**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

December 30, 2018 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.*

\*Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-5 pg. 545

Liturgist – Elizabeth Zabik

\*Opening Hymn #125

“Joy to the World

\*Prayer of Confession   
**Our Father, Forgiveness is about starting over with a clean slate. We look into the New Year and ask for a new start. Forgive us in our selfish behavior. Through your Holy Spirit give us the strength, the holy fortitude, to live in a God-honoring way in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

First Scripture Reading pg. 547

Psalm 29

Time with Children

\*Affirmation of Faith through Song #76

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

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. 1180

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Message “WHO?” Bill Marvin

\*Hymn “Here I Am Lord” screen

\*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.*

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*Please join us for refreshments after the 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**

Dec. 30 – Ariel Durant

Jan. 6 – Ariel Durant  
 Jan. 13 – *need someone*

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Jan. 6 – Deb Moore

Jan. 13 – *need someone*

Jan. 20 – *need someone*

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

12/23/18 10:30 am 100

12/24/17 10:30 am 111

**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 30, 2018 – January 6, 2019**

**SUN 12-30** 3:00 pmAA

**TUE 1-1-19**  **Happy New Year!**

**WED 1-2** 10:00 am Food Pantry

**SAT 1-5** 9:00 am Men’s Accountability

**SUN 1-6** 9:30 am Youth/Adult Sun. School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

5:00 pm Prayer Meeting

6:00 pm Disciple III

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Check your coat pockets!** If you find a key fob that isn’t yours, please contact the church office, thanks!

**\*\*There will be NO Prayer Meeting, Sunday School or Disciple Class on December 30th. All resume on January 6th**

**The darling little Christmas Trees** on the tables in Fellowship Hall can be purchased for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the Food Pantry. If you don’t have room in your home for one, consider taking one to a shut-in! Merry Christmas!

**January is Baby Bottle Blessings Month –**baby bottles will be in aBassinet in Fellowship Hall. Pleaseprayerfully take a bottle home, fill itwith change and return it to the church by February 1st. Money collected will be sent to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Cheboygan.

**Have a Heart for Our Youth?**

Attend an information meeting in January. Erin Iafrate, Young Life, Grand Traverse Area Director will be here. We will explain our direction and plan to reach our youth for Christ. Please attend meeting:  
Tuesday, January 29th, 6pm-8pm. Food provided.  
 Thanks! Vicki

**Thank you to Bill Marvin** for filling the pulpit this morning as Pastor Dave and Lisa are enjoying their kids and grandkids ♥ ♥

**No Men’s Breakfast this week**… Come on January 17th for food and fellowship!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Christina Beck, Emma Zabik, Taylor Tritz, Paige DeWitte, Katie Roberts, Mary Rose Shivers, Al Artz, Karen Krueger, Nancy Campbell, Leslie Sherman, John Delis, Jerry Prior, Gregg Kolaski, Chuck McCready, Karen Spencer, Rhianon Visser, Carol Fischer, Angela Williams, youth at Tip of the Mitt, Brendan Zabik, Rick Pauley, Denny Qualey, Mary Marquis, Kathy King, Nellie Foster, Theresa Gonzales, Mark Sellers, Staci Belanger, Chloe Jade, Chuck Adkins, Bill Nowaske, Sharon Bonter, Autumn Carpenter, Art Schneider, Bob Bach, Charlie Porter, Katie Leach, Jessica Yager, Jennifer Cole, Bud Stone, Maurice Harbert, Roland Wilson, Pryce Redmond, Karen Exton, Becky Davis, Adam Greenly, Herb Plaunt, Bill Burnett, Mary Springer, Mary Barrett, Staci Borths, Florence Tracy, Hailey Williams, Alvina Williams, Mary Margaret Cosens, Laurel Birk, Valerie Witte, Jack Keck, Debbie Bakke, Adam Cripps, Judy Knight, Fritz Jackson, JoAnn Wallin, Mary Madigan, Tillie Frazier, Sandy Huskey, Denice Hansen, Jolene Rogala, Nathan Raboin, Dave Bryers, Jimmy Wilkins, Marilyn Cole, Cindy Cotway, Dan Clark, Julie Burnett, Kelly Reynolds, Julie Mallory, Janet Schaefer, Doris Rottschalk, Janice Wallis, Doug Bonter, Brad Atkins, Arvella Tenbrink, Lisa Emelander, Marty Mol, Mason Brey, Kate Walugembe, and our Military.

Nikki Haneczek

Welcome to Our Service

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