**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

November 29, 2020 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

*Welcome and Announcements*

\*Call to Worship in Song screen

“Offering (Christmas version)”

Advent Wreath Lighting   
 Mike & Donna Canales

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn “The Advent of Our God” #120

First Scripture Reading pg. 742  
 Isaiah 64:1-9

Liturgist – Julie Burnett

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 through Song screen

“Messiah’s Song”

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1006

Mark 13:27-37

Sermon “This Place is a Mess!”

\*Hymn “O Come Let Us Adore Him” #82

\*Benediction

\*Postlude in unison

*God be with you till we meet again;   
By His counsels guide, up-hold you,   
With His sheep securely fold you;   
God be with you till we meet again.*

*There will be no Coffee Hour.*

**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

1. **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

1. **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**

**G**o to God in prayer daily.

**R**ead God’s word daily.

**O**pen your life to other Christian friends.

**W**orship 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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**No Nursery at this time.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Dec. 6 10:30 am Don Hawver  
 Dec. 13 10:30 am Danna Marvin

Dec. 20 10:30 am *need someone*

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

11/22/20 10:30 am - 48

11/24/19 10:30 am - 92

**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**

**November 29 – December 6, 2020**

**SUN 11-29**  11:30 am Hanging of the Greens

3:00 pmAA

5:00 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Disciple IV Class

**MON 11-30**  1:00 pm Missions Meeting

3:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

**TUE 12-01** 6:30 pm PPRC Meeting

**THR 12-03** 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

**FRI 12-04 Poinsettia Orders Due**

**SAT 12-05** 9:00 am Men’s Group

**SUN 12-06** 9:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am New Members Class

10:30 am Traditional Worship

11:30 am Music & Worship Mtg.

3:00 pm AA

5:00 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Disciple IV

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The** **Food Pantry** dates are Dec. 2nd and 23rd. If you can help, please be at the church by 9 am. Thanks!

**New Member Class** will start Sunday December 6th at 9:30am. Anyone who would like to join the church is encouraged to come.

**Blood Drive** at St. Anthony’s Parish Life Center, Tuesday, December 8th from noon-5pm. Sponsored by the Mackinaw Women’s Club andVerisiti.

**There is still time to return your 2021 Pledge!** If you need a form, please contact the office.

**Now taking Poinsettia Orders.** Plants are $11 this year and orders are due by December 4th.Order forms are on the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall.

**Hanging of the Greens** will take place immediately following worship today. A light lunch will be served. There will be a craft table for kids with Shannon. Help us dress our church for Christmas!

**2nd Annual SARM *Exercise for Your Soul***   
Challenge proceeds will go to purchase “coats for kids”. There will also be a large box in Fellowship Hall for donations of ‘”new with tags” kids coats. No used coats, please. Challenge money due by December 12th. Make sure you mark challenges as “Coats for Kids”.

**Thanksgiving Envelope proceeds will benefit the COS Food Pantry.**

Need transportation to the doctor or the store? Need someone to pick-up prescriptions or groceries? How about minor handyman repairs? Call us, **Ron Illikman 231-445-8482 or Clif Kennedy 231-436-5851.** We are members of St Anthony’s Catholic Church providing a Christian missionary service. So, if you have a need or just need a little assistance during these difficult times and you live in the Mackinaw/ Carp Lake area, call and we will be happy to meet your needs.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: the family of Elmer Jackson, Jr, Mike Ware, Craig Day, Matt & Nikki Haigh, Ron Irwin, Greg Harwick, Dave Chevalier, Marianne Murray, Jerry Archer, Betty Strieby, Kay Watkins, Kim Wein, Ann Pfleegor, Amber (Shannon’s cousin) Tammy Brahm, Deanna Oches, Brooke, Terry Davis, Andrea Sarto, Evelyn Canales, Christina Beck, Karen Thompson, Scott Cool, Nelson LaPointe, David Hawver, Landon Masters, Ron Frazier, all Law Enforcement, Pastor Judith Harrington, Jamie Rayder, Skeeter Barrette, Alvina Williams, Mark Clemens, JoAnn Rinehart, James Boyke, David Tomaski, Carol Brown, Cless Hurlburt, B.J. Magers, Bill Marvin, Bill Szubielak, Beth Wickliffe, Craig Morlanen, Bob Wheelan, Nancy Sheldon, Joanne Wallin, Peter Larson, Agatha Anderson, David Cluley, Kandi Soler, Linda Gilsman, Ted Stone, Ricki Caswell, Irene Rasmussen, Jeanine Clemens, Katie Darrow, Casey Holsinger, Naomi Gomez, Katie Roberts, Leslie Sherman, John Delis, Rick Pauley, Mary Marquis, Theresa Gonzales, Chuck Adkins, Bill Nowaske, Adam Greenly, Jimmy Wilkins, Julie Burnett, Janet Schaefer, Doris Rottschalk, Kate Walugembe, and our Military.

Nikki Haneczek

Welcome to Our Service

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