**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

January 13, 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.*

\*Call to Worship in Song “Breathe” screen

 \*Prayer of Confession
**Dear God, sometimes life is a struggle. Sometimes we even struggle with you! In the end, help us to always rest in your loving arms as we navigate life. You are our strength, our hope, our life and our love, in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

Hymn “Amazing Grace” #202

First Scripture Reading pg. 33

Liturgist – Don Hawver Genesis 32:24-30

Time with Children

\*Affirmation of Faith through Song screen

“Amazing Love”

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. 1157

Ephesians 2:11-13, 19-20

Sermon
 “Have You Ever Wrestled with God?”

\*Hymn #477
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

\*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**

 Jan. 13 – Ariel Durant
 Jan. 20 –  *need someone*

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

 Jan. 20 – Ross Bell

 Jan. 27 – *need someone*

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

 1/6/19 10:30 am 98

 1/7/18 10:30 am 84

**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**

**January 13 – 20, 2019**

**SUN 1-13** 3:00 pmAA

5:00 pm Prayer Meeting

 6:00 pm Disciple III

**MON 1-14** 3:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

**TUE 1-15**  10:00 am Sr Chair Yoga
 2:00 pm Pinecrest Fellowship

**WED 1-16** 10:00 am Food Pantry

**THR 1-17** 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

 10:00 am Willing Workers Meeting

 6:30 pm Adult Game Night

**SAT 1-19** 9:00 am Men’s Accountability

**SUN 1-20** 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**

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes –**

January is hats, gloves, scarves

**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

 **Next Week is Clink for Kate’s Kids**

**Adults**, please join us for an evening of games, fellowship and fun, Thursday, January 17th from 6:30-8:30ish. Snacks will be provided. Feel free to invite all your friends to join in!

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th immediately after worship. Rev. Scott Harmon, the UMC Northern Skies District Superintendent will be here and hopefully a representative from the ECO Presbytery. Lunch will be served following the meeting.
\*\*PPRC will meet with Rev. Scott Harmon that morning at 9:30 am.

**Community of Christ Church** on M33 in Cheboygan monthly Community Clothing Closet will be held January 15-16-17.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: June Winner, Aria & Addie, Christina Beck, Emma Zabik, Taylor Tritz, Paige DeWitte, Katie Roberts, Mary Rose Shivers, Al Artz, Karen Krueger, 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, 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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