

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

November 26, 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  
"Give Thanks"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Lord God, help us to understand the testimony we give in our life. May it speak of you even in our death, in Jesus' name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #452  
"Make Me a Blessing"

First Scripture Reading pg. 538  
Psalm 16: 8-11  
Liturgist—Elizabeth Zabik

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. 1079  
Acts 2: 29-41

Sermon  
"May Our Lives Speak in Life and From the Grave!"

\*Hymn #297  
"I Love to Tell the Story"

\*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!*



"GOD has made this  
JESUS,  
whom you crucified,  
both LORD  
and CHRIST."  
ACTS 2:36. NIV

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

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

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Dec 3 10:30 am Rose LaPointe  
Dec 10 10:30 am Michelle Williams  
Dec 17 10:30 am Sharolyn Metternich  
Dec 24 10:30 am Sharolyn Metternich

Sunday Worship Attendance

11/19/23	10:30 am	93
11/20/22	10:30 am	54

**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**  
Nov 26, 2023 – Dec 3, 2023

<b>SUN 11-26</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>AA</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<b>MON 11-27</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>TUE 11-28</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>BOG</b>
<b>WED 11-29</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Journaling</b>
<b>SAT 12-2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>
<b>SUN 12-3</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>AA</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*\*Hanging of the Greens Today After Service\*\*\***

**Sanctuary Window Fund**

Prayerfully consider helping us raise the necessary funds to replace all windows in our beautiful sanctuary.



Progress: \$64.6K out of \$73K



**Food Pantry Nov 29th 10-11am**

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

**Christmas Poinsettias**

Help decorate our altar for Christmas. There are order forms available on the Welcome Center. Cost will be \$15.75 for a 6 inch plant. Orders are due Dec 14th.



**\*\*Thanksgiving Donation Envelopes will be used to support the Food Pantry\*\***

**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.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dec 5:** Blood Drive-St Anthony's
- Dec 14:** Poinsettia Order Due
- Dec 16:** SARM Cheer for the Home Team
- Dec 17:** Coats for Kids Donations Due
- Dec 20:** Blue Christmas Celebration



**Change to Make a Change Oct-Dec Coats for Kids**  
Help S.A.R.M (Straits Area Resort Ministry) and the Salvation Army keep kids warm this winter! S.A.R.M is accepting donations of new coats and monetary donations for our youth group to go shopping for coats. Please have your donations in before Dec 17 2023. Drop off location at Church of the Straits. Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm.

**Blood drive info: December 5, 2023**

Mackinaw Woman's Club and St. Anthony Catholic Church are hosting a Community Blood Drive on December 5, 2023, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the St Anthony's Parish Hall, 600 W Central Ave, Mackinaw City. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call Donna Falor at 231-445-0151 or visit [versiti.org/miblood](http://versiti.org/miblood) and search 'Mackinaw' to schedule your appointment online. Save lives across Michigan by donating blood.

**Get Well Cards Needed:**

Jennifer Dexel Davis  
9900 South Thomas Dr.  
Unit 2217  
Panama City Beach, FL 32406



**Blue Christmas Celebration**

On Dec 20th at 7pm. This worship service includes opportunities for expression of grief, pain, and heartbreak as well as an opportunity to focus on the promise of hope found in Jesus Christ. Join us as we worship together!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Bob Steward, Roger Moore, Stephanie Valentine, Roseanne Ron Cooper, Katie and Brandon Sheldon, Karen Valet, Kim Fetera, Sue Shemanski, Allison Cram, Jennifer Bonnard, Miranda Zabik, Debbie Hodde, 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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**F**or the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2:39, NRSV



Welcome to Our Service

