

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

July 23, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
*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  
"Let Him Reign"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Your mere title of Savior and Redeemer, O God, indicates that we are going to be alright. Nothing can stop us when we are in you. Everything is a net positive in Christ, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #435  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

First Scripture Reading pg. 606  
Psalm 118: 1-7  
Liturgist—Tom Jones

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  
"The Lion and the Lamb"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading pg. 1119  
Romans 8: 28-30

Special Music Jim Stevens

Sermon  
"Everything in Christ is a Net Positive!"

\*Hymn #257  
"The Comforter Has Come"

\*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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

July 30 10:00 am Dutch Miller  
Aug 6 10:00 am Michelle Williams  
Aug 13 10:00 am Julie Burnett  
Aug 20 10:00 am Don Hawver

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

7/16/23	10:00 am	101
7/17/22	10:00 am	122

**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**  
July 23, 2023 – July 30, 2023

<b>SUN 7-23</b>	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>MON 7-24</b>	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>TUE 7-25</b>	7:00 pm	BOG
<b>WED 7-26</b>	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
<b>THUR 7-27</b>	9:00 am	St Anthony Garage Sale
<b>SAT 7-29</b>	9:00 am	Men's Group
<b>SUN 7-30</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group

**Upcoming Events:**

July 23: Church Picnic  
Aug 7-11: Vacation Bible Camp  
Aug 26: The Sound—Concert  
Sept 4: Labor Day Bridge Walk



**Church Picnic Sunday July 23rd**  
Today! Immediately after service here at the Church. Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad and Chips will be provided.



**St Anthony Annual Garage Sale Thursday July 27th**  
9am to 3pm. Bake Sale, Antiques. Goodwill offering on all purchases, except antiques and specialty items.  
Location: Inside and Outside St Anthony Parish Hall at 600 W Central Ave, Mackinaw City.

**Change to Make a Change - July thru Sept**  
SARM is accepting donations for the AA Crisis Pregnancy Center. Contact Shannon Cooly for more info.

**New Church Website Address:**  
[www.churchofthestraits.com](http://www.churchofthestraits.com)



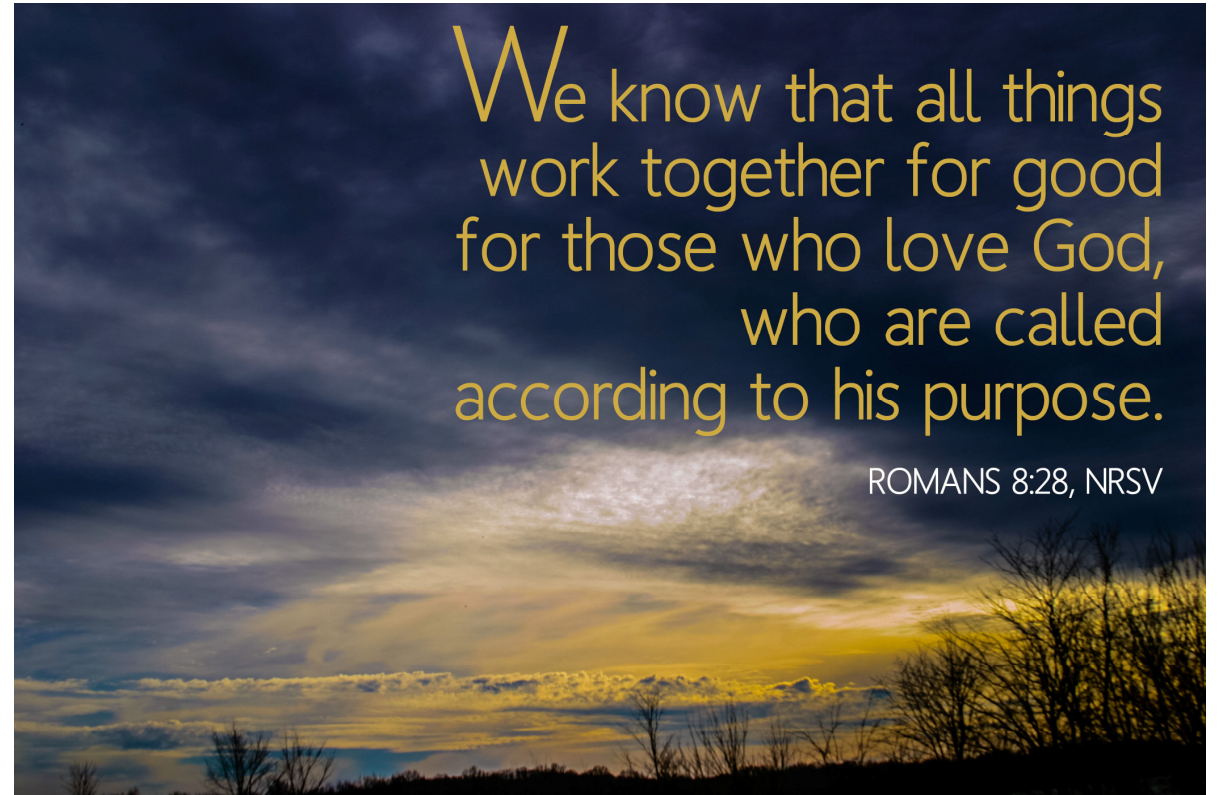
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Courtney Miskuff, Laura Jackson, Roy Cole, Sandra Tillman, Harmon Family, Diane Stevens, Nancy, Danny, Karen Caswell, Barbie, Devon Dicus, Molly Tate, Hazel Sexton, Mary Brooks, John Smith, Phyllis Smith, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Diane Hulburt, Miranda Zabik, Cheryl Newman, Mike Hampton, Dylan Teadt, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Amy Rogala, Miranda Zabik, JoAnn Rinehart, McKenzie, Amy, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, our Military and All First Responders.

**Church of the Straits**  
Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)  
and  
Global Methodist  
Federated

We know that all things  
work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called  
according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28, NRSV



Welcome to Our Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE!** "The Sound" is coming to Mackinaw City on **Saturday, Aug. 26 at Conkling Park at 8pm** COTS is the sponsor. Please plan to attend! Any questions, please call Sue O'Dwyer at 404-384-9940



**VBS Aug 7-11th 9am to Noon**

The week is fast approaching! We will need lots of donations and volunteers. VBS Sunday will be July 30th. Please see Kim Jutson if you have any questions.



**Request for Decorations:** If you have any artificial plants that we could borrow for VBS we will be decorating the Church with a jungle setting. The plants will be returned after VBS week. Contact Shannon Cooley if you have any questions. Thank You!

