

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Love



*Building Hope through Jesus' Name*

**TROY CHURCH of CHRIST**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Welcome & Prayer**

Advent - LOVE

Psalm 95:1-6

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down - #153

Prayer

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - #538

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - #202

Prayer

O How He Loves You and Me - #228

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest - #477

Prayer

Kids' Time

Communion

Offering

Special Offering

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

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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](http://troychurch.net/calendar)*

## DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

17<sup>th</sup> – Bible Break Ladies Bible Study – 10:00AM - @ the church building

18<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Dinner – 6:00PM - @ the church building

18<sup>th</sup> – Mid Week Bible Study – 7:00PM – In Person & Zoom

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

22<sup>nd</sup> – Bible Class – 10:00AM – In Person & Zoom

22<sup>nd</sup> – Worship Service – 11:00AM – In person & Zoom

22<sup>nd</sup> – 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! שלום עליכם Peace be upon you!

Thank you for joining us this day as we’ve gathered to worship. It is the third Sunday of Advent and we will be talking about LOVE today as we light up this candle of LOVE. We light this candle as a reminder that God so loved the world that He indeed gave us His One and only Son. The Father, our God, beats out all gift givers everywhere in gifting us Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, and even more than that, GOD IN US. As I sit and write these words I am once again taken captive by this thought, by this incomprehensible mystery that God, the only God, supreme over creation, all-powerful, absolutely holy, can have anything to do with me, much less that He indwells me. God’s glory resides within my soul, how can it be? And yet, it is for He so says, and although we might not amount to much as far as the world thinks, you & I are worth the most precious gift heaven can ever offer. Remember God’s love!

## ***This Wednesday – December 18<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Dinner & Mid-Week Bible Study***

From 6:00PM we will get together for our fellowship dinner. This is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner) type of event. It’s our family time of getting to fellowship and “take a load off.”

From 7:00PM we will have a bible study led by Manu.

***Birthdays this week: Pat Oja (15<sup>th</sup>)***

## ***Bible Break – Ladies Bible Study – Tuesday 10:00AM***

Every Tuesday morning, a group of ladies from different congregations joins a group of our ladies for a Bible class. Currently studying Romans. Please invite any of the ladies you know.

## ***Zoom Bible Reading – Monday & Thursday from 7:15PM***

Please plan to join our Bible Reading group. This session they will be reading through the New Testament. You can use the same Zoom link as you use to join the services on Sunday morning.

## ***Church of Christ Care Center – January 5<sup>th</sup>.***

Our next service date for the Church of Christ Care Center is January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending and please let Pat or Manu know if you would like to be involved in any capacity. You can lead songs, lead prayers, lead Communion, etc. This is a great way to be of service and to love on Jesus by loving on His people.

## ***Christmas Eve Service & Christmas Dinner***

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:30PM on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The service will be followed by our Christmas Dinner. A BIG THANK YOU to Charles & Maureen who have agreed to facilitate this year’s Christmas Dinner yet again. If you want to help, please get in touch with Charles.

## ***Offering***

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

...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:* Bobby Westerby’s family; Dick Martin & Family; Tomes Family, Agustin & Ambrosio Families; Oja & Pryludko families.

*For those healing:* Fran Birdwell, Kenny Burtch, Karl Randall, Nancy Schroeder, Diane Flatt; Kerry Appolson, Pat Zurlinden, Landon Oja

***...For the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel & Palestine***

*“If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is to be present in the present. Gratefully.”—*

***Maya Angelou***

## **Please help us by filling this card**

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## **I would like to know more about:**

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## **I would like prayers for:**

**Haile Nayzgi, Li Juncai, Wang**

**Yi (imprisoned for their faith)**

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## **I would like prayers for an**

**unspoken request –**

## **I need help:**

food

clothing

shelter

medication

counseling

other

## ***Comments:***

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