**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

December 29, 2019 10:30 a.m.

*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.*

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\*Call to Worship in Song screen

“I Surrender All”

\*Prayer of Confession   
**We had prepared for Christ’s birth, O God, but we aren’t always prepared for what follows. John the Baptist prepared the way for the disciples and your Word prepared the way for us, in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #160

“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

First Scripture Reading pg. 950  
Malachi 3:1-4

Liturgist – Don Hawver

Children’s Time

\*Affirmation of Faith through Song screen

“We Adore You”

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

Special Music Jim Stevens

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1049

John 1:6-14

Sermon “How Important is Preparation?”

\*Hymn #138  
 “Go Tell It On the Mountain”

\*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.

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF**

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

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Jan. 5 10:30 am Bill Marvin

Jan. 12 10:30 am Deb Moore

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

12/22/19 10:30 am 95

12/23/18 10:30 am 100

**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 29** – **January 5, 2020**

**SUN 12-29** 3:00 pmAA

**MON 12-30**  NO Women’s Bible Study

**WED 1-1**  **Happy New Year to All**

**THR 1-2** 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

**SAT 1-4** 9:00 am Men’s Group

**SUN 1-5** 9:30 am Adult/Youth Sunday Sch

10:30 am Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

5:00 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Disciple IV

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Katie Darrow would like to thank all her faithful drivers.** She is leaving for FL on the 30th and will be back the first week of April. So you can all take a break! Thank you so much ♥

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

**“A Taste of Joy”** cookbooks were so popular, the first printing has sold out. Call the office to order yours, to be printed after the New Year. Cost for each cookbook is $15.00.



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

**Looking for someone to decorate the Fellowship Tables in 2020!** There are decorations to use in the cupboards – talk to Judy in the office. Thank you!

**Women's Winter Retreat** will be January 17 to 19, 2020 at Cedar Campus in Gloria Taylor Cottage.  All are welcome.  Sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Bill Marvin, Janice, Liz Cole, Bill Szubielak, Rick Chapman, Jay Jansen, Tom Pfeifer, Sr., Beth Wickliffe, Tom Pann, Craig Morlanen, Ken McGuire, Bob Wheelan, Katy Stone, Nancy Sheldon, Harold Todd, 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, 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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