

**WELCOME TO
THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**
Pastor David Wallis

December 18, 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 on screen

“Adore Him”

Advent Wreath Lighting
-Bill & Danna Marvin

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #131

“Angels From the Realm of Glory”

First Scripture Reading pg. 738
Isaiah 60: 1-3
Liturgist – Deb Miller

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.

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

*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. 1015
Luke 2: 25-32

Sermon
“He Would Come and the World
Would Change!”

*Hymn #148

“O Holy Night”

*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*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

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.

THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF

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Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Dec. 25	10:30 am	Sharolyn Metternich
Jan. 1	10:30 am	Sharolyn Metternich
Jan. 8	10:30 am	Julie Burnett
Jan. 15	10:30 am	Sharolyn Metternich

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/11/22	10:30 am	101
12/12/21	10:30 am	100

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

December 18, 2022 – December 25, 2022

SUN 12-18	12:00 pm	Christmas Potluck
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 12-19	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
TUE 12-20	10:00 am	Willing Workers
SAT 12-24	9:00 am	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
SUN 12-25	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



Sunday School Winter Break

No Youth Sunday School Dec 25th or Jan 1st.

Seeking Content

If you would like to have any information displayed in either the bulletin or the church newsletter please contact the Church office by phone or email. Advertise your community event or bring attention to interesting information you would like to share. Thank you!

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Will be for Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Winter Youth Retreat

If you are interested in attending the retreat, please see Shannon Cooley before Jan 1st. For 5th Grade+

Food Pantry Continues Dec 28

We will be providing assistance to those in need. Helping hands are always appreciated. 10-11am.



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



Thank You!

The Food Pantry and SARM Coats for kids have received several generous donations. Thanks for all your help providing for those in need.

Christmas Eve Service 7pm

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Margaret Inglis, Becki & Al, Patrick, Dahlon, Dave Dodison, Michelle Truman, Herrick Family, Sally Case, Dave Bailey, Cyndy Norton, Cassandra Gillette, Dianna, Don Hawver, Greg Yoder, Brooke Turner, Nolan, Darlene Winslow, Roland Weber, Mike Beck, Gerry Lou and Andy Kania, Cheri Swanson, Sara Heckman, Betsy Garber, Becky Baker, Jackson Wallin, Tammy Braum, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Ed Palenkas, Vicki Bryers, June Daniels, Gary Brooks, Leslie McCracken, 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