

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

January 7, 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  
"How Great Is Our God"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**O God, so fill us with your Holy Spirit today that we never again cower at the opportunity to share you with others. Jeremiah and Peter didn't shrink and neither should we, in Jesus' name, Amen**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #297  
"I Love to Tell the Story"

First Scripture Reading pg. 770  
Jeremiah 20: 8-11  
Liturgist—Danna Marvin

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  
"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
\*Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1080  
Acts 4: 13-22

Sermon  
"We Can't Help It!"

Communion (see insert)

\*Hymn #309  
"Pass It On"

\*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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Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

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

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Jan 14 10:30 am Rose LaPointe  
Jan 21 10:30 am Michelle Williams  
Jan 28 10:30 am  
Feb 4 10:30 am Sylvia Truman

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/31/23	10:30 am	108
1/1/23	10:30 am	63

**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 7, 2024 – Jan 14, 2024

<b>SUN 1-7</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>AA</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<b>MON 1-8</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>TUE 1-9</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Pinecrest Fellowship</b>
<b>WED 1-10</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Journaling</b>
<b>SAT 1-13</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>
<b>SUN 1-14</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>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Food Pantry Jan 10th 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.

**2024 Offering Envelopes Available**

Please pick up your envelopes in the Fellowship hall.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

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



**Upcoming Events:**

- Jan 20:** SARM at Creation Station
- Jan 28:** Annual Meeting
- Feb 11:** Bowling and Pizza at SpareTime Lanes



**Youth Sunday School Returns Jan 14th**



**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!

**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!

**S.A.R.M Coats for Kids:**

Thank you! for all of your support. SARM raised over \$1000 and we were able to donate in total 81 coats, 2 pairs of boots, and 6 pairs of snow pants.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Jim Herman, Warren Dodson, Cheryl Rizzardi, 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, Cheryl Newman, 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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and  
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Welcome to Our Service