

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

September 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*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  
"I Love You Lord"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Your Word says "Fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all our heart; consider what great things he has done for us." This we are commanded to do in Jesus' name, Amen! (1 Samuel 12:24)**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #25  
"Immortal, Invisible"

First Scripture Reading pg. 535  
Psalm 8: 3-9  
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. 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  
"Mighty to Save"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading pg. 1185  
Hebrews 3: 1-6

Sermon  
"Honor the Builder more than the Building!"

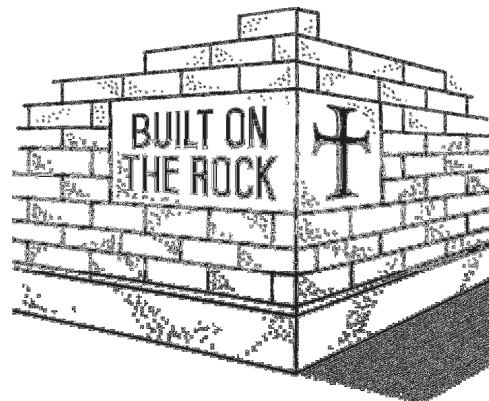
\*Hymn #10

"O Worship the King"

\*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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	John Birchfield
Organist/Pianist	Loretta Martinek
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:**

Sept 24 10:30 am Sylvia Truman  
Oct 1 10:30 am Sue O'Dwyer  
Oct 8 10:30 am Sylvia Truman  
Oct 15 10:30 am

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

9/10/23	10:30 am	112
9/11/22	10:30 am	101

**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**  
**Sept 17, 2023 – Sept 24, 2023**

<b>SUN 9-17</b>	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>MON 9-18</b>	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>WED 9-20</b>	12:30 am	Bell Choir
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
<b>THUR 9-21</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 am	Worship
<b>SAT 9-23</b>	9:00 am	Men's Group
<b>SUN 9-24</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

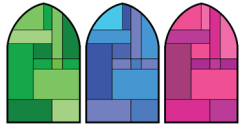


**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Sanctuary Window Fund campaign has begun.**

Prayerfully consider helping us raise the necessary funds to replace all windows in our beautiful sanctuary. The church has committed \$13k and we are being asked to come up with the additional \$60k. We hope to start the two week project in the fall.

Progress: \$38.7K out of \$73K



Window Replacment  
Capital Campaign



**Youth Sunday School** has started. We meet at 9:30am. All children that wish to attend will need to sign-up.

**Childrens Church** will also begin Today and on Sundays without communion (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th). We will have activities downstairs after Childrens Time during the service.

**Substitute Teaches Also Needed:** Please Sign Up!

**Service for Jo Ann Rinehart**  
**Oct 3rd at 11:00am**  
 Okemos Presbyterian Church  
 2258 Bennett Rd  
 Okemos, MI 48864



**Upcoming Events:**

**Sept 24:** SARM Pizza Party  
**Sept 28:** CPR Training Class  
**Oct 7:** SARM at MC Volleyball Game



**Change to Make a Change - July thru Sept**

SARM is accepting donations for the AA Crisis Pregnancy Center. They are in need of diapers, wipes, burp rags, and formula. Donations or cash offerings can be dropped off here at the Church. Contact Shannon Cooley for more info.

**CPR Class Sept 28th at 4:30pm**  
 We will be hosting a CPR class. Cost is \$60. Please sign up by the entryway.



**Blood Drive Sept 19th**

Mackinaw Woman's Club and St. Anthony Catholic Church are hosting a Community Blood Drive on Sept 19, 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 on-line. Save lives across Michigan by donating blood.

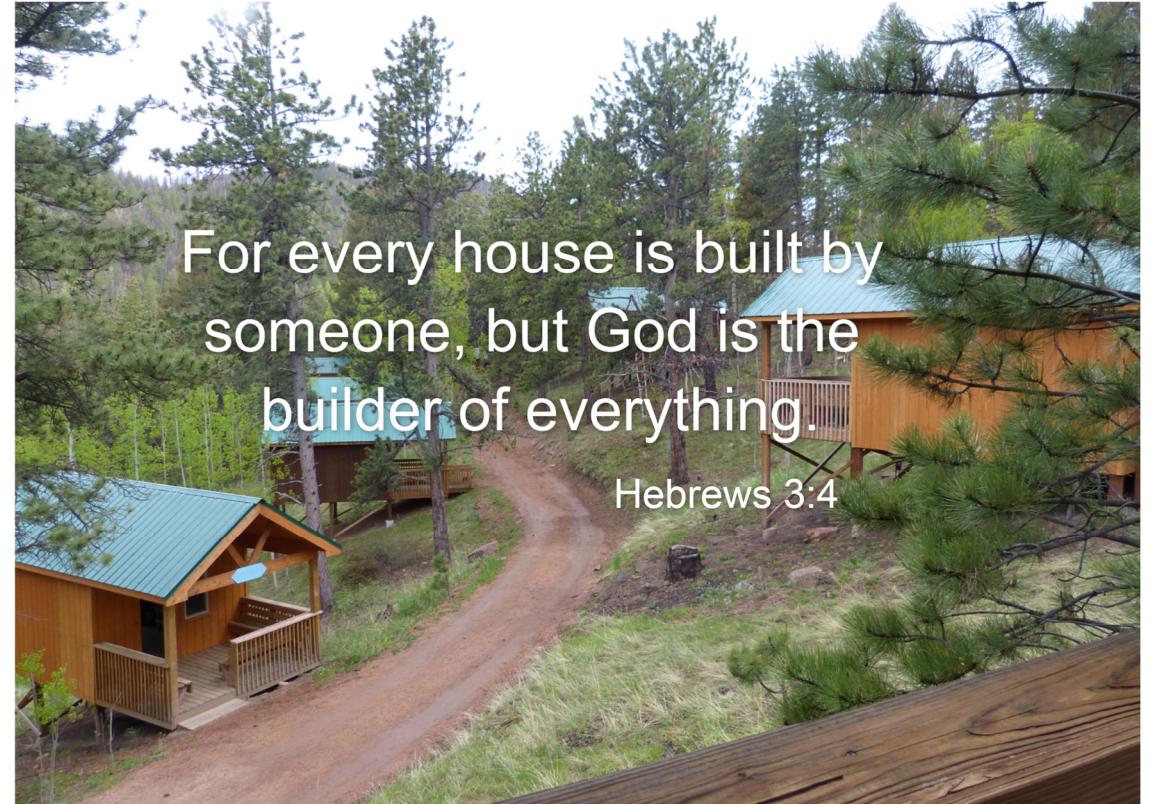


**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Jennifer Bonnard, Miranda Zabik, Debbie Hodde, Courtney Miskuff, Laura Jackson, Roy Cole, Sandra Tillman, Harmon Family, Nancy, Danny, Karen Caswell, Barbie, Devon Dictus, Molly Tate, Hazel Sexton, Mary Brooks, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Cheryl Newman, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Amy, 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  
 Federated



For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

Hebrews 3:4

Welcome to Our Service