

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

March 17, 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  
"You're Worthy of My Praise"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**O Lord, only one thing do we seek. That is to glorify Your name. Personal accolades we do not desire. May all we do be directed in praise to You, in Jesus' name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #4  
"How Great Thou Art"

First Scripture Reading pg. 74  
Exodus 20:17  
Liturgist—Ross Bell

Installation of Church Officers (see insert)

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  
"Indescribable"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
\*Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1086  
Acts 8: 9-25

Sermon  
"Misdirected Praise!"

\*Hymn #74  
"Majesty"

\*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

- 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
- 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
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Mar 24 10:30 am Rose LaPointe  
Mar 31 10:30 am Michelle Williams  
Apr 7 10:30 am Ross Bell  
Apr 14 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

3/10/24	10:30 am	97
3/12/23	10:30 am	91

**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

Mar 17, 2024 – Mar 24, 2024

SUN 3-17	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 3-18	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
WED 3-20	10:00 am	Food Pantry
	12:30 pm	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
THUR 3-21	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 am	Willing Workers
SAT 3-23	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 3-24	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Food Pantry March 20th 10-11am

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

### Midweek Bible Study

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!

### Sunday School Spring Break

Starting March 24th. Classes will resume April 14th

### No Bible Journaling for the month of March.

### Good Friday Service March 29th at St Anthony's

We will have a joint service at St Anthony's for Good Friday March 29th at 1pm. Please plan to join us!

### Good Friday Prayer Time

The church will be open on Good Friday from 1pm to 5pm for a time of prayer and remembrance. There will be a devotional to read over and time for reflection.



## Upcoming Events:

Mar 29: Good Friday Service @ St Anthony's 1pm

Mar 31: Easter Breakfast 9am

### 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

**Easter Bunny Luncheon** Thank you for all the help and support with cake donations and volunteers!



### Easter Breakfast March 31st 9am

Please join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday March 31st at 9am. Please sign up in the fellowship hall and bring a dish to pass. Setup and clean up help also needed.

## 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, 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.  
Phone: 231-436-8682 Email: cotsoffice@yahoo.com

**Church of the Straits**  
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and  
Global Methodist  
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... and you will know  
the **TRUTH**, and  
the **TRUTH**  
will make you free.

John 8:32, NRSV

Welcome to Our Service

