

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Class of 2024

J. Michael Hall
Pete Wendel

Class of 2025

Lew Burchard
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Class of 2024

Sonja Stormo
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Class of 2026

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CHURCH STAFF

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Fairplain Presbyterian Church, rejoice in God's grace and redeeming love through Jesus Christ. We believe we have been called as God's children to create an open and welcoming community, to worship and praise God, and to nurture and support each other. We are called to develop our God-given gifts and to equip ourselves to reach out to the world in love and compassion. Thus prepared, we will share our faith, preach the gospel, feed the hungry, and be peacemakers according to God's will.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LITANY

Liturgist: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2).

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Liturgist: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.

December 22

Liturgist: Marlene Smith

Director of Music: Vladimir Slavujevic

Sound Technician: J. Michael Hall

Video Technician: Chris

Nursery: Jody Pauley

December 29

Liturgist: Rev. David Schell

Director of Music: Vladimir Slavujevic

Sound Technician: J. Michael Hall

Video Technician: Chris

Nursery: Jody Pauley

Prayer Requests & Joys: If you have prayer requests that you would like to leave as a voicemail to be played on Sunday morning, you can call 269-506.4859 to leave a message, and we will play it on Sunday morning.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

December 22 - 29

- TODAY:** 9:30 am – Worship (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
Marlene Smith – pulpit supply
Congregational Meeting
- TUESDAY:** 4 pm – Lessons & Carol Christmas Eve Service
- TUES-THURS:** Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed
- SUNDAY:** 9:30 am – Worship (Final Service)
The Rev. Laurie Hartzell – pulpit supply
Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION FINAL SERVICE & LUNCHEON – Please reply to Linda in the church office if you plan to attend our final worship service and catered luncheon on Sunday, December 29. Linda will need to know how many people in your family. Please email her at the church: fairplainpc@gmail.com or call the church office at 269.925.0041 no later than today.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: The Christmas Eve Service – Lessons and Carols will be on Tuesday, December 24 at 4 pm.

HOLIDAY HOURS: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 thru Thursday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On Sunday, Dec. 22 following worship there will be a Congregational Meeting to approve the following items:

1. The dissolution of the congregation, when the way be clear, but not later than September 30, 2025. Note: The “when the way be clear” language is used to provide flexibility in dealing with the numerous details related to church employees, finances, and contracts with various entities.
2. Extending the term of the following elders and trustees for one year: Pete Wendel, J. Michael Hall, Leslie Gilreath & Marlene Smith.

Note: These terms will end when the dissolution is effectuated.

3. Conveying to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan all real property held by Fairplain Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Note: This is consistent with the provisions of the Book of Order G-4.01 and G-4.02.