

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 perfected 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 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 church's work.

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 19th, 2021

Welcome & Prayer

Nehemiah 8:5-10
The Joy of the Lord

Psalm 40:8
Hebrews 10:7
Hebrews 12:1-2
I Wonder as I Wander

Kids' Time

Joy Candle Lighting

Psalm 16:11
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Communion
Offering**

Joy to the World

Bible Message

In Your Presence

Pastoral Prayer

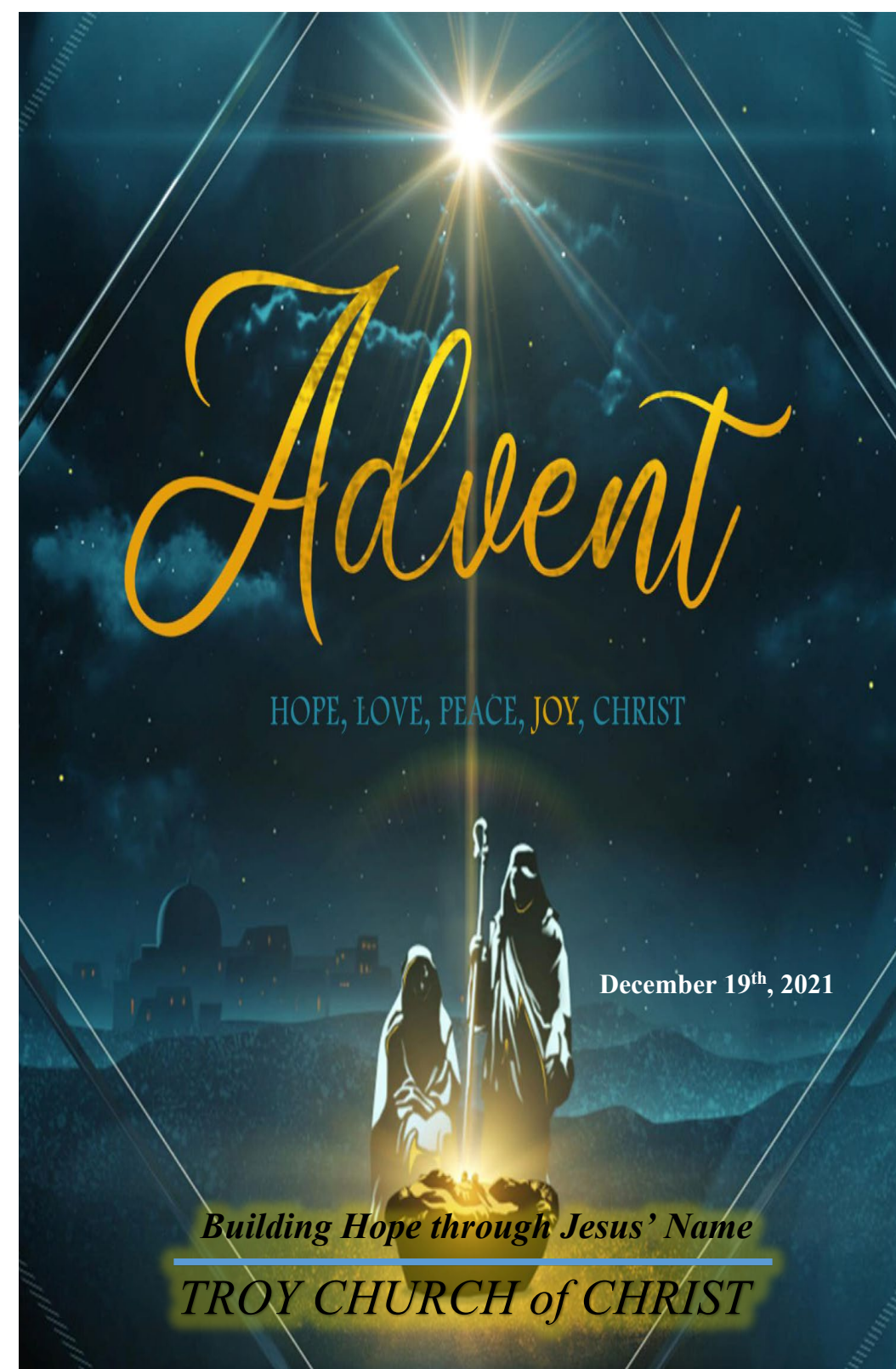
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Suggestions box in the lobby. Please help us by providing feedback.



TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

DECEMBER

19th – Bible Classes – All Ages – 10:00AM – in person & Zoom

19th – Worship Service – 11:00AM – in person & Zoom

22nd – Family Time – 6:00PM @ Troy Church

22nd – Class with Caleb on Suffering – 7:00PM – in person & Zoom

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

24th – Christmas Eve Family Dinner – 5:30PM – in person

26th – Bible Classes – All Ages – 10:00AM – in person & on Zoom

26th – Worship Service – 11:00AM in person & on Zoom

- 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!

We are officially entering the Christmas Week and as we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord, I hope you start to feel true joy and excitement. Thank you for being with us this morning to kick off this magnificent week. Today we will be lighting the candle of Joy, the symbolic prayer of thanksgiving we raise to God for the joy He has placed in our hearts through the birth of our Savior. In **John 1:4** we are told that "In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." Imagine John's world where the ONLY sources of light were fire and the Sun, moon and stars. Nothing else. No electrical lights, no flashlights, nothing! There was nothing more important than light. Without light nothing could exist or survive. Do we feel today the same importance for Jesus' life as they did in the 1st century? Is Jesus' life, life giving to us? Is it what makes life for us possible and without which life would be unbearable?

This Wednesday – December 22nd – Family Time & Bible Study

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 weekly fellowship meal.

From 7PM, we will continue the new study on the subject of suffering lead by Caleb Simmons. Please join us in person and on Zoom for this insightful study.

Anniversary this week: Manu & Leslie Florescu (22nd)

2022

Thank you to all who have reached out with corrections and additions for the 2022 calendar. Please keep them coming.

Jon Balun

Based on your feedback we've decided to ordain Jon Balun as a Chaplain. We will have an ordination ceremony on Sunday, December 26th immediately following the sermon after which Jon will lead us in Communion.

Offering

This morning you can make your offering online at <https://troychurch.net/give> ...Or, by sending a check to Lisa Jones. Thank you.

Christmas Candlelight Service – 4:30PM

Thank you for your RSVPs. As we will have quite a number online for the Candlelight service, we will broadcast it on Zoom. For those attending in person there will be a Family Dinner after the service. .

We bring our requests to you O Lord:

For those who have suffered loss: Lora Price, Nancy Schroeder, Mary Alice Cowie, Alanda Slusser, Dennis Setter, Karl Randall; Wright Family

For those healing: Fred Oja, Barb Oja, Lauren Birdwell, Linda Palmer, Roxy Morrice, Kerrie Birdwell, Dorel Burtoiu, Pat Zurlinden, Diane Flatt, Fran Birdwell, Joanna Diehl, Brad Imhoff, Landon Oja; Volodya Pryludko

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." - Hudson Taylor (missionary to China)

Please help us by filling this card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to know more about:

I would like prayers for:

Yousef Nadarkhani, 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:

