

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

December 17, 2023 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
"Adore Him"

Advent Wreath Lighting
-John & Brenda Keller

*Prayer of Confession
While we look forward to celebrating the Advent of Jesus, we also celebrate the advent of your church in Acts. May we continue to proclaim the story so others will hear, in Jesus' name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #128
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

First Scripture Reading pg. 760
Jeremiah 10: 23-25
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

*Stand if able: **Bold** = congregational response

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
"Mary Did You Know?"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1080
Acts 3: 12-26

Sermon
"The Healer is the Cure, Not the Healing!"

*Hymn #132
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*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

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

Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Dec 24 10:30 am Elizabeth Zabik
Dec 31 10:30 am Michelle Williams
Jan 7 10:30 am Danna Marvin
Jan 14 10:30 am Rose LaPointe

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/10/23	10:30 am	102
12/11/22	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 17, 2023 – Dec 24, 2023

SUN 12-17	12:00 pm	Christmas Pot Luck
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 12-18	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
TUE 12-19	7:00 pm	BOG
WED 12-20	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas
THUR 12-21	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SAT 12-23	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 12-24	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary Window Fund
Progress: \$67.5K out of \$73K



Food Pantry Dec 27th 10-11am
The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!

New Members Class: Starting Soon for those who have expressed interest in joining Church of the Straits. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Dave or the church office. Classes will involve two or three Sundays at 9:30am before worship service. If you can't attend then Pastor Dave will make arrangements with you. Because of the holidays approaching we will probably start mid January.

If you ordered a poinsettia for the Sanctuary, you may take it home following the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Potluck

Starts today! After service. Bring a dish to pass and table service. Please sign up at the table in the entryway. Hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events:

- Dec 17:** Christmas Pot Luck after Church
- Dec 20:** Blue Christmas Celebration
- Dec 24:** Christmas Eve 7pm
- Dec 30:** Shopping for Coats for Kids



Change to Make a Change Oct-Dec Coats for Kids
Help S.A.R.M (Straits Area Resort Ministry) and the Salvation Army keep kids warm this winter! S.A.R.M is accepting donations of new coats and monetary donations for our youth group to go shopping for coats. Please have your donations in before Dec 17 2023. Drop off location at Church of the Straits. Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm.

Blue Christmas Celebration
On Dec 20th 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!

No Bible Journaling Dec 20th or 27th.

Youth Sunday School Returns Jan 14th

Christmas Eve Service 7pm

Saturday, December 24th we will be having our Christmas Eve service at 7pm. Please plan to attend.



Christmas Offering Envelopes

Will be for Pastor's Discretionary Fund

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Susan Rene, Lynda, Terri, Samantha Cooley, Mary Lou Peters, Carl Strieby, Bob Steward, Roger Moore, Stephanie Valentine, Roseanne Ron Cooper, Sheldon, Karen Valet, Kim Fetera, Sue Shemanski, Harmon Family, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Cheryl Newman, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.

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Welcome to Our Service

