

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

July 2, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Fifth 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
"How Great Thou Art"

*Prayer of Confession
Dear God, you gave us this Country to enjoy and worship you. We broke the bonds that crippled our freedom so we could freely worship You. Thank You for the privilege of living here. Help us to get back to the things that made our Country great, our Judeo-Christian principles and reliance upon You, in Jesus' name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #571
"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

First Scripture Reading pg. 621
Psalm 145: 8-13
Liturgist—Deb Moore

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.

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

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.

*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen
"Indescribable"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading pg. 1192
Hebrews 11: 8-16

Special Music Volunteer Choir
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" #569

Sermon
"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness!"

Communion (See Insert)

*Hymn #574
"If My People's Hearts Are Humbled"

*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:

July 9 10:00 am Michelle Williams

July 16 10:00 am Julie Burnett

July 23 10:00 am Tom Jones

July 30 10:00 am Dutch Miller

Sunday Worship Attendance

6/25/23 10:30 am 121

6/26/22 10:30 am 110

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 2, 2023 – July 9, 2023

SUN 7-2	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 7-3	11:00 am	Patricia Loch Memorial
THUR 7-6	10:00 am	VBS Meeting
	11:00 am	Bill Ptashnik Memorial
SAT 7-8	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 7-9	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Traditional Service
	10:00 am	Sunday Sundae Kilwins
	2:00 pm	Fred Thompson Memorial
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! “The Sound” (a Dove-award winning Southern Gospel trio) is coming to Mackinaw City’s “Music in Mackinaw” series on **Saturday, Aug. 26 at Conklin Park at 8pm** COTS is the sponsor. Please plan to attend and bring your friends, neighbors and lost/found tourist visitors. Any questions, please call Sue O’Dwyer at 404-384-9940



Coffee Hour Help Needed: We’re always looking for helpers! There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for the coming months. Please don’t feel you have to do an “elaborate spread”. Cookies and coffee, some juice is all that is needed.



VBS Aug 7-11th 9am to Noon



The week is fast approaching! We will need lots of donations and volunteers. There is a meeting on **Thursday July 6th at 10am** for anyone who wants to help out. VBS Sunday will be July 30th. Please see Kim Jutson if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events:

July 9: Sunday Sundae Kilwins
July 23: Church Picnic
Aug 7-11: Vacation Bible Camp
Aug 26: The Sound—Concert



Church Picnic Sunday July 23rd

Immediately after service here at the Church. Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad and Chips will be provided. Sign-up sheet for desserts will be by the entryway.



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

Sunday Sundae July 9th at 10am
SARM is hosting a trip to Kilwins! Pick up will be here at the Church. Come out for a great time!

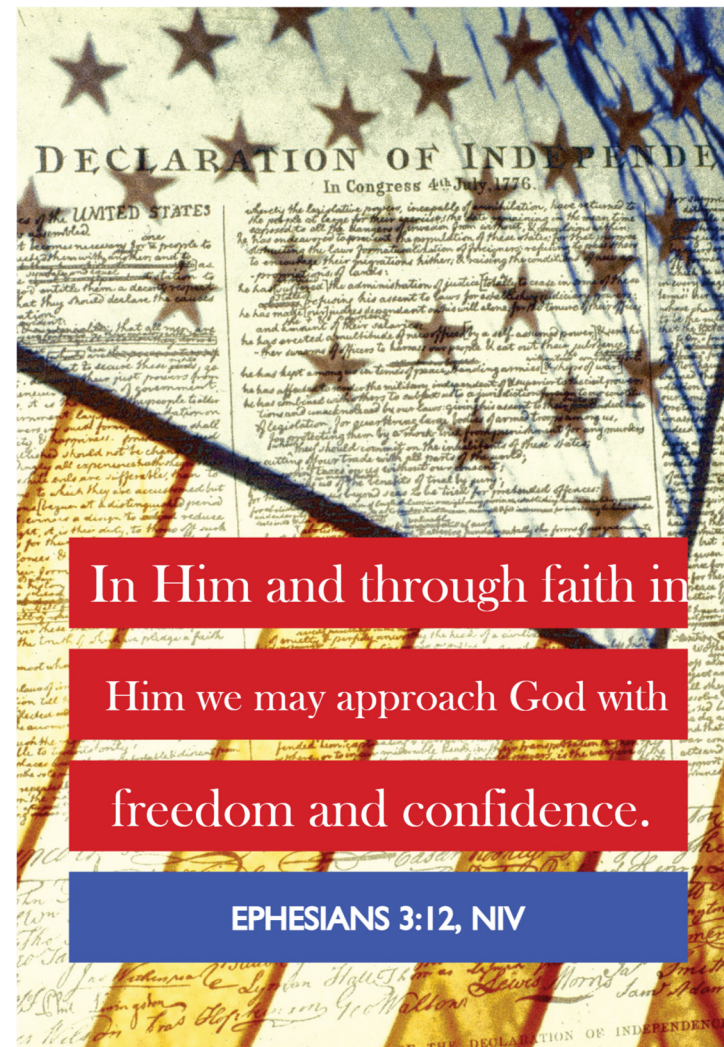
Volunteer Opportunity
Marita Archer is in need of help mowing her lawn. If you have a mower and can assist please call Marita: 231.420.8456 Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Barbie, Devon Dictus, Molly Tate, Hazel Sexton, Mary Brooks, John Smith, Phyllis Smith, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Diane Hulburt, Miranda Zabik, Tara Masters, Cheryl Newman, Roger Moore, Mike Hampton, Buddy Teevens, Andrew Liptin, 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.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.

Church of the Straits
Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)
and
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In Him and through faith in

Him we may approach God with

freedom and confidence.

EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV

Welcome to Our Service

