

WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

December 29, 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
“King of Kings”

*Prayer of Confession
O Lord, sometimes our present circum-
stances cloud the vision of our bright future.
Remind us You are here now and You will be
with us in eternity as well, In Jesus’ name,
Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623

*Hymn #157
“Away in a Manger”

First Scripture Reading pg. 686
Isaiah 11: 1-9
Liturgist—Dutch Miller

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. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the king-
dom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen
“Mary Did You Know”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1015
Luke 2: 25-32

Sermon
“He Is More Than We Bargained For!”

*Hymn #138
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*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:

Jan 5 10:30 am Deb Miller
Jan 12 10:30 am
Jan 19 10:30 am
Jan 26 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Attendance

12/22/24	10:30 am	-
12/24/23	10:30 am	109

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.

*Stand if able: Bold = congregational response

CHURCH CALENDAR
Dec 29, 2024 – Jan 5, 2024

SUN 12-29	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	AA Prayer Group
WED 1-1	10:00 am	Food Pantry
THUR 1-2	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
SAT 1-4	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 1-5	9:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Sunday School Traditional Service AA Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Journaling resumes Jan 8th

Coats for Kids
We are collecting coats and donations for kids in our area. Please make checks out to Church of the Straits.

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.

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



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

Year End Financial Contributions
Any donations you would like to apply for the 2024 calendar year need to be in to the Church by Sunday Dec 29th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

Jan 1: Food Pantry
Jan 26: Annual Congregational Meeting

Matthew 18:20 Meetup Class
Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to fellowship, it's all about Jesus! Please plan to attend.



Food Pantry Jan 1st 10-11am
The Pantry will run every other Wednesday thru the winter. New faces are welcome to come and join in!!

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Betty Kocher, Mary Downing, Kelly Clark, Bill Marvin, Ann Hayes, Larry and Karen Gillion, Brenda Zabik, Courtney Valentine, Tammy and Paul Braum, Joyce Kinsey-Weiss, Lori Cote, Kevin Simm, Janet Moret, Rog Meyers, Mary Lou Peters, Bryan Green, Sheri Wisley, Donna Vigneau, Thomas Sheldon, Larry Dodson, Ed Weiss, Bob Steward, Becky Jankowski,, 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
Global Methodist
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TO THE ONLY
WISE GOD BE
glory
FOREVERMORE
THROUGH
Jesus Christ!

ROMANS 16:27, ESV

Welcome to Our Service