

**WELCOME TO  
THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

December 25, 2022 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 #152

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Dear Lord and God, the angelic message to the Shepherds is ours as well, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #151

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

First Scripture Reading pg. 726

Isaiah 49: 7

Liturgist – Sharolyn Metternich

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.**

\* Stand if able; **Bold = congregational response**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

“Messiah’s Song”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1053

John 4: 21-26

Sermon

“The Name Means Something – Messiah!”

\*Hymn #148

“O Holy Night”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude on Screen

“He Is Able”

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*Please join us for refreshments after the service in 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.

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF**

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**Nursery is open for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Jan. 1 10:30 am Sharolyn Metternich

Jan. 8 10:30 am Julie Burnett

Jan. 15 10:30 am Sharolyn Metternich

Jan. 22 10:30 am Sylvia Truman

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

12/18/22 10:30 am 129

12/19/21 10:30 am 81

**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 The 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**

**December 25, 2022 – January 1, 2023**

- SUN 12-25** 3:00 pm AA
- TUES 12-27** 7:00 pm BOG
- WED 12-28** 10:00 am Food Pantry
- SAT 12-30** 9:00 am Men’s Group
- SUN 1-1** 10:30 am Traditional Worship  
3:00 pm AA



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School Winter Break**

No Youth or Adult Sunday School Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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!

**Christmas Offering Envelopes**

Will be for Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

**2023 Offering Envelopes Available**

Please pick up your envelopes in the Fellowship hall.

**Last Opportunity for Pledge Contributions**

All 2022 Pledge Donations must be in to the Church by Thursday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> to count for the 2022 Year. Thank you for all of your generous support.

**Winter Youth Retreat**

If you are interested in attending the retreat, please see Shannon Cooley before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. For 5<sup>th</sup> Grade+

**Food Pantry Continues Dec 28**

We will be providing assistance to those in need. Helping hands are always appreciated. 10-11am.



**If you ordered a poinsettia** for the Sanctuary, you may take it home.



**Thank You!**

Big Thank You for all the support! SARM Coats for Kids was able to purchase 88 coats for local area Children. Thanks to Shannon Cooley and all the kids that helped with purchasing the coats.

**Holiday Break**

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. Pastor Dave will be available if needed. See you in 2023!!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Megan, Margaret Inglis, Becki & Al, Patrick, Dahlon, Dave Dodison, Michelle Truman, Herrick Family, Sally Case, Dave Bailey, Cyndy Norton, Cassandra Gillette, Dianna, Don Hawver, Greg Yoder, Brooke Turner, Nolan, Darlene Winslow, Roland Weber, Mike Beck, Gerry Lou and Andy Kania, Cheri Swanson, Sara Heckman, Betsy Garber, 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.

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Welcome to Our Service

