

WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

December 21, 2025 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”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
-Les & Laura Jackson

*Prayer of Confession
Lord of Heaven, You came down to earth to show us what love really is. It stated in a manger, was exemplified in a perfect life, and was clearly manifest on the cross. It was completed in the resurrection. Thank you for Your sacrificial love, in Jesus’ name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623
*Hymn #123
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

First Scripture Reading pg. 690, 698
Isaiah 16: 5, 25: 6-9
Liturgist—Ginny Brew

Children’s Time

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer



*Stand if able: Bold = congregational response

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.

*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen
“Messiah’s Song”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Bell Choir
“Come Let Us Adore Him”

*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Special Music Bell Choir
“Carol of the Bells”

Second Scripture Reading pg. 955
Matthew 1: 18-21

Sermon
“The Love of God Made Visible!”

*Hymn #128
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

*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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Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Dec 28 10:30 am Deb Moore
Jan 4 10:30 am Bill Marvin
Jan 11 10:30 am
Jan 18 10:30 am Sylvia Truman

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/14/25	10:30 am	77
12/15/24	10:30 am	104

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 Dec 21 2025 – Dec 28, 2025

SUN 12-21	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 12-22	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
WED 12-24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
SAT 12-27	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 12-28	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Church on Sundays with Communion
Usually the first Sunday of the month.

A Crafting Bee will be held the 2nd Saturday of each month starting January 10th. Crafting will start at 2pm and continue until 6pm (or when people are “crafted out”- whichever comes first). Bring your paints, scrapbook paper, sewing, or whatever you like to do. Daycare will be provided, and I encourage you to bring a finger snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share. Contact Samantha Sprague @ 231-884-4458 with questions.

Next Food Pantry Dec 31st, 10am to Noon

Helpers are needed to distribute as well donations to support the pantry. If you know of someone in need please let us know how we can help! The pantry will be open every other Wednesday.



Santa Secret Training Center Books Available

By the entryway. Paperback \$14.95 Hardcover \$21.95
Ornaments: \$10, 100% of profits go to Children's Ministry.

Christmas Envelopes will benefit the Food Pantry

Thank You! For all the donations for Coats for Kids. Shannon will be shopping with our youth group soon. All donations stay local.

Children's Church Dinner and a Movie Dec 23rd

Will be meeting at the Courtyard Cinema at 2:15pm to see the movie “David” followed by dinner afterwards. Pickup at the Keyhole 5:30pm Please see Shannon if you have questions.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm Dec 24th

We will be having our Christmas Eve candle light service Wednesday Please plan to attend.



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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday January 25th following the service. Lunch will be provided following.

Year End Financial Contributions

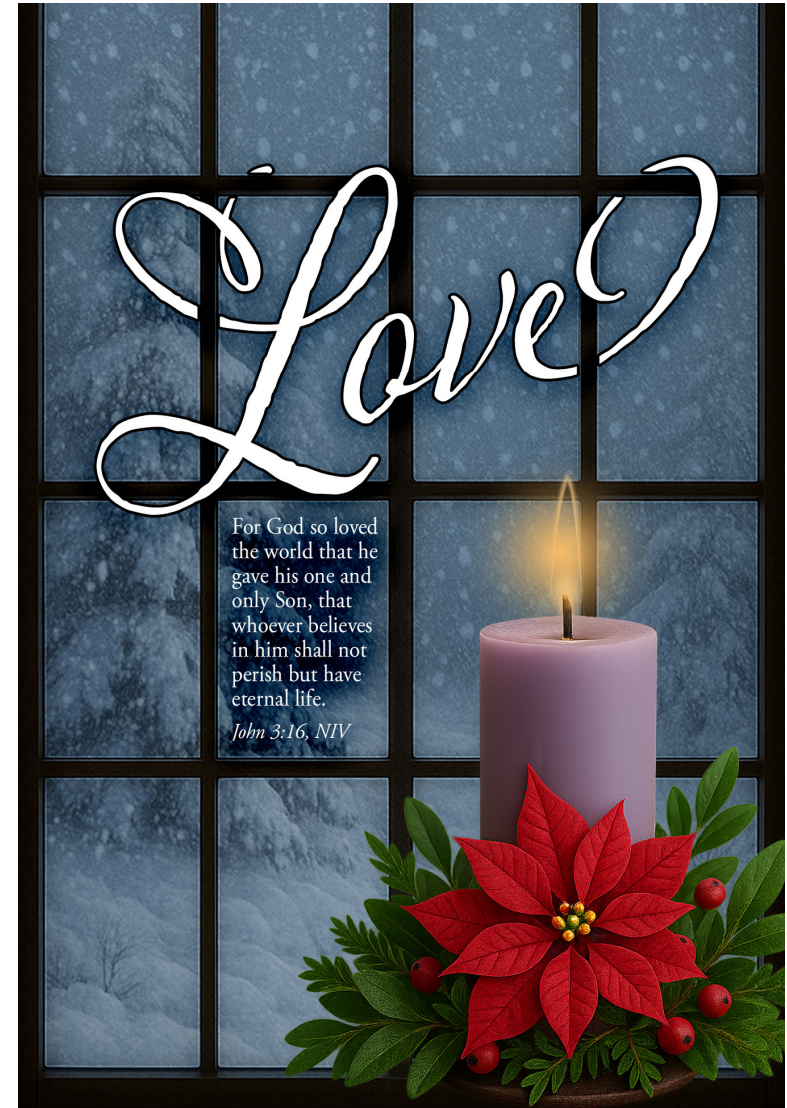
Any donations you would like to apply for the 2025 calendar year need to be in to the Church by Sunday Dec 28th. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Evelyn Reed, Julie Downing, Mackenzie Paul, Mike Hampton, David Kruege Sr, Bev Jones, Sarah Burgor, Kassie Burgor, Mark Kuehn, Karen Wells, Dawn McDonald, Cassandra Gillette, Stephane Adams, Bob Howell, Todd French, Joni Reed, Deb Lemmer, Al & Kathy Carlson, Lisa Wallis, Rob Ranville, Sarah, Kristen Hines, Bill Marvin, Bob Steward, Becky Janowski, 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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Welcome to Our Service

