**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

March 24, 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 Psalm 30:4-5 NKJV

Liturgist – Bill Marvin

\*Prayer of Confession   
**Lord, You will keep us in perfect peace, because our mind is fixed on You, because we trust in You. We trust in You forever, for in You, oh Lord, is everlasting strength.**

*(adapted from Isaiah 26:3-4)*

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #252

First Scripture Reading pg. 984

Matthew 25:34

Children’s Time – God Loves You for Sure

\*Affirmation of Faith through Song #88

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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 “Walking the Glory Road”   
 Music & Lyrics by Chris Keene

Second Scripture Reading pg. 966

Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon “For God So Loved the World”

\*Hymn #289

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

\*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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 Mar. 24 – Ariel Durant

Mar. 31 – Laura Jackson

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Mar. 31 – Don Hawver

Apr. 07 – Elizabeth Zabik

Apr. 14 – Ross Bell

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

3/17/19 10:30 am 78

3/18/18 10:30 am 82

**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**

**March 24 – March 31, 2019**

**SUN 3-24** 3:00 pmAA

**MON 3-25** 3:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

**TUE 3-26**  10:00 am Senior Chair Yoga

11:00 am Evangelism Meeting

**WED 3-27** 10:00 am Food Pantry

4-6:00 pm WyldLife Club

**SAT 3-30** 9:00 am Men’s Accountability

**SUN 3-31** 9:30 am Adult Sun. School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

5:00 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Disciple III

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes –**

*March is quality crafts month – knitted,   
 crocheted, sewing or no-sew items*

**Easter Flower Order Forms** are in Fellowship Hall on the Sign-up table. Orders need to be to the church office no later than April 8th.

**Mackinaw Straits WyldLife Club** will meet on Wednesday, March 27,  4 – 6 pm at the Mackinaw City Rec Center. Calling all youth 5th – 9th grade to join us during spring break. Come learn pickle ball from 4:30-5:30 pm, during club. Join us for food, games, fun, fun, fun...

Please pray for the Club and our youth, they are our future!

**Next Sunday is Casserole, Cake & Change it Up Day!** Sponsored by the Willing Workers, bring a casserole or cake for Fellowship Lunch following worship. Change it up by sitting somewhere other than where you usually do!

**Mary Margaret Cosens** passed away on Tuesday, March 19th. A service will be held sometime in mid June. Details to follow.

**We thank Chris Keene for filling the Pulpit today as Pastor Dave and Lisa are in FL visiting Matt and family!**Chris Keene is a retired teacher and a former pastor. He lives in the city of Cheboygan. He taught in the public schools for 29 years and retired in 2014. At the present time, he is working with emotional impaired students at the Cheboygan Intermediate School. In 1994 he was ordained by a small rural nondenominational community church located in Ocqueoc, MI where he pastored for 5 years. He has been married to his wife Donna for 30 years and has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. His greatest ambition is to preach and sing and to help people learn to appreciate themselves for who they are.

**No Youth Sunday School next week!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: the family of Mary Margaret Cosens, Sandra Millbocker, Kari Bedell, Jim Rose, Ann Phleegor, Jeanine Clemens, Don Bedell, Katie Darrow, Jim Rose, Amy Rogala, Casey Holsinger, Joel Thies, Riley & Pat Martin, Jack Keck, Nancy Branch, Sam Clark, Karen Geary, Barb Lennon, Meredith Cole, Tara Jo, Dorothy Churchill, Carol Fischer, Jodi Prieur, Naomi Gomez, Diane Stevens, Jim Yager, Diane Dann, Grace Pearlman, Angela Williams, Christina Beck, Taylor Fritz, Paige DeWitte, Katie Roberts, Al Artz, Leslie Sherman, John Delis, Gregg Kolaski, youth at Tip of the Mitt, Rick Pauley, Mary Marquis, Theresa Gonzales, Staci Belanger, Chuck Adkins, Bill Nowaske, Sharon Bonter, Art Schneider, Jennifer Cole, Bud Stone, Pryce Redmond, Adam Greenly, Herb Plaunt, Florence Tracy, Hailey Williams, Alvina Williams, Laurel Birk, Adam Cripps, JoAnn Wallin, Mary Madigan, Tillie Frazier, Denice Hansen, Jolene Rogala, Nathan Raboin, Dave Bryers, Jimmy Wilkins, Marilyn Cole, Julie Burnett, Julie Mallory, Janet Schaefer, Doris Rottschalk, Janice Wallis, Arvella Tenbrink, Lisa Emelander, Marty Mol, Mason Brey, Kate Walugembe, and our Military.

Nikki Haneczek

Welcome to Our Service

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