors we are very happy you chose to be with us today. We are not perfect as individuals, but we are being perfected through Jesus Christ, our Savior, in our love for each other and the love for God.

Although our affiliation is with the acapella Churches of Christ as an organization, our services include some instrumental music videos as well as the participation of women in prayer and different elements of our assembly time.

We observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday as the focal point of our gathering and also take a collection to support the work of the church.

As a guest you are not expected to take part in any of these practices and we hope they will not create you any discomfort. We would love to talk to you about any of our practices. — Please see the other side of this flap. Fill out and place in the Offering Plate. Thank you!

# Troy Church of Christ

December 14th, 2025

Welcome & Prayer

Advent Candle - FAITH

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Peace, Perfect Peace

Kids' Time

The Story of Christmas

Bake Sale

It Is Well with My Soul

Communion

Let All That Is Within Me

Offering

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

I've Got Peace Like a River

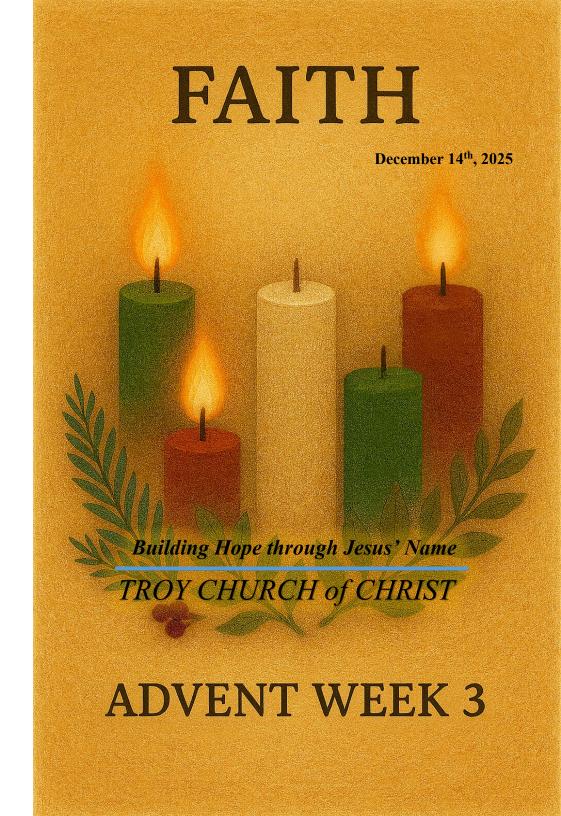
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Suggestions box in the lobby. Please help us by providing feedback.



# TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Calendar of Events: - before attending please ALWAYS check against troychurch.net/calendar

#### DECEMBER

14<sup>th</sup> – Bible Class – 10:00AM – In Person & Zoom

14<sup>th</sup> – Worship Service – 11:00AM – In person & Zoom

14<sup>th</sup> – Food, Fellowship – 12:300PM - @ the church building

15<sup>th</sup> – Zoom Bible Reading – 7:15PM on Zoom

16<sup>th</sup> – Bible Break – 10AM @ the church building

17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – 6PM

17<sup>th</sup> – Bible Class – 7PM

18<sup>th</sup> – Zoom Bible Reading – 7:15PM on Zoom

21st – Bible Class – 10:00AM – In Person & Zoom

21st – Worship Service – 11:00AM – In person & Zoom

21st – Food, Fellowship – 12:30PM @ the church building

- New items added to the calendar will appear in red font when first added

## Minister's Corner

Shalom aleikhem! שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם Peace be upon you!

Good morning, and welcome! As we continue our Advent journey, we pause once again to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent invites us not only to look back to the manger, but also forward with expectation—to remember what God has done and to trust what He has promised to do.

Today we light the Candle of Faith, which is not part of the traditional Advent arrangement, but one we have chosen intentionally. God's great love for us gives birth to hope, and it is our faith in that hope that sustains us as we wait. Faith is trusting God's promises even when we cannot yet see their fulfillment. Just as God sent His Son at the perfect moment in history, we also look forward in faith to Christ's return in glory, at a time of God's perfect choosing. May this season strengthen our faith and anchor our hearts firmly in the promises of our faithful God.

#### This Wednesday – 17<sup>th</sup> December – 6PM Dinner – 7PM Bible Class

Please make plans to join us for our BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner) mid-week Fellowship at 6PM on Wednesday. This is a great time to connect, strengthen relationships and catch up with one another.

From 7PM we will have a Bible Class continuing our 2 Peter study.

Birthdays this week: Ron Palmer (14th); Pat Oja (15th); Brendan Lay (16th)

## Bible Break - Tuesday, December 16th - 10AM

The Bible Break ladies' Bible meets every Tuesday with 9:45AM coffee & social time. Study starts at 10AM and ends at 11:30AM. This season the ladies will be focusing on the Hebrews text of the New Testament. Invite a friend!

#### Church of Christ Care Center – THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Care Center to worship with the residents there. Our next worship gathering at the Care Center will be on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note on your calendar.

# Zoom Bible Reading - Mondays & Thursdays - 7:15pm

Please join us for a bi-weekly Bible reading over Zoom. The group meets on Monday & Thursday evenings from 7:15pm. We generally pray and read together three chapters. We are in Leviticus. Usually only lasts about 20-30 minutes.

#### Bake Sale - TODAY

Please join us in our bake sale fundraiser on December 14<sup>th</sup>, after the services, to support World Vision efforts for poor families! If you want to bring baked goods, please contact Nadya. Otherwise, come ready to purchase some delectables for your Christmas sweet tooth!

## **Offering**

This morning besides the offering plate, you can as always have the option to make your contribution online at <a href="https://troychurch.net/give">https://troychurch.net/give</a>

...If neither one of these options are suitable, please send a check to Lisa Jones. Her address is in the directory. Thank you.

# We bring our requests to you O Lord:

For those who have suffered loss: Martin Family, Warren & Curtis families; Imhoff Family; Bobby Westerby's family; Tomes Family

For those healing: Brian Birdwell, Kirk Imhoff, Fran Birdwell, Kenny Burtch, Nancy Schroeder, Diane Flatt; Kerry Appolson, Margie Zurlinden, Landon Oja, Bella Florescu

... For our Government, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Iran & Palestine

"Advent faith believes that God is working even when heaven seems silent." — **Manu Florescu** 

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