**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

December 15, 2019 10:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Welcome and Announcements*

* *Please sign our attendance pads; pass it down the pew, take time to note with whom you are sitting, so that you can greet them later.*
* *Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with your joys/prayer concerns. Ushers will collect them during prayer time.*
* *Clink for Kate’s Kids. Today we ‘clink’ to raise funds for “Kate Walugembe’s Kids” and her mission efforts in Uganda. All donations provide for the children’s basic and personal needs. Please reflect on the comfortable life we enjoy and try to extend that comfort to these needy children by giving generously.*

Advent Wreath Lighting   
 Duarte & Creary Families

\*Call to Worship in Song #134

“Emmanuel”

\*Prayer of Confession   
 **No name is adequate to give to you, O God! Your Son, our Savior, has many names given, but one purpose. He would glorify your name and save your creation and it started in the manger, in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn “How Great Our Joy” #144

First Scripture Reading pg. 922  
Micah 5:2-3

Liturgist – Danna Marvin

Children’s Time

\*Affirmation of Faith through Song screen

“Worthy is the Lamb”

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.**

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1050

John 1:29-34

Sermon “The Name Means Something –   
 Lamb of God!”

\*Hymn #143

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

\*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.*

*Please join us for refreshments following the Worship Service in 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

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.

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**In the Nursery – for 1st grade and younger**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Dec. 22 10:30 am Deb Miller

Dec. 29 10:30 am Don Hawver

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

12/08/19 10:30 am 90

12/09/18 10:30 am 99

**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**

**December 15** – **22, 2019**

**SUN 12-15** 3:00 pmAA

5:00 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Disciple IV

**MON 12-16** 3:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

**TUE 12-17** 1:30 pm Pinecrest Fellowship

7:00 pm BOG Meeting

**WED 12-18** 10:00 am Food Pantry

**THR 12-19** 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

**SAT 12-21** 9:00 am Men’s Group

**SUN 12-22** 9:30 am NO Sunday School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Katie Darrow would appreciate** help with rides to Petoskey 3 times a week for dialysis. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, thank you.

**The Food Pantry is NOT** accepting any clothing except **CLEAN, GOOD** winter coats and boots.

**“A Taste of Joy”** cookbooks now available. They will be for sale in Fellowship Hall following worship. Cost for each cookbook is $15.00.

**The large poinsettias** are in loving memory of Roy Prillwitz and in honor of Chuck & Ginny Brew’s 49th wedding anniversary.



Find us on Facebook at:  
 **SARM YOUTH**  
This is a closed group – watch for up-coming dates and events!

**As we prepare our hearts and minds this Advent Season,** let us remember how blessed we are because of our Lord Jesus Christ. Starting today, there is a large “Christmas Card” in Fellowship Hall. Instead of sending cards to our Church Family at COS, sign a greeting to them on the card. Then deposit the money you *would have spent* on stamps in the box next to it. The money will go to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund to help those in the community with holiday needs

**Christmas Envelopes** in the bulletins **December 22** and **Christmas Eve** will go towards the **Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.**

***Join us Christmas Eve*** *at 7:00 pm for a Live Nativity and Candlelight Service.*

**\*\*There will be NO Sunday School, Prayer Group or Disciple Class on December 22nd or 29th. All will resume on January 5th**

**The 45 shoeboxes we packed and sent to Operation Christmas Child** in November, were sent to Peru!! Please continue to pray for the children who received our boxes.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: the family of Sharon Bonter, Jay Jansen, Tom Pfeifer, Sr., Beth Wickliffe, Tom Pann, Craig Morlanen, Jack Cain, Ken McGuire, Nielie Foster, Bob Wheelan, Katy Stone, Nancy Sheldon, Mark Wilkey, Wendy, Harold Todd, Liz Zabik, Lauren Richey, David, John and Rosemary, Sharon Scheller, Joanne Wallin, Peter Larson, Agatha Andersson, Claudia Schneider, David Cluley, Kandi Soler, Linda Gilsman, Scott Holmquist, Rochelle Kennedy, Ted Stone, Beth Mottsinger, Shirley Maiville, Mary Sikkens, Larry Dodson, Carla Stone, Tim Zabik, John Kurtz, DanTassier, Pastor Dave, Ricki Caswell, Nan Keck, Pastor Jerry Tallman, Irene Rasmussen, Jeanine Clemens, Don Bedell, Katie Darrow, Casey Holsinger, Jodi Prieur, Naomi Gomez, Diane Stevens, Katie Roberts, Al Artz, Leslie Sherman, John Delis, Rick Pauley, Mary Marquis, Theresa Gonzales, Chuck Adkins, Bill Nowaske, Adam Greenly, Hailey Williams, Laurel Birk, Adam Cripps, Jolene Rogala, Nathan Raboin, Jimmy Wilkins, Julie Burnett, Janet Schaefer, Doris Rottschalk, Kate Walugembe, and our Military.

Nikki Haneczek

Welcome to Our Service

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