

Guest Information

Thank you for joining us for worship! Prattville First Methodist Church is a vibrant, caring, and active community of faith, affiliated with the Global Methodist denomination. We are committed to making Disciples of Jesus Christ who make an impact on our community and world by sharing Christ's love through worship, spiritual growth, service, and outreach. We offer two traditional worship services in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning at 8:30am and 11:00am.

Nursery and Children’s Worship

A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger. Following the “children’s moment,” children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join our team of children’s worship leaders for a special time of age-appropriate worship. Children may be picked up following the service in Epworth Hall in room 206 (EPW 206). The first Sunday of each month, the children remain in the sanctuary for communion. If you need assistance in locating the nursery, please ask a member of our hospitality team.

Children’s Activity Bags

New activity bags for children are available at the rear of the sanctuary. The bags include quiet games, puzzles, and coloring sheets for our youngest worshipers. Please ask a member of the hospitality team to assist you.

Sunday School

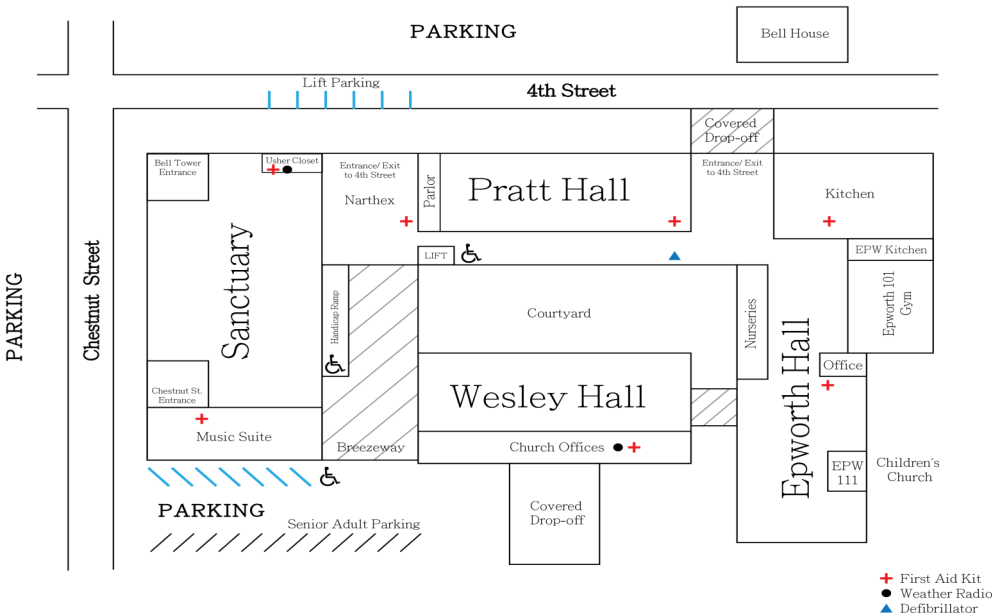
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location of classes.



Adult Sunday School and Weekly Small Groups

Scan this QR code for more information about the Adult Sunday School classes and our weekly Small Groups for adults

Prattville First Methodist Campus Map



This Week at Prattville First Methodist

- Today: 9:40am Fellowship Time, donuts and coffee (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups
10:00am New/Prospective Members Class (Wesley 101)
2:00pm Bible Club (Pratt Court)
5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Monday: 6:00pm SPRC Team (Wesley 101)
- Tuesday: 12:00pm Lenten Lunch (Pratt Hall)
5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)
6:00pm Women’s Group Faithfulness (Church Library)
- Wednesday: 10:30am Care Meal Delivery Team (Kitchen)
11:00m 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
5:00pm Wednesday Dinner (Pratt Hall)
5:45pm Children’s Choirs (various rooms)
6:00pm Adult Studies (check website for adult studies)
6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Children’s Activities (Epworth 101, the gym)
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday: 10:00am Games Day (Pratt Hall)
10:00am CS Lewis Study (Wesley 104)
- Saturday: 8-10am Man Group Gathering (Bridge Creek Clubhouse)

Announcements

Bible Club today 2pm at Pratt Court
All youth and volunteers please meet in front of the church office.

Jesus in the Wild - A Lent Series - February 24 - March 31
Tuesdays 12-1pm and Wednesday at 6pm
Contact the church office if you would like a copy of the book for personal study, Sunday School class, or Bible Study, \$10 each. Our Tuesday Lent Lunches (beginning Feb 24), Sermons, and a Wednesday Night Bible Study will follow the themes of the book, centered on Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness

Lenten Lunches begin this Tuesday - February 24th
Join us and invite a friend! Pratt Hall, 12-1:00pm. Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24 through Tuesday, March 31. No charge . . . just a freewill offering basket. Staff will bring our devotionals from the book *Jesus In the Wild*, Luke 4:1-14.

Wednesday Dinner Menu: Breakfast for Dinner!
Breakfast Casserole (ham), Bacon, Pancake Casserole, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits and Fruit (No salad bar)

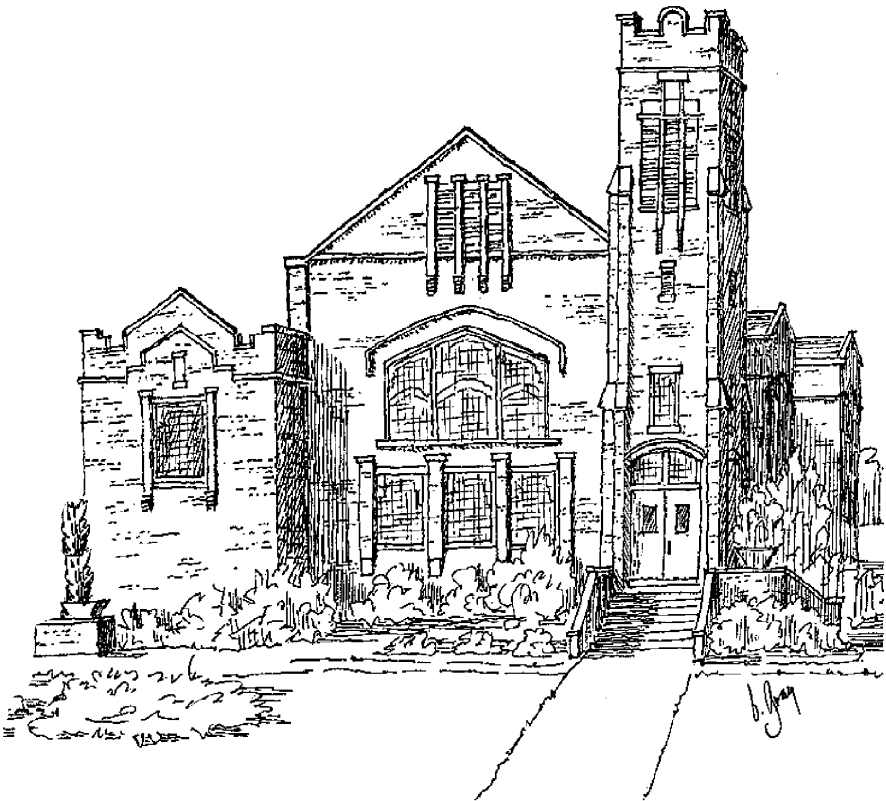
Needed! Ravioli! Ravioli! Ravioli!
Our Backpack Ministry is now providing meals for 70 children in our school systems. Ravioli is the main staple in our bags and we are running low. Thank you!

All PFMC Men Invited . . . Man Group Gathering, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 8-10am
Join us at Bridge Creek Clubhouse, Lakeview Drive in Prattville. “Learn, Connect, Grow.” No RSVP needed, Just come on and invite a friend! Breakfast provided.

Rise Against Hunger meal packing event will be on March 15, 3:00pm in Pratt Hall. We will be packing 20,000 meals.

Save the Date: Man Maker Conference with Dr. John Ed Mathison, Saturday, April 11th in Pratt Hall from 8am-12noon. Theme: “What Most Men Are Missing In Their Christian Walks.” Music by acclaimed artist, Daniel Mulkey.

Holy Week Services
Palm Sunday - March 29th, worship 8:30 and 11:00
Maundy Thursday Service - April 2nd, 6:30pm
Good Friday Service - April 3rd, 6:30pm
Spring Celebration / Egg Hunt - April 4th, 2-4pm
Easter Sunday - April 5th, worship 8:30 and 11:00am



First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026
8:30 and 11:00 AM

“For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.” ~ Psalm 66: 10

The mission of Prattville First Methodist Church is to develop faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who passionately worship, generously serve, and unselfishly love, all for the glory of God.

MORNING WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to others.

Chiming of the Trinity

The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prelude

God So Loved the World

Hamlin

Duet: Charlotte Nichols, organist and Christy Henson, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Larry Patton

We welcome each of you to this service! Please register your attendance on the attendance pads that are located at the end of your row. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information about Prattville First Methodist. We pray that this time together will be a blessing to you.

†Processional Hymn

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

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†Call to Worship

April Jones

Leader: Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.

People: Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God.

Leader: For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: God of grace, you pour out your mercy with abundance and your grace with boundless generosity. Make us ever more faithful, and ever more grateful, as we strive to give to others in the same measure you give to us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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†Gloria Patri

Meineke

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

†Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Faith Patton

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Your tithes and offerings financially support the vibrant mission and ministries of PFMC. Thank you! The central part of worship is to consecrate each gift for the Lord. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to Christ and the church!

Anthem

Pieta

Chancel Choir

Martin

†Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Prayer of Consecration

Jeremy Pyles

Eternal God, consecrate all of our giving to grow your Gospel in us, and in all who are reached by our ministries. Multiply our blessings and joys as we share in your work. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Faith Patton

(Children K- 6th grade are invited to Children’s Worship in Epworth 206.)

†Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-2

N.T. 46

Sermon

“Jesus In The Wild”

Rev. Larry Patton

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the minister at the chancel rail during the singing of the final verse of the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn of Response

The Old Rugged Cross

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†Benediction

†Postlude

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Sue Brasel, Betty Ann Chambliss, Sabrina Colburn, Ken Daniel, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, June Lambert, Louise Moody, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower (new prayer needs)

Alice DeRamus

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Nancy Carpenter, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Lee Gunn, Kay Harrell, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Shelby Kotila, Jolie Lee, Drew Peterson, Grace & Cecil Puvathingal, Leslie Rider, Kathleen Rush, Coy Swafford, Clayton Thompson (new prayer needs) Aravis Byrd, Connie Carroll, Rhonda Quinn, Marie Wright

The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God in honor of Madeira Powell, who celebrates her 95th birthday February 28th. With love from Joel and Karen and family.

Sermon Notes

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Sanctuary Altar Flower Calendar

Fresh flowers may be placed on the altar in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Contact Freda Clark (freda@prattvillemethodist.org) or (334-365-5977) in the church office to reserve your dates for 2026.

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Nathan Currier, Crucifer

Joseph Rome and Bennett Petrunic, Acolytes

Altar Guild: Angela Taylor