

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

December 31, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with your joys/prayers/concerns. Ushers will collect them during prayer time.

*Call to Worship on screen
"10,000 Reasons"

*Prayer of Confession
O God, the journey from our head to our heart can sometimes be a long one. Help us to be immersed in the truth of Your Word and salvation in Jesus, and not the thoughts of man. Thus, making the journey to the heart complete, in Jesus' name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #138
"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

First Scripture Reading pg. 606
Psalm 118: 22-24
Liturgist—Michelle Williams

Children's Time
Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*Stand if able: **Bold = congregational response**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen
"Great Things"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1080
Acts 4: 1-12

Sermon
"The Gospel Goes Against the Grain!"

*Hymn #529
"O, How I Love Jesus"

*Benediction
*Postlude on Screen
"He Is Able"

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Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!



How to become a Christian

1. **Admit to God that you have done things that oppose His desires for you.**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

2. **Acknowledge Jesus Christ as God's only solution to your condition.**

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

3. **Ask God to forgive your sins and invite Jesus into your life.**

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12

What to Pray

"Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to earth, living an unblemished life, and dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as Savior and Lord of everything I do. Make me the kind of person you want me to be."

What to Do

Go to God in prayer daily.

Read God's word daily.

Open your life to other Christian friends.

Worship God weekly at church.

If God is speaking to you this morning and you desire to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, or desire prayer for a particular matter, we invite you to the front of the sanctuary at the close of the service where Pastor Dave and/or others will be glad to pray and talk with you.

CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF

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Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Jan 7 10:30 am Danna Marvin
Jan 14 10:30 am Rose LaPointe
Jan 21 10:30 am Michelle Williams
Jan 28 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/24/23	10:30 am	-
12/25/22	10:30 am	37

Flowers: If you wish to have flowers on the Altar for any occasion, please contact the church office at 436-8682.

Hearing Devices are available from the sound booth. Please turn the device off and return it to the sound booth after the service.

The Mission of Church of the Straits
To worship God faithfully
To grow together spiritually
To serve Jesus Christ and
our neighbor joyfully
... in the power of God's Spirit.

CHURCH CALENDAR
Dec 31, 2023 – Jan 7, 2024

SUN 12-31 3:00 pm AA
TUE 1-2 2:00 pm Pinecrest Fellowship
WED 1-3 12:30 pm Bell Choir
THUR 1-4 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
SAT 1-6 9:00 am Men's Group
SUN 1-7 10:30 am Traditional Service
 3:00 pm AA
 6:00 pm Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary Window Fund
Progress: \$75.9K We have achieved and surpassed our Goal!



Food Pantry Jan 10th 10-11am
The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!

New Members Class: Starting Soon for those who have expressed interest in joining Church of the Straits. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Dave or the church office. Classes will involve two or three Sundays at 9:30am before worship service. If you can't attend then Pastor Dave will make arrangements with you. Because of the holidays approaching we will probably start mid January.

If you ordered a poinsettia for the Sanctuary, you may take it home following the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.



If you don't need the bow you can return it to Church for future use. Thanks!

2024 Offering Envelopes Available

Please pick up your envelopes in the Fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 14: SARM at Creation Station
Jan 28: Annual Meeting
Feb 11: Bowling and Pizza at SpareTime Lanes



Youth Sunday School Returns Jan 14th

Seeking Content

If you would like to have any information displayed in either the bulletin or the church newsletter please contact the Church office by phone or email. Advertise your community event or bring attention to interesting information you would like to share. Thank you!

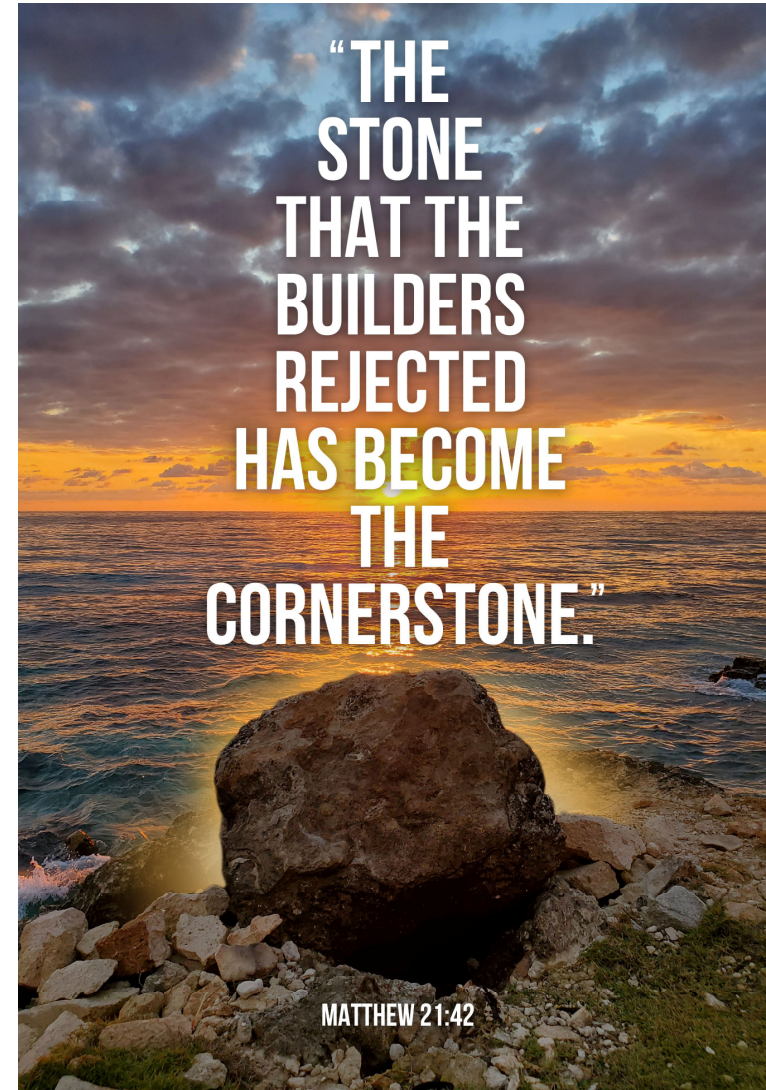


PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Michael Levy, Ellie Hollars, Patricia Ruth Pumanca Medina, Susan Rene, Lynda, Terri, Samantha Cooley, Mary Lou Peters, Carl Strieby, Bob Steward, Roger Moore, Stephanie Valentine, Roseanne Ron Cooper, Sheldon, Karen Valet, Kim Fetera, Sue Shemanski, Harmon Family, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Cheryl Newman, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.

Church of the Straits
Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)
and
Global Methodist
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**“THE
STONE
THAT THE
BUILDERS
REJECTED
HAS BECOME
THE
CORNERSTONE.”**

MATTHEW 21:42

Welcome to Our Service

