

ADDENDUM TO THE PLAN OF MERGER ADOPTED
MAY 20, 2025

The First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Michigan (“Decatur”) with **The First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw, Michigan** (“Paw Paw”), merging into the **Pine Street Presbyterian Church**, an ecclesiastical non-profit corporation organized for religious purposes, as the surviving corporation.

1. Membership. Including the description, number, classification, and voting rights of each constituent corporation.

Paw Paw: The Membership of Paw Paw includes Baptized Members, Active Members, Affiliate Members, and other participants. The members eligible to vote at any meeting and hold office in the Church shall be those persons listed on the Active Membership Roll of the Church (the “Congregation”) and who are physically present at the meeting. Paw Paw has eighty-five (85) members as of the approval date of this Merger.

Decatur: The membership of Decatur includes Baptized Members, Active Members, Affiliate Members, and other participants. All active members, (The “Congregation”) defined by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), who are physically or electronically present at a meeting of the congregation are entitled to vote. Decatur has fifty-nine (59) members as of the approval date of this Merger.

Pine Street Presbyterian Church: The “congregations” of Paw Paw and Decatur shall together comprise the starting membership of Pine Street Presbyterian Church retaining the same classification, description, and voting rights, totaling in number the sum of Paw Paw’s transferring members and Decatur’s transferring members. Those members indicating in writing to their respective session that they wish to have their membership transferred will have their membership transferred. The membership of those not wishing to transfer, as indicated in writing to their respective session, will either be terminated by their request or shall be held in trust by Lake Michigan Presbytery. The membership roll classifications of Pine Street Presbyterian Church will be the same as Decatur and Paw Paw, with the exception that the term “Congregation” shall indicate the Active Members.

2. Board. Including the description, number, classification, and voting rights of each constituent corporation’s board.

Paw Paw: The Officers of the Paw Paw Corporation are the President, Vice-President, Secretary (Clerk of Session), and the Treasurer. The Session nominates these officers annually and they are elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, except for the Treasurer, who is elected by the Session. Only persons listed on the Active Membership Roll of the Church are eligible to serve as elected Officers.

Decatur: The Session is comprised of the Pastor and no fewer than five and no more than seven elders as nominated by committee and elected by the congregation. The Session annually elects the Treasurer and the Clerk, who also serves as the Secretary at annual or special meetings. All Session members may vote, with the exception of the Pastor.

Pine Street Presbyterian Church: The Session is comprised of the Pastor, who serves as Moderator, and no fewer than seven and no more than nine elders, as nominated by committee and elected by the congregation. The initial elders shall be elected as follows: three (3) shall be elected to a term of one year, three (3) to a term of 2 years, and three (3) to a term of 3 years. Thereafter, the position of elder shall be filled yearly as needed, upon the expiration of the term.

The officers of the Corporation, who are elected yearly, are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice President are elected from the active elders serving on session. The Treasurer and the Clerk, who also serves as the Secretary of the Corporation must be ordained ruling elders but are not required to serve as active ruling elders. All session members may vote.

3. Terms and Conditions. Including the manner and basis of converting the membership from the dissolving corporations into the surviving corporation, and other provisions as deemed necessary.

Upon final approval of this Plan of Merger by the Presbytery of Lake Michigan in the Synod of The Covenant of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and upon the endorsement of a Certificate of Merger by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau Corporations Division, membership in Paw Paw or Decatur, for those members choosing to join Pine Street Presbyterian Church, shall with approval by the sessions of Paw Paw or Decatur be transferred to membership in **Pine Street Presbyterian Church**, without requiring certificates of transfer from members. For those members not wishing to transfer, their membership will either be terminated (by their request) or shall be held in trust by Lake Michigan Presbytery.

The building and property at 120 Pine St., Paw Paw MI 49079, belonging to Paw Paw, shall be transferred into the name of **Pine Street Presbyterian Church**, to be held in trust according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (G-2.0203), functioning as the new and sole location of **Pine Street Presbyterian Church**. The building and property at 119 E. Delaware St., Decatur Michigan, shall be transferred to Lake Michigan Presbytery. These real estate transactions are contingent upon the written approval, as signed below, of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, pursuant to The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order G-4.0206.

The Articles of Incorporation of **Pine Street Presbyterian Church** are not amended as a result of this Merger.

[Signatures and Authorized Approvals on the following pages]

APPROVED:

First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Michigan

DATE: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Authority: _____

The First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw, Michigan

DATE: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Authority: _____

Pine Street Presbyterian Church

DATE: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: David Vliek

Authority: Original Incorporator

Presbytery of Lake Michigan

DATE: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Authority: _____

Presbytery of Lake Michigan Administrative Commission

DATE: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Authority: _____