**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

September 25, 2022 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 screen

“The Heart of Worship”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of the universe, we ask for your Word to be our word, that your truth is embedded in us. Help us to seek you always and everywhere, in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn “Higher Ground” #399

First Scripture Reading pg. 701  
 Isaiah 28:16

Liturgist – Sylvia Truman

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 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 screen

“Hosanna”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1163

Philippians 3:12-16; 4:1-3

Sermon

“Life is Complicated, Opinions Abound, Where Do We Go With It?”

\*Hymn #405

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

\*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.*

*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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Secretary Judy Churchill

**Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Oct. 2 10:30 am Ann Hayes

Oct. 9 10:30 am Tom Jones

Oct. 16 10:30 am Julie Burnett  
 Oct. 23 10:30 am Deb Moore

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

09/18/22 10:30 am 97

09/19/21 10:30 am 91

**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**

**September 25 – October 2, 2022**

**SUN 9-25**  3:00 pm AA

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**MON 9-26**  3:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

**TUE 9-27**  7:00 pm BOG Meeting

**WED 9-28** 12:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

2:00 pm Bible Journaling

**SAT 10-1**  9:00 am Men’s Group

**SUN 10-2**  9:30 am Adult/Youth Sun School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dear Congregation,**There is a split that is taking place in the denomination and we are in the middle of it. We will be voting on Sunday October 2nd  after service. Please see pastor if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

**“Parting is such sweet sorrow”**

Please plan to attend a good-bye and Godspeed reception following the service today, honoring our friends and neighbors, Jim and Judy Churchill.  We reluctantly send them downstate & to Arizona, thinking of all they have contributed to our church, both as members and in their roles as Office Administrator & Custodian.    
Get the Kleenex ready, folks!   
 ~ Sue O’Dwyer and Shannon Cooley

**Handbell Choir Seeking Members**

Interested in joing the handbell chior? They meet every Wednesday at 12:30pm in the sancutary. A group of balloons

Description automatically generated with medium confidence**S.A.R.M. Fall Schedule**

Oct-9 Youth Ministry Sunday Celebrating S.A.R.M. pizza party 12:00pm at Nonna Lisa’s

Oct-Dec. change to make a change…..coats for Kids

Oct-31 Trunk or Treat Mackinaw City Rec Center…COS, Willing Workers and S.A.R.M

Nov-1 Exercise for Your Soul begins /Coats for Kids  

Nov-20 Youth Ministry Sunday cookie decorating bake sale and coffee hour 10am-1pm

Dec-11 Youth Ministry Sunday Children Community Christmas party 2-4pm

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Susan Homan, Laura Whitmore, Bill Marvin, Ed Palenkas, Vicki Bryers, Keith Harrison, Brooke, Marcia Wyderko, Tina Swenson, Nicholas D’Agostino, Corey Robertson, Michelle Truman, Carl Mogg, Steve Warmke, June Daniels, Ron Ostrus, Mike Lawandus, Gary Brooks, Leslie McCracken, Bill Ptashnik, Kimberly Holbern, Todd Stokes, Barbara King, Bailey Cameron, Jim Nord, Mike Churchill, Lisa Bennett, Katy Stone, Mike Beck, Joe Cain, Alane Bergstrom, Michelle Windsor, Kait Dill, Travis Hunt, Jerry Harper, Dave Krueger, Freda Hudson, Patty Soper, Nancy Hinsman, Anna Bennett, Evelyn Canales, Landon Masters, Alvina Williams, JoAnn Rinehart, Joanne Wallin, Peter Larson, Agatha Anderson, Linda Gilsman, Ricki Caswell, Irene Rasmussen, Casey Holsinger, Katie Roberts, Leslie Sherman, John Delis, Mary Marquis, Chuck Adkins, Adam Greenly, Jimmy Wilkins, Janet Schaefer, Candace Krueger, Dennis Howell, Dan Bushman, Jim Beadle, our Military and All First Responders.

Nikki Haneczek

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Welcome to Our Service

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