

WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

December 8, 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  
“We Adore You”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
-Brian & Kim Langhorne

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #120  
“The Advent of Our God”

First Scripture Reading pg. 738  
Isaiah 60: 1-3  
Liturgist—Sharolyn 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. 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.

\*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen  
“Messiah’s Song”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
\*Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 955  
Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon  
“Christmas Can Come In a Troubled Present!”

\*Hymn #124  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*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!



\*Stand if able: Bold = congregational response

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

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Dec 15 10:30 am Ginny Brew  
Dec 22 10:30 am Randy Mikah  
Dec 29 10:30 am Dutch Miller  
Jan 5 10:30 am Deb Miller

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/1/24	10:30 am	91
12/3/23	10:30 am	101

**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 8, 2024 – Dec 15, 2024

<b>SUN 12-8</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Cantata</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>AA</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<b>MON 12-9</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>WED 12-11</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Journaling</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>18:20 Meetup Class</b>
<b>SAT 12-14</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>
<b>SUN 12-15</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>AA</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coats for Kids

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

### Still time for Christmas Poinsettias Orders

We ordered a few extra, please get your order in soon. Six inch potted plants will be available to order for \$15.75 Please see Deb Downing if you have any questions.



### 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



### Blue Christmas Celebration

On Dec 18th 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!

## Upcoming Events:

**Dec 15:** Christmas Pot Luck  
**Dec 18:** Blue Christmas Service 7pm  
**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service 7pm

### Matthew 18:20 Meetup Class

Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to fellowship, it's all about Jesus! Please plan to attend.

### Christmas Pot Luck Dec 15th

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



### Food Pantry Dec 18th 10-11am

The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!

### \*Christmas Eve Service Dec 24th 7pm\*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Betty Kocher, Mary Downing, 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.  
Phone: 231-436-8682 Email: cotsoffice@yahoo.com

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**ARISE,  
SHINE;  
FOR YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME,  
AND THE GLORY  
OF THE LORD  
HAS RISEN  
UPON YOU.**

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV  
Welcome to Our Service

