

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

March 2, 2025

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
“Psalm 23”

***Prayer of Confession**
Almighty God, the enemy knows we fall short. But the enemy does not recognize You filled the gap in Jesus Christ. We were defenseless, and now we have a Defender. Thank You, in Jesus' name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #350
 “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

First Scripture Reading pg. 1106
Acts 24: 10-27
Liturgist—Sharolyn Metternich

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. 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

“Great Things”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	
*Doxology	#625
*Prayer of Dedication	

Special Music **Bell Choir**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1107
Acts 25: 9-12

Sermon

“What is My Defense?”

Communion see insert

*Hymn #517
 “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

***Benediction**

*Postlude on screen
“He Is Able”

*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.”

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:

Mar 9 10:30 am Sharolyn Metternich
Mar 16 10:30 am Michelle Williams
Mar 23 10:30 am Deb Moore
Mar 30 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

2/23/25	10:30 am	101
2/25/24	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.

*Stand if able: **Bold** = congregational response

CHURCH CALENDAR
Mar 2 2025 – Mar 9, 2025

SUN 3-2	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	AA Prayer Group
MON 3-3	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 7:30 pm	Missions Women's Bible Study Temple Builders
WED 3-5	12:30 pm 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bell Choir Bible Journaling Ash Wednesday @ St Anthony's
THUR 3-6	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SAT 3-8	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 3-9	9:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Sunday School Traditional Service AA Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Church on Sundays with Communion
Usually the first Sunday of the month.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Michael Canales is leading a bible study on the book of James Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Please see Michael if you have questions or would like to attend.

Soup and Bread Fellowship After Service Today
Join us for Lunch today! A Free Will Donation will be used to help pay shipping costs for our Shoe Box donations for next Christmas Season.

LIVER AND ONIONS DINNER: After a break in the annual liver and onions dinner the past few years, we are happy to alert you to the fact that it is happening again!

Mark your calendar for Monday, March 3, 5:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall. Bring a dish to pass and BYOC (Beverage of choice... anything is acceptable). Liver and onions will be prepared by a team of professional chefs. In the past this event has been for MEN ONLY, but this year we will welcome WOMEN who like liver.

If you have any questions, please call Sr. Chris at 436-5561. Thank you and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. There's lots of liver to be eaten.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 5: Ash Wednesday Service @ St Anthony's
Apr 12: Easter Bunny Lunch



Food Pantry Mar 12th 10-12pm
The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!

Temple Builders: Male and Females!
Meeting for laughter, fun, and movement. We meet Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall, we host a stretching, strength, and spiritual time. It is a great time to get together.



Purse With a Purpose
Please fill a gently used purse with women's toiletries, hygienic products, and first aid items. All purses will be donated to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's Safe House.

Reminder: Now is a great time to get coats on sale. SARM has storage to stock up for next year!

Easter Bunny Lunch April 12th
Wrapped candy donations are needed for the Easter egg hunt. Volunteers will also be needed. Please plan to be here by 10:30am.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Roger Moore, Barb Holland, Nancy Hinsman, Mike DaVanzo, Ziggy Siegler, Gretchen Groll, Sarah, Denny Beach, Kristen Hines, Betty Kocher, Mary Downing, Kelly Clark, Bill Marvin, Ann Hayes, Larry and Karen Gillion, Brenda Zabik, Courtney Valentine, Tammy and Paul Braum, Joyce Kinsey-Weiss, Lori Cote, Kevin Simm, Janet Moret, Rog Meyers, Bryan Green, Sheri Wisley, Donna Vigneau, Thomas Sheldon, Larry Dodson, Ed Weiss, Bob Steward, Becky Jankowski,, 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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Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)
and
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**is our
refuge
and
strength,
a very
present
help in
trouble.**

Psalm 46:1

Welcome to Our Service

