

WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

December 14, 2025 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
-Michael & Donna Canales

*Prayer of Confession
Dear God, may the joy unfathomable be
the joy we express as we live for You. People
need to know what they are missing without
You, so they can know what they’ll have in
You. Joy in Jesus Christ, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #1
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

First Scripture Reading pg. 709
Isaiah 35: 3-10
Liturgist—Sharolynn Metternich

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.

*Stand if able: Bold = congregational response

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.

*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen
“Blessed Be Your Name”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Special Music Samanatha Sprague
“There Was Jesus”

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1013
Luke 1: 46-55

Sermon
“Everlasting Joy is Priceless, and It’s Yours!”

*Hymn #125
“Joy to the World”

*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 every-
thing 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.



CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF

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Clerk	Laura Jackson
Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Dec 21 10:30 am Ginny Brew
Dec 28 10:30 am
Jan 4 10:30 am Bill Marvin
Jan 11 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/7/25	10:30 am	73
12/8/24	10:30 am	88

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 14, 2025 – Dec 21, 2025

SUN 12-14	12:00 pm	Christmas Potluck
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 12-15	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
WED 12-17	10:00 am	Food Pantry
	12:30 pm	Bell Choir
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas
THUR 12-19	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SAT 12-20	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 12-21	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Church on Sundays with Communion
Usually the first Sunday of the month.

A Crafting Bee will be held the 2nd Saturday of each month starting January 10th. Crafting will start at 2pm and continue until 6pm (or when people are "crafted out"- whichever comes first). Bring your paints, scrapbook paper, sewing, or whatever you like to do. Daycare will be provided, and I encourage you to bring a finger snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share. Contact Samantha Sprague @ 231-884-4458 with questions.

Next Food Pantry Dec 17th, 10am to Noon

Helpers are needed to distribute as well donations to support the pantry. If you know of someone in need please let us know how we can help! The pantry will be open every other Wednesday.



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.

Coats for Kids

Our Youth Group is now accepting monetary donations along with new winter Coats, Boots, Snow Pants, and Socks. All donations stay local. The monetary \$ donation goes towards a youth shopping trip to purchase winter items for children in need. Donation end date: **12-14**

Children's Church Dinner and a Movie Dec 23rd

Will be meeting at the Keyhole for dinner and seeing the movie "David" afterwards. Please see Shannon.

Christmas Potluck Today after service

We will gather after the service for Christmas Fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.



Blue Christmas Celebration

On Dec 17th at 7pm. This worship service includes opportunities for expression of grief, pain, and heartbreak as well as an opportunity to focus on the promise of hope found in Jesus Christ. Join us as we worship together!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm Dec 24th



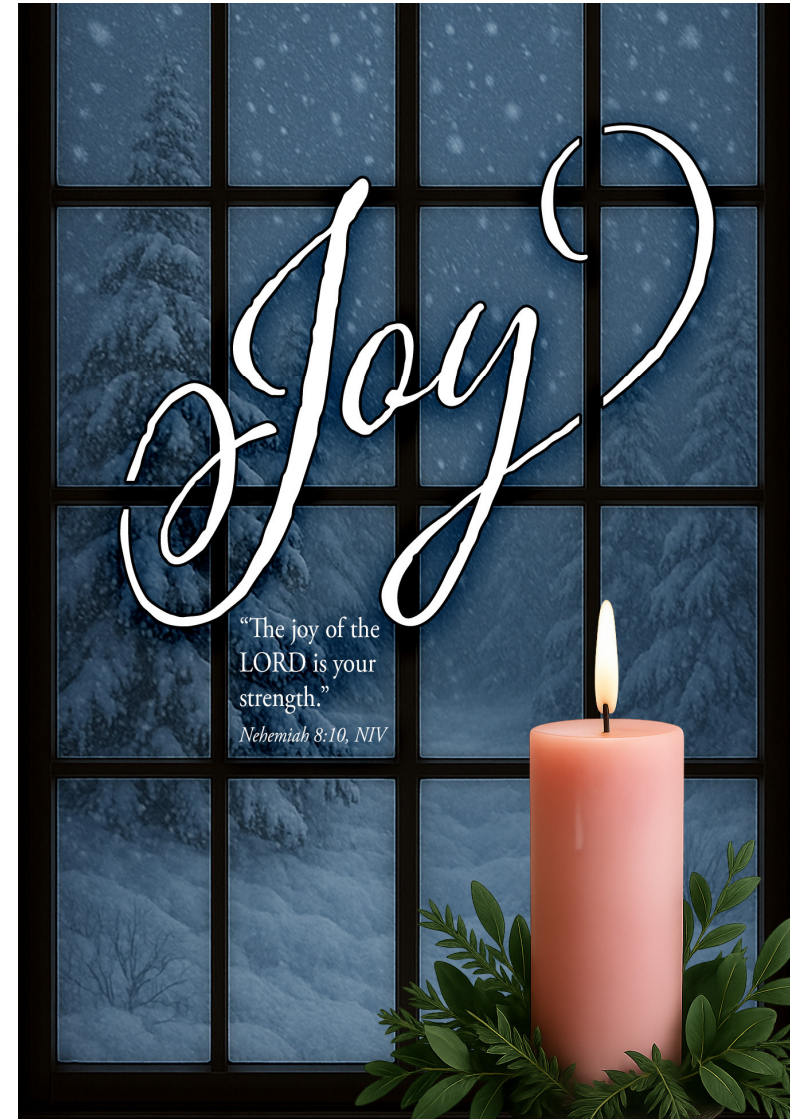
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Mackenzie Paul, Mike Hampton, David Kruege Sr, Bev Jones, Sarah Burgor, Kassie Burgor, Mark Kuehn, Karen Wells, Dawn McDonald, Cassandra Gillette, Stephane Adams, Bob Howell, Todd French, Joni Reed, Deb Lemmer, Al & Kathy Carlson, Lisa Wallis, Rob Ranville, Sarah, Kristen Hines, Bill Marvin, 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