

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Open to everyone!

Monday, December 22, 12:30 p.m., Meet in the Upper FLC

Questions, email Pastor Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Invite family and friends!

Wednesday, December 24, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 11:00 p.m.

Details at troymc.org/events

See our website for additional details— troymc.org/events

Message Notes

December 21, 2025

Pause: To Hope

Luke 2:21-38

Advent is the patient, hopeful waiting for Jesus' arrival.

Simeon and Anna embody the Advent message because they patiently and hopefully waited for the fulfillment of God's promises.

We too are waiting for the fulfillment of God's Advent promises – Jesus' return when all things will be made new, and God's Kingdom will reign forever.

About waiting:

- Everthing that happens is not God's will...
 - We live in a sinful broken world
 - We have free will that oftentimes goes against God's will
 - God's Kingdom reign has broken into our darkness (Christmas!)
 - We live in the "already/not yet" reality of God's Kingdom
- ...but God has a will in everything that happens.
 - Follow Jesus wholeheartedly
 - Cling to hope as we wait for his return
 - *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.* – Jesus in John 16:33



