

## 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***  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Welcome & Prayer**

Ezekiel 43:12

On Zion's Glorious Summit

John 2:18-22

Only a Holy God

**Kids' Time**

Hope Candle Lighting

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

**Communion**

**Offering**

Living Hope

Bible Message

Blessed Assurance

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# Advent

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE, CHRIST



*Building Hope through Jesus' Name*

**TROY CHURCH of CHRIST**

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

## NOVEMBER

28<sup>th</sup> – Bible Classes – All Ages – 10:00AM – **in person** & Zoom

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

30<sup>th</sup> – Bible Break – 9:30AM – **in person** & Zoom

## DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> – Family Time – 6:00PM @ Troy Church

1<sup>st</sup> – Class with Caleb on Suffering – 7:00PM – **in person** & Zoom

5<sup>th</sup> – Bible Classes – All Ages – 10:00AM – **in person** & on Zoom

5<sup>th</sup> – 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! שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם Peace be upon you!

We are finally entering my favorite of our holidays, the Christmas Season with its Advent weeks. Today is the first Sunday of Advent kicking off a period of self-examination, of renewed faith and resolve brought about by the hope, peace and joy of Advent. As it is fit, today we will be speaking of HOPE. Martin Luther Jr. was a man for whom hope played a central role in life. He is attributed with such quotes as: *“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”* and, *“Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.”* As long as a man has hope, he is unbeatable. Once hope is lost...all is lost. Hope teaches us to focus on what is good, and worthy of our focus. Anne Frank, although a victim of the Nazi racist machine, ultimately losing her life to it remained undefeated by her dire circumstances. Her diary bears witness to her hope: *“I don’t think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.”* Let us renew this day our HOPE in Christ & overcome!

## This Wednesday – December 1<sup>st</sup> – 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.

## 2022

It is time to think of our 2022 calendar and start planning. As many of you are still only joining us virtually, I will be uploading the calendar file this week to my Google Drive and provide you with a link so you can check and add/make changes to birthdays, anniversaries, events, etc. I would also like your help to add to the calendar the dates we’ve lost those of our faith family at Troy so we can honor their memory and be able to provide an embrace to those left behind. Thank you in advance!

## 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

December is upon us and with it the Advent Season and my favorite, Christmas Holiday. Christmas Eve is a Friday evening this year and I am trying to think of our Candlelight Service this year. If it is to count by our Sunday attendance, we will probably have a very small showing and if so I would like to plan something different. Would you help me out by letting me know who is planning to attend in person? Thank you in advance!

## 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 (Manu’s Uncle), Margie Zurlinden, Diane Flatt, Fran Birdwell, Joanna Diehl, Kathy Vickers, Brad Imhoff

**“Only in the darkness can you see the stars.” – Martin Luther Jr.**

## 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:**

Yousef Nadarkhani, John Cao,

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
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**Comments:**

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