

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 17th, 2023

Welcome & Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle - JOY

Isaiah 12:2-6

John 1:9-14

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - #202

I Stand in Awe - #96

Joy to the World - #1018

Kids' Time

O Come, All Ye Faithful - #997

Luke 2:10

Communion

Offering

(5 & Under Worship Dismissal)

Sermon

Come, Jesus Come – Stephen McWhirter

Pastoral Prayer

CONTACT:

Phone: (248) 689-4212

Address: 800 Trombley Road, Troy, MI. 48083

Web Site Address: <http://www.troychurch.net>

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

December 17th, 2023

Joy



WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR,
THEY REJOICED EXCEEDINGLY
WITH GREAT JOY.

MATT 2:10



Building Hope through Jesus' Name

TROY CHURCH of CHRIST

TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Minister: Manuel Florescu – (586) 201-9552

manu@troychurch.net

Elder: Patrick Oja – (248) 255-2139

Elder: Frank Birdwell – (586)-295-5027

Treasurer: Lisa Jones – (248) 703-7130

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

DECEMBER

17th – Bible Class – 10:00AM – in person & Zoom

17th – Worship Service – 11:00AM – in person & Zoom

17th – Lunch & Fellowship @ the building – 12:30PM

20th – Family Time – 6:00PM @ Troy Church

20th – Christmas Experience – 7:00PM – In person @ Troy Church

24th – Worship Service – 11:00AM – in person & Zoom

24th – Christmas Eve Service – 4:30PM – in person & Zoom

24th – Christmas Agape Dinner – 5:30PM @ the 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!

Good morning and a blessed 3rd Advent Sunday to you and yours. This is a day of Advent for sure, but it is also a day of rejoicing, of JOY. Christmas is only one week away. ONE WEEK AWAY, can you believe that? I don't know about you, but for me, with no snow on the ground and temperatures in the 50s it hardly seems real. And yet, IT IS! We don't know when our true advent will be over. I wish we did. How joyful would your heart be today if you knew for certain that a week from now, a mere week from now,... 7 days... and Jesus will return? Would you contain yourself? Would you still gather or would you just find rest in God, in His Word, in prayer, as you prepare to welcome Him, to meet Him in the sky?

Remember, *37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* – **Matthew 24:37-39**

This Wednesday – December 20th – Family Time & Christmas Experience

On Wednesday, we will meet in person for our Family Time at 6:00PM for those of you who want to bring their meal and eat it in the company of other brothers and sisters. This is our bi-weekly fellowship meal.

From 7PM, We will continue the series called “The Christmas Experience” from Kyle Idleman.

Anniversaries this week: Manuel & Leslie Florescu (22nd)

Online Bible Reading – Paused until after the new year.

We want to thank all of you who have been taking time to log online and read the Bible together in a practice that I am sure, greatly pleases our Lord.

World Vision Christmas Bake Sale – THANK YOU

Thank you to Nadya and all our bakers for making such delightful goodies. Thank you for your generous support of World Vision as we raised more than \$800 to bless needy families through farm animals to provide an income and food. .

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: Oja & Pryludko Families, Clary Family; Timmy Price's Family; Bruce Baker, Mary Alice, Schroeder Family, Dick Martin, Lisa Jones

For those healing: Kirk Imhoff, Diane Flatt; Fran Birdwell, Kerry Appolson, Linda Palmer, Pat Zurlinden, Landon Oja

...For healthy pregnancies & babies: Leslie Florescu.

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

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.- Luke 2:10

Please help us by filling this card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to know more about:

I would like prayers for:

Haile Nayzgi, John Cao, Wang Yi (imprisoned for their faith)

I would like prayers for an unspoken request – ☐

I need help:

- food clothing
- shelter medication
- counseling
- other

Comments:

