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 24th, 2023

Welcome & Prayer Lighting the Advent Candle - LOVE

Skit 1 – Mary & the Angel

Luke 1:26-38

Magnificat

Mary, Did You Know - Pentatonix

Skit 2 – Shepherds & the Angel

Luke 2:8-20

Angels We Have Heard on High - #1002 Joy to the World - #1018

Kids' Time

Communion

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

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

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE

WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,

JOHN 3:16

Building Hope through Jesus' Name

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

DECEMBER

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 27th – Family Time – 6:00PM @ Troy Church 27th – Christmas Experience – 7:00PM – In person @ Troy Church 31st – Worship Service – 11:00AM – in person & Zoom

- 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 on this last Advent Sunday. We gather full of excitement as we anticipate tonight's celebration of our Savior's birthday and as we focus on His birth, we cannot avoid the statement it makes to the world, that God loved us so much, that He gave His one and only Son, that all of us who believe in Him not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16). To make sure that neither one of us will be left out of this great story, He was born into this world in the lowest state. Born not in a palace, as He deserved, but born in a stable surrounded by dirt and filth and enveloped in the stench of manure and animals. I am convinced that all our celebrations far outweigh the pump our King was received with upon His arrival among us. My prayer is that also our hearts show the same pump and joy today that our preparations do for He ultimately did not come to live in the houses we build and adorn but He came to live in our hearts. This what Christmas is all about. God getting a heart of man, conquering the heart of man so He may forever reside in it. That is IMMANUEL!

This Wednesday – December 27th – 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.

Birthdays this week: Jon Balun (29th)

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.

Candlelight Service – 4:30PM

No lunch & fellowship after services today due to preparations for the Candlelight Service and Christmas Dinner. Please come back at 4:30 this evening to celebrate our Savior's Birthday with us.

Offering

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

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord..- Luke 2:11

Please help us by filling this card
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