

WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

December 1, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with  
your joys/prayers/concerns. Ushers will  
collect them during prayer time.

\*Call to Worship on screen  
“Offering”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
-George & Gail Ranville

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #119  
“O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

First Scripture Reading pg. 52  
Genesis 49: 8-12  
Liturgist—Roger Moore

Children’s Time  
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 tres-  
passes as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the king-  
dom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

\*Stand if able: Bold = congregational response

\*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen  
“Adore Him”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
\*Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 955  
Matthew 1: 1-6, 17

Sermon  
“Christmas Can Come out of a Sordid Past!”

Communion see insert

\*Hymn #123  
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude on screen  
“He Is Able”

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Please join us for refreshments after the  
service in the 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
2. 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
3. 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 eve-  
rything I do. Make me the kind of person you  
want me to be.”

What to Do

Go to God in prayer daily.  
Read God’s word daily.  
Open your life to other Christian friends.  
Worship 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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Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

Nursery is open for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Dec 8 10:30 am Sharolyn Metternich  
Dec 15 10:30 am Ginny Brew  
Dec 22 10:30 am Randy Mikah  
Dec 29 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

11/24/24	10:30 am	99
11/26/23	10:30 am	85

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 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**  
**Dec 1, 2024 – Dec 8, 2024**

SUN 12-1	3:00 pm	AA
	3:30 pm	Cantata Practice
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 12-2	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
TUES 12-3	12:00 pm	Blood Drive
	2:00 pm	Pinecrest Fellowship
WED 12-4	10:00 am	Food Pantry
	12:30 pm	Bell Choir
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
	6:30 pm	18:20 Meetup Class
THUR 12-5	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SAT 12-7	9:00 am	Men's Group
	11:00 am	"Wrap Session"
	5:00 pm	Cantata Practice
SUN 12-8	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	2:00 pm	Christmas Cantata
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Coats for Kids**  
We are collecting coats and donations for kids in our area. Please make checks out to SARM.

**Christmas Poinsettias Orders Due by Dec 8th**  
We will be decorating our Altar again this Christmas. Six inch potted plants will be available to order for \$15.75 Please see Deb Downing if you have any questions.



**Christmas "Wrap Session" Sat Dec 7th 11am-3pm**  
Get those gifts wrapped before they are discovered! Enjoy a yuletide atmosphere. Nibble on cookies, savor a little coffee. Enjoy shortening your holiday to-do list. Wrapping paper is supplied or bring your own

**Santa Secret Training Center Books Available**  
By the entryway. Paperback \$14.95 Hardcover \$21.95  
Ornaments: \$10, 100% of profits go to Children's Ministry.

**Gussie Williams New Address**  
Beacon Hill #445  
2400 South Finley Road  
Lombard, IL 60148

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dec 1:** Hanging of the Greens
- Dec 7:** Christmas Wrap Session
- Dec 8:** Christmas Cantata
- Dec 15:** Christmas Pot Luck
- Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service 7pm



**Christmas Cantata Practice**  
**Sundays 3:30pm to 5pm**  
Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday Dec 8th. At 2pm

**Matthew 18:20 Meetup Class**  
Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to fellowship, it's all about Jesus! Please plan to attend.

**Hanging of the Greens today after service.**



**Blood Drive Dec 3rd 12pm to 4:30pm**  
Mackinaw Woman's Club and St. Anthony Catholic Church are hosting a Community Blood Drive on December 3, 2024, 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm, at the St Anthony's Parish Hall, 600 W Central Ave, Mackinaw City. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call Donna Falor at 231-445-0151 or visit [versiti.org/miblood](https://www.versiti.org/miblood) and search 'Mackinaw' to schedule your appointment on-line. Save lives across Michigan by donating blood.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Kelly Clark, Bill Marvin, Ann Hayes, Larry and Karen Gillion, Brenda Zabik, Courtney Valentine, Tammy and Paul Braum, Joyce Kinsey-Weiss, Lori Cote, Kevin Simm, Janet Moret, Rog Meyers, Mary Lou Peters, Bryan Green, Sheri Wisley, Donna Vigneau, Thomas Sheldon, Larry Dodson, Ed Weiss, Bob Steward, Becky Jankowski,, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, Persecuted Christians, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.  
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**Welcome to Our Service**

