

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

February 18, 2024 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
“Worthy is the Lamb”

*Prayer of Confession
You indicate, God, that our strength is in You. When we face opposition to our faith in You, be our Strength, our Hope, our King in battle. Help us to stand strong in the faith like Stephen, in Jesus’ name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #369
“O Jesus, I have Promised”

First Scripture Reading pg. 548
Psalm 31: 13-18
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
“Battle Belongs”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication
Second Scripture Reading pg. 1083
Acts 6: 8-15

Sermon
“There Will Always Be Opposition to the Truth!”

*Hymn #477
“Stand Up, Stand Up For 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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Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Feb 25 10:30 am Don Hawver
Mar 3 10:30 am Sylvia Truman
Mar 10 10:30 am Bill Marvin
Mar 17 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

2/11/24 10:30 am 95
2/12/23 10:30 am 95

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
Feb 18, 2024 – Feb 25, 2024

SUN 2-18	12:00 pm	Pot Luck After Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 2-19	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
TUES 2-20	10:00 am	Worship Committee
WED 2-21	10:00 am	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
SAT 2-23	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 2-24	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry Feb 21st 10-11am

The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!



Midweek Bible Study—Continues Feb 21st

Lead by Michael Canales. Wednesdays at 6:30pm to 8pm. We will be studying the book of Romans. The class will be geared to those of all faith levels, please plan to participate!



Pot Luck Today Following the Service

Please bring a big dish to share. All leftovers will be going to the Peruvian Kids.

Sunday School Spring Break

Starting March 24th. Classes will resume April 14th

No Bible Journaling for the month of March.

Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday Feb 20th at 10 am.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 18: Pot Luck After Service
Mar 10: Decorating for Easter Bunny Lunch
Mar 14: Easter Flower Orders Due
Mar 16: Easter Bunny Luncheon 11am to 2pm



Memorial Day Parade

On Saturday May 25, 2024, the Church of the Straits will once again be participating in the Memorial Day Parade giving out Childrens Christian Books to all the kids. Last year was a huge success giving out 1200 books. The children and their families were overwhelmed to receive them, to some it may have been the first time learning about Jesus and encouraging literacy.

Our goal this year is to hand out 1500 books if it's God's will. If God has laid on your heart to help by buying books for us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Books can be dropped off at the Church of the Straits or monetary donations are welcome. If you have any questions, you can call Rose LaPointe 231-436-5307

Change to make a change: We will use donations to purchase wrapped candy for the Easter Bunny Lunch.

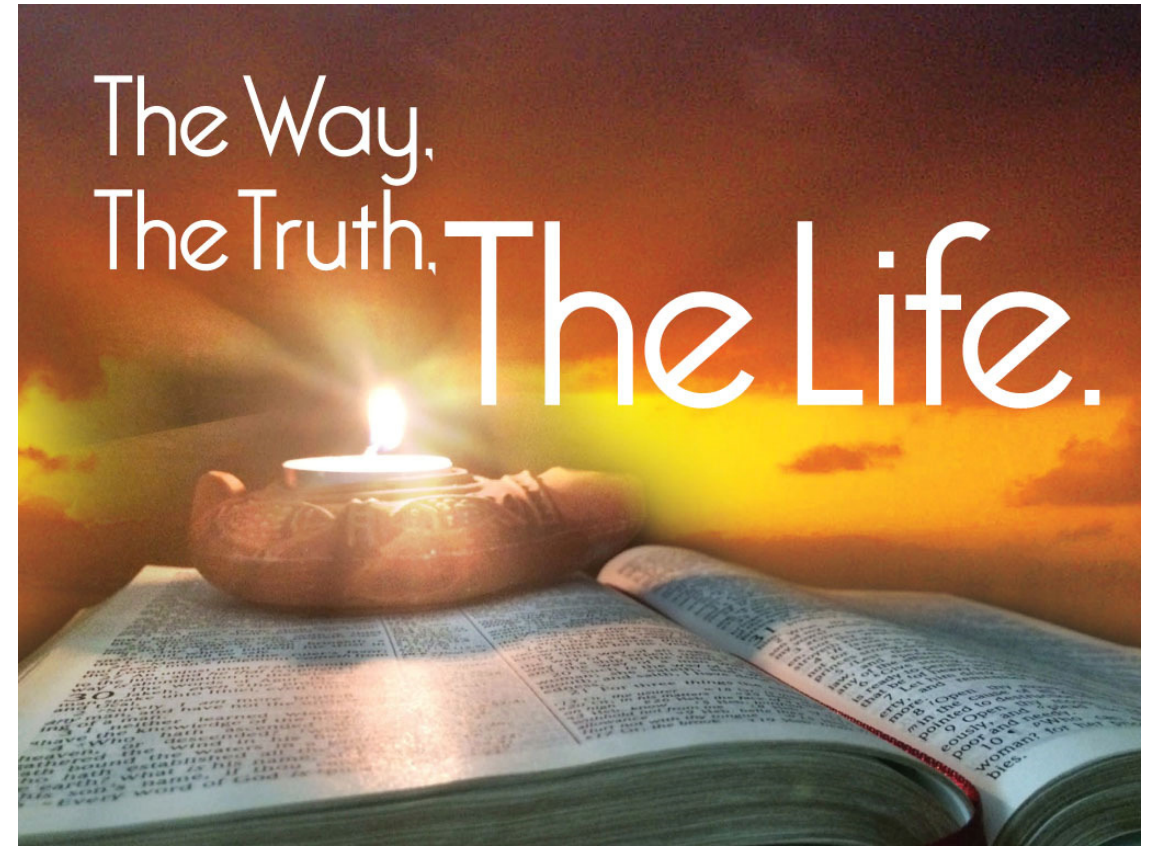
Easter Bunny Luncheon March 16th 11am to 2pm
Volunteers will be needed at 10am that day to help setup and after to clean up. There is a sign up for cake donations or you can donate money to purchase cakes. Cake orders need to be in by March 3rd and cost \$15. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Chad Imeson, Kellie Imeson, Rick DeMarr, Candace Killingbeck, Roy, Evie Kaiser, Susan Reno, Maria Parks, Warren Dodson, Ken Breic, Michael Levy, Ellie Hollars, Patricia Ruth Pumanca Medina, Susan Rene, Lynda, Terri, Samantha Cooley, Carl Strieby, Bob Steward, Roger Moore, Stephanie Valentine, Roseanne Ron Cooper, Sheldon, Karen Valet, Kim Fetera, Harmon Family, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, Persecuted Christians, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.
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Welcome to Our Service

