

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

January 28, 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
"The Heart of Worship"

*Prayer of Confession
Lord, it's hard to swim upstream when the current is going against us. We know that upstream is where the truth is. The truth will set us and others free, so help us to swim toward you and against evil, in Jesus' name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #358
"I Am Thine, O Lord"

First Scripture Reading pg. 279
1 Samuel 17: 32-37
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.

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

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
"Run to the Father"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1082
Acts 5: 12-25

Sermon
"Swimming Upstream is Harder!"

*Hymn #259
"Breathe on Me, Breath o God"

*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

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 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Feb 4 10:30 am Deb Moore

Feb 11 10:30 am Rose LaPointe

Feb 18 10:30 am Michelle Williams

Feb 25 10:30 am Don Hawver

Sunday Worship Attendance

1/21/24	10:30 am	110
1/22/23	10:30 am	99

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
Jan 28, 2024 – Feb 4, 2024

SUN 1-28	12:00 pm	Annual Meeting & Lunch
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 1-29	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
WED 1-31	12:30 pm	Bell Choir
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
THUR 2-1	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SAT 2-3	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 2-4	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Food Pantry Feb 7th 10-11am
The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held today January 28th following the service. Lunch will be provided following.



S.A.R.M. "Change for a Change"

will be collecting newly purchased or handmade hats, mittens and socks for the Mackinaw City Elementary School, January thru March!

New Midweek Bible Study

Lead by Michael Canales. Wednesdays at 6:30pm to 8pm starting on January 31st. We will be studying the book of Romans. The class will be geared to those of all faith levels, please plan to participate!



Pot Luck Feb 18th Following Service

Please bring a big dish to share. All leftovers will be going to the Peruvian Kids.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 28:** Annual Meeting
- Jan 31:** Wednesday Bible Study Starts
- Feb 11:** Bowling and Pizza at SpareTime Lanes
- Feb 13:** Valentines Bingo
- Feb 18:** Pot Luck After Service



Coffee Hour Signup Needed

Please sign up by the entryway if you would like to help out with Coffee Hour/Fellowship after service. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child

January Ideas – Hats, gloves, scarves. If you are a knitter or crocheter – put those scraps of yarn to good use!



Memorial Day Parade

We will be taking donations to help purchase books that will be handed out at the Memorial Day parade again this year. The Parade will be on Saturday May 25th and we need people to walk with us and have room for 16 riders. Please plan to sign up and help out! Come have fun with us!

Valentines Bingo Feb 13th 11:30am

All seniors and shut-ins please join us for a no cost bingo and Lunch.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Chad Imeson, Kellie Imeson, Rick DeMarr, Candace Killingbeck, Roy, Evie Kaiser, Susan Reno, Maria Parks, Jim Herman, Warren Dodson, Ken Breic, Michael Levy, Ellie Hollars, Patricia Ruth Pumanca Medina, 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, 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.
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The Living Water



Welcome to Our Service

