

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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### Consolation in God

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**T**he book of Nahum is a poetic prophecy of the destruction of Nineveh. Though the condemnation of Nineveh is adamant God's love for His people and even mercy towards His enemies is on display. This is especially interesting considering Nahum's name means "comfort."

While God uses Nahum to pronounce judgment on Assyria he simultaneously comforts his own people. Consider 1:7, "the LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in Him." Judgment was coming, but God wanted to reassure His people that they would be spared. God had done this on multiple occasions in the past. For instance, Isaiah 36-37 records the Assyrian King Sennacherib's invasion of Judah. In distress, Hezekiah seeks the help of Isaiah. Isaiah informs him that God will deliver Judah out of Sennacherib's hands. Isaiah 37:36 reveals that the angel of God killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. Even when we face situations that seem impossible God will always guard those who put their faith in Him. This ought to bring comfort to us since we are God's people today (1 Peter 2:5,9).

It is also interesting that God's mercy towards Assyrian can be seen in this book. Verse 3 reads, "The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet." This passage certainly highlights the wickedness of Nineveh. The fact that God is slow to anger and yet they still face His wrath shows how depraved they

were. God was not acting in haste to destroy them, rather, He waited until there was no other option. This brings to mind another prophet, Jonah. Nahum prophesied around 664-612 B.C. while Jonah prophesied around 793-753 B.C. If you are familiar with the account of Jonah you will remember that Jonah was sent to preach to Nineveh as well. Upon hearing his message the whole city, including the King, repented (3:6-9). God then relented of the judgment he had pronounced on them (v. 10). Unfortunately, their sorrow was short lived. They returned to their sins and God then sent Nahum.

God's patience and mercy never cease to amaze. The words spoken by Jeremiah capture this well, "the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23) What a privilege it is to serve such a God!

#### Ladies' Day

March 14, 2026

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

With Kristi Roque

#### Men's Day

March 21, 2026

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

With Elias Roque

*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8*

SECRETS TO PEACE AND UNITY

1 Peter 3:8

- Unity of Mind- 1 Corinthians 1:10, Galatians 1:6-10, Philippians 3:12-16, Romans 12:16
- Sympathy- Romans 12:15, 1 Corinthians 12:26
- Brotherly Love- John 13:34-35, Matthew 5:43-48, 22:37, 1 Peter 1:22
- Tender Heart- James 2:16, 1 John 3:17, Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 9:36, 18:27
- Humble Mind- Genesis 1:26,27, 2:7, Hebrews 1:3, 1 Peter 2:22, Romans 3:10,23, Philippians 2:3, 1 Peter 5:5

Worship Service

Announcements

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Prayer

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Sermon

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Prayer

John 17:20-21

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 US

John 17:20-21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23