

WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

January 4, 2026 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  
“Glorify Thy Name”

\*Prayer of Confession  
Obviously You are God! We can see Your  
handiwork all around us. Your handiwork is  
also evidenced within us. Thank You for  
Your creative work in giving us life, hope,  
salvation, and an eternal home. May this be  
an epiphany to others as well, in Jesus’ name,  
Amen!

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #163  
“As With Gladness, Men of Old”

First Scripture Reading pg. 33  
Genesys 32: 24-31  
Liturgist—Bill 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 tres-  
passes 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

“How Great is Our God”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
\*Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 956  
Matthew 2: 1-2

Sermon  
“Everyone Needs an Epiphany—  
That Aha Moment!”

Communion see insert

\*Hymn #166  
“We Three Kings”

\*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!



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 eve-  
rything 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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	Erin Masters
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Clerk	Laura Jackson
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:

Jan 11 10:30 am  
Jan 18 10:30 am Sylvia Truman  
Jan 25 10:30 am  
Feb 1 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/28/25	10:30 am	102
12/29/24	10:30 am	112

**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 4, 2026 – Jan 11, 2026**

SUN 1-4	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 1-5	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
WED 1-7	12:30 pm	Bell Choir
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
SAT 1-10	9:00 am	Men's Group
	2:00 pm	Crafting Bee
SUN 1-11	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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting January 10<sup>th</sup>.** 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 Jan 14th, 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.

**2026 Offering Envelops are Available in the Fellowship Hall.**



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

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study Continues in Jan**  
Michael Canales is leading a bible study on the book of James Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Please see Michael if you have questions or would like to attend.

**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!



**Sign up for Coffee Hour and for Readers**  
Please sign up by the entryway if you would like to help out with Coffee Hour/ Fellowship after service or if you would like to read during the service. Thank you!

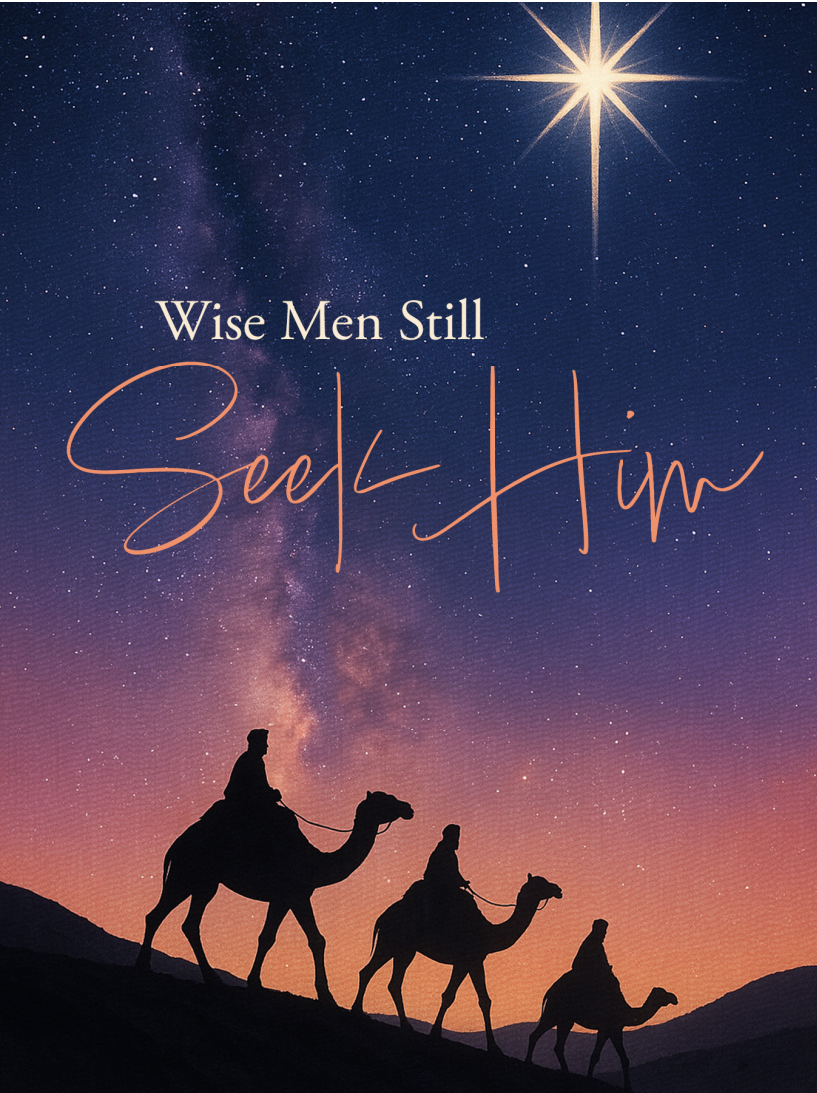
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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 Jan-kowski, 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