

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### Elders

#### Class of 2024

J. Michael Hall  
Pete Wendel

#### Class of 2025

Lew Burchard  
Bill Cundiff

#### Class of 2026

Robert Smith

### Deacons

#### Class of 2024

Sonja Stormo  
John Kauffman

#### Class of 2025

Linda Cogswell  
Kim Edinger

#### Class of 2026

George Pica  
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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.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

May 5 - 12

**TODAY:** 8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am – Worship (Communion)  
Refreshments

**TUESDAY:** 10 am – Bible Study

**THURSDAY:** Soup Kitchen  
NO FOOD PANTRY

**SUNDAY:** 9:30 am – Worship (Praise Band)  
Refreshments

**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 269-332-1118 to leave a message, and we will play it on Sunday morning.

### May 5

**Liturgist:** Robert Smith  
**Director of Music:** Vladimir Slavujevic  
**Sound Technician:** J. Michael Hall  
**Video Technician:** Bill Cundiff  
**Nursery:** Jody Pauley

### May 12

**Liturgist:** Kristen Schell  
**Director of Music:** Vladimir Slavujevic  
**Sound Technician:** J. Michael Hall  
**Video Technician:** Bill Cundiff  
**Nursery:** Jody Pauley

**PRAYERS (4/28/24):** The Duncan family, on the passing of Dr. Charles Duncan on April 26; Corbitts okay after several tornadoes in Texas; Ann Cundiff is still in Pine Ridge.

**PRAYERS: (4/14/24):** Jennifer Brotzki & family, on the passing of her mother Judy Eckroth on April 12. Jennifer, Ben & Abigail Brotzki's address is: 535 Golden Bear Court, St. Joseph MI 49085.

**PRAYERS (4/21/24):** Ernie Lewis, diagnosis of Parkinson's; **JOY:** Eloise Gundersen's cousin Janice & daughter-in-law Jill had successful surgeries.

**PRAYERS (4/14/24):** John Kauffman's son, Robert, diagnosed with prostate cancer, surgery in 1 month; Chris Corbitt's friend, John needs radiation for prostate & another surgery.

**PRAYERS (4/7/24):** Jerry Reutlinger, treated for back issues; Ann Cundiff broke ankle & in Pine Ridge, Room #200; Kristen Schell assisted with 4 births (5 babies) in March, support for families; Amalia's boyfriend lost his job 2 weeks ago; Leslie asks for prayers for Baltimore bridge collapse.

**ONGOING PRAYERS:** Pete Wendel's dad, looking for assisted living memory care facility for him; Greg Powell, entering Hospice Care and support for Vicki & family. People of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine; Greg Powell & Vicki Born; Bill Cundiff; Jill Wendel's stepfather Dan, pacemaker; Ann Cundiff; Augie Meyer; Candi Keschull.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PHOTO REQUEST:** If you have a photo you think would be good to use for front cover of bulletin, please submit to Linda in the office in a jpg format to the church email:

[fairplainpc@gmail.com](mailto:fairplainpc@gmail.com)



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## Music in Our Services

Our director of music, Vladimir Slavujevic, often with the support of his family and Fairplain's choir, arranges for our Introit, Anthem, and Offertory, except on Sundays when we are served by our Praise team, "Wherever Two..."

Our prelude, postlude, hymns, and regular service music are pre-recorded. Retired Australian pastor Clyde McLennan provided most of the recordings we use. Other service music was provided by church musician Sarah Bereza and recording artist Richard M.S. Irwin. These talented musicians have released their music to the Church for use in services at no cost. Our sending hymn, "Go Now In Peace," was recorded for Fairplain by our beloved former pianist Ronnie Zanella.

## Names for God in Our Services:

Observant Jews do not pronounce the Hebrew divine name, or Tetragrammaton, aloud. The Masoretes, a group of Jewish scribe-scholars, placed vowel markings under the four consonants of the divine name, indicating that a different Hebrew word should be read aloud when the reader came upon the divine name, usually "Adonai," "My Lord." Most English translations have adapted this practice by translating the divine name as "the LORD," in SMALL CAPS.

Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney picked up a practice from Dr. Joel Rosenberg in a prayer book used in a Jewish center: translating the divine name using other language scripture uses to speak of God, and placing those words in SMALL CAPS to indicate the divine name. Rev. David Schell has adopted that practice.