**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

September 4, 2022 9:00 a.m.

**Labor Day Sunday**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*\*With the Special Music, please refrain from applause during the service, thank you*

Special Music Jim Quales

\*Prayer of Confession   
 **“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” In a world of chaos may your Spirit speak loudly to your people, in Jesus’ name, Amen!** (Acts 2:17)

\*Gloria Patri #623

First Scripture Reading pg. 659  
 Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

Liturgist – Elizabeth Zabik

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 through Song #354

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1140

1 Corinthians 15:58

Sermon   
 “Is The American Dream Diminished?”

\*Hymn #350

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in 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.*

*There will be no Coffee Hour this week.*

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

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Sept. 11 **10:30 am** Ann Hayes

Sept. 18 **10:30 am** Bill Marvin

Sept. 25 **10:30 am** Sylvia Truman

Oct. 2 **10:30 am** Ann Hayes

Oct. 9 10:30 am Tom Jones

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

08/28/22 10:30 am 122

08/29/21 10:30 am 90

**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 4 – 11, 2022**

**SUN 9-04**  10:30 am Concert at the Park

**11:00 am Worship in the Park**

3:00 pm AA

No Prayer Group this week

**MON 9-05**  Labor Day – office is closed

7:00 am SARM Bridge Walk

**TUE 9-06** 2:00 pm Pinecrest Fellowship

6:30 pm PPRC Meeting

**WED 9-07** 2:00 pm Bible Journaling

**SAT 9-10**  9:00 am Men’s Group

**SUN 9-11** 9:30 am Adult/Youth Sun Sch

**10:30 am** Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dear Congregation,**In the next week or so you will be receiving a document and letter that relates to what is going on in the United Methodist Church and how the BOG thinks we should respond. There is a split that is taking place in the denomination and we are in the middle of it. We will be sharing this document with the membership and having two listening sessions to determine what we want to do. The listening sessions are scheduled for September 18th after church and Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm. A vote will take place Sunday, October 2nd after the worship service. Hope to see you there!

**Labor Day – SARM is walking the bridge!** Meet at COS at 7:00 am. Breakfast following at Audie’s. Pick-up tme TBA. Please contact Shannon if your youth is planning to walk so she can ordr t-shirts!!!

**Directory Photo Makeup** at St Matthews/Boyne City on Wed., Sept 7 from 2-8:30 pm . Email [jemingerink@aol.com](mailto:jemingerink@aol.com) to sign up

**Youth Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30am!**

**“Parting is such sweet sorrow”**

Please plan to attend a good-bye and Godspeed reception following the September 25th service, 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

**The Bliss Pioneer Memorial Church** in Bliss at the corner of Pleasantview Rd and Sturgeon Bay Road will hold it’s 59th Annual Church Service on Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 pm. Pastor Paul Halcraft of the Bliss Missionary Service will have the message and our own Jim Stevens will provide special music and lead the congregational hymns. The historical church, which is 119 yrs old, only has 2 scheduled services a year.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Brooke, Marcia Wyderko, Tina Swenson, Nicholas D’Agostino, Corey Robertson, Michelle Truman, Carl Mogg, Steve Warmke, June Daniels, Earnie Bullock, Ron Ostrus, John Deitwhiller, Deb Moore, Burkleigh Wallis, Mike, Stan, Gary Brooks, Stephanie, 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, Darlene (Mike Ware’s sister), 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, Rick Pauley, Mary Marquis, Chuck Adkins, Adam Greenly, Jimmy Wilkins, Janet Schaefer, Candace Krueger, Dennis Howell, Dan Bushman, Tucker Caswell, Scott Cool, Jim Beadle, our Military and All First Responders.

Nikki Haneczek

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Welcome to Our Service

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