

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Welcome & Prayer**

**Advent Candle - JOY**

**Reading**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**Reading**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Reading**

Away In a Manger

**Reading**

I've Got Joy

**Kids' Time**

**Communion**

**Offering**

**Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Joy to the World

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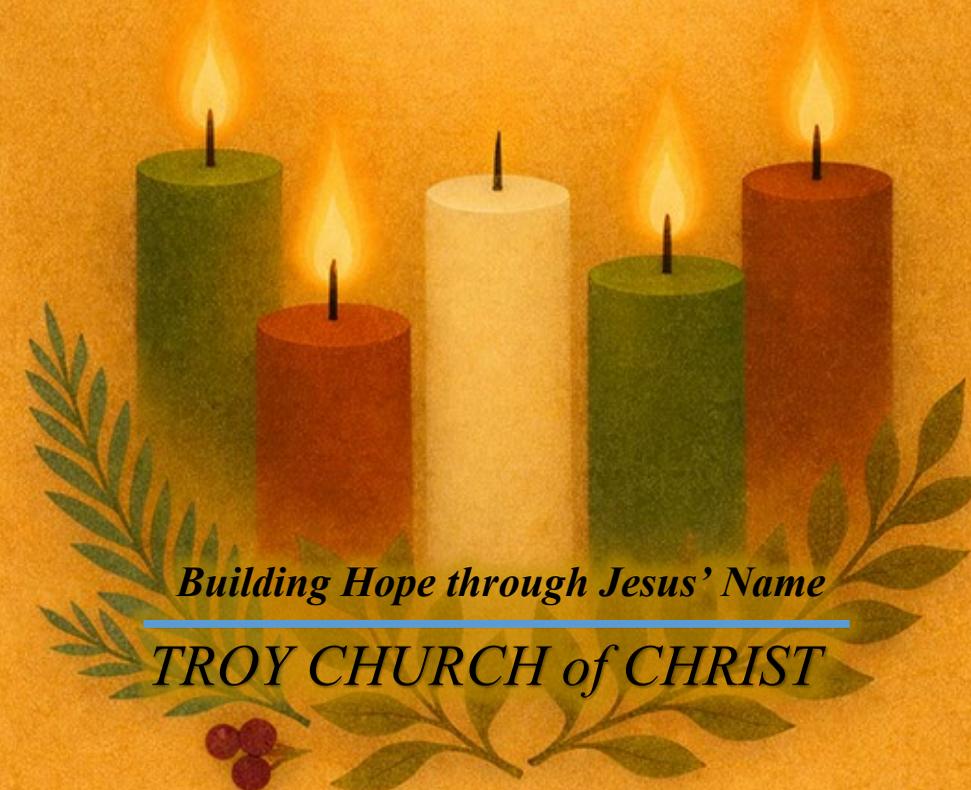
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***Suggestions box in the lobby. Please help us by providing feedback.***

# JOY

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025



## ADVENT WEEK 4

# TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Treasurer:** Lisa Jones – (248) 703-7130

*Calendar of Events: - before attending please ALWAYS check against [troychurch.net/calendar](http://troychurch.net/calendar)*

## DECEMBER

21<sup>st</sup> – Bible Class – 10:00AM – In Person & Zoom

21<sup>st</sup> – Worship Service – 11:00AM – In person & Zoom

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

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

24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 4:30PM – in person & zoom

24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Dinner – 5:30PM – in person @ the building

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

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

28<sup>th</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!

Good morning, and welcome! As we enter the fourth Sunday of Advent, our hearts are drawn ever closer to the celebration of Christ's coming. Advent has been a journey—one that has invited us to slow down, to reflect, and to remember that God is always faithful to His promises. What a blessing it is to walk this season together as a church family, preparing our hearts for the gift of Christ.

Today we light the Candle of Joy. God's love gives us hope, and our faith in that hope naturally leads us to joy—not a fleeting happiness, but a deep and steady joy rooted in God's faithfulness. This joy flows from knowing that Christ has come, that He is with us now, and that He will return in glory at a time of God's perfect choosing, just as He once came humbly in the manger. May this Advent joy fill your heart, strengthen your faith, and overflow into every part of your life as we draw near to Christmas.

## *This Wednesday – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – 4:30PM & Christmas Eve Dinner – 5:40PM*

Please make plans to attend our candlelight worship at 4:30pm followed by the congregational Christmas dinner.

*Anniversaries this week: Manu & Leslie Florescu (22<sup>nd</sup>)*

## *Bible Break – No Bible Break this week*

The Bible Break ladies' Bible class is on break until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

## *Church of Christ Care Center – January 4<sup>th</sup>*

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 – Only Monday this week – 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.

## *Florescu Family Gift – Thank You*

Thank you so very much for your kindness expressed to us at this Christmas time. It is a blessing for our family that cannot be overstated. We feel loved and fortunate to be in God's service as a part of this family of faith. Thank you once again, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God's very best blessings!

## *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:* 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*

*"The candle of joy burns as testimony of hope coming alive in the heart of those who believe Christ's promise." — Manu Florescu*

## Please help us by filling this card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**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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