

**WELCOME TO  
THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**  
Pastor David Wallis

March 12, 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

“Your Grace Is Enough”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God, you have said we should “love our enemies!” This impossibility is made possible through your Agape love. May we heed your command and ask for your help, in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri      #623

\*Hymn      #65

“The Wonder Of It All”

First Scripture Reading      pg. 649  
Proverbs 24: 15-18  
Liturgist—Bill Marvin

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  
“Chainbreaker”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
Doxology      #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading      pg. 1023  
Luke 7: 36-43

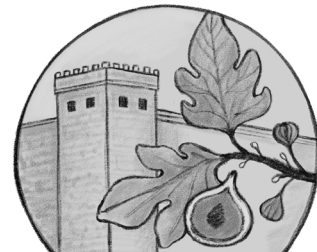
Sermon  
“Making Peace with Our Enemies!”

\*Hymn      #284  
“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

\*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*



*Third Sunday in Lent*

**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:**

Mar 19 10:30 am Elizabeth Zabik  
Mar 26 10:30 am Julie Burnett  
Apr 2 10:30 am Sylvia Truman  
Apr 9 10:30 am Don Hawver

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

3/05/23	10:30 am	92
3/06/22	10:30 am	48

**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**  
**March 12, 2023 – March 19, 2023**

<b>SUN 3-12</b>	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Video Bible Series
<b>MON 3-13</b>	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>TUE 3-14</b>	10:00 am	Easter Flower Orders Due
<b>WED 3-15</b>	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
<b>THUR 3-16</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 am	Willing Workers
<b>SAT 3-18</b>	9:00 am	Men's Group
<b>SUN 3-19</b>	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	10:30 am	Youth Sunday School
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Video Bible Series



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Easter Flowers\*\***

If you would like to purchase flowers for Easter please fill out a form in the fellowship hall. Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils are available for \$15 and Hydrangeas and Azaleas are available for \$30. Orders need to be in by **MARCH 14th**



**Help Needed for Memorial Day Parade**

We will be working on a float for the memorial day parade to distribute books for kids and spread the word about our children's ministries. We need help with planning, construction, and working on the float the day of the parade. Please sign up by the entryway.

**Yarn Donations Needed**

St Ignace schools is looking for donations of any color, size, or kind of yarn and yarn scraps for a project for the kids. Please see Laura Janeczek if you have any questions or drop them off at the Church Office before **March 20th**



**THANK YOU!!**

For all the donations of Winter Gloves and Hats that will be distributed to local kids in need.

**Easter Bunny Luncheon**

Sat April 1st 11am to 2pm. Kids of all ages welcome! We will have games, lunch, Easter egg hunt, cake walk and we might have the Easter Bunny hop in to say Hi!



**Candy and Cake Donations Needed**

Pre Wrapped Candy is needed for the egg hunt. Please pick up and stuff eggs or donate candy. We also need cake donations for the cake walk. Needed by March 31st

**Easter Breakfast Potluck**

Please join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday April 9th 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: Todd Williams, John McCollum, Gailen Hathcock, Allison, Margaret Inglis, Alanna Sangster, Cindy Bell, Corey Robertson, Daniel, Carol Harper, Lee Hall, Ed Palenkas, Vera Wright, 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.

**The Church of the Straits**  
 Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)  
 and  
 United Methodist  
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*Love your enemies and pray*

*for those who persecute you...*

*Matthew 5:44, NRSV*

Welcome to Our Service

