

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.

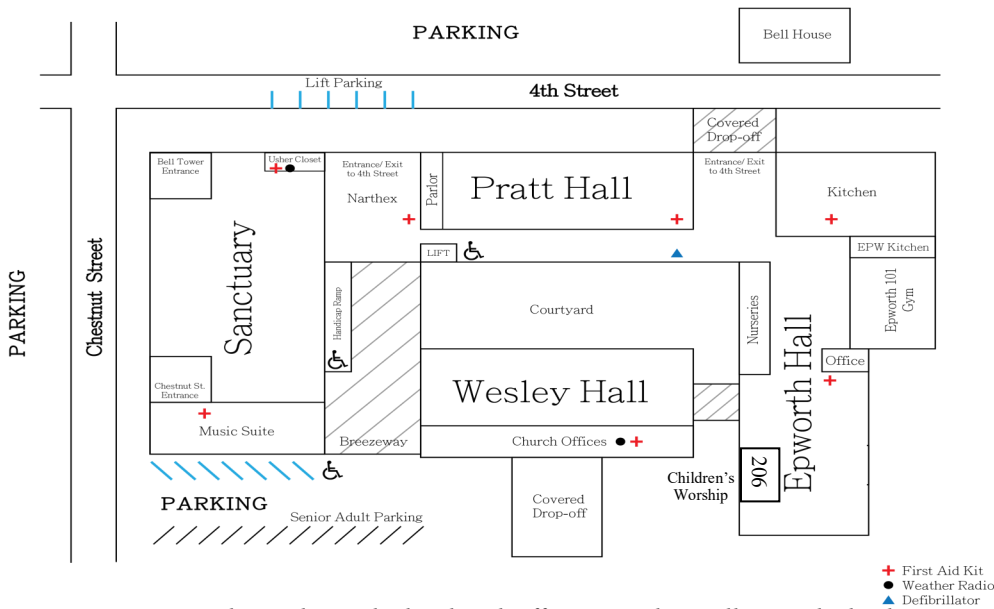
Sunday School

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

Talk to a team member or visit our website 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  
5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)  
6:00pm Baptism at the Creek (Autauga Creek)
- Monday:** 6:00pm Serve Team (Wesley 101)
- Tuesday:** 10:30am Susannah Wesley Circle (Wesley 104)  
5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 104)  
6:30pm Nominations Team (Wesley 101)
- Wednesday:** 11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)  
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner  
5:45pm Children’s Choirs (various rooms)  
6:00pm Adult Studies (check website for adult studies)  
6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth Room)  
6:30 pm Children’s Activities (Epworth 101, the gym)  
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 11:00am Congregational Care Team (Wesley 101)

Announcements

- Baptism At The Creek - TODAY - 6pm - Autauga Creek**  
Reaffirm your baptism or get baptized today at Autauga Creek (park creekside behind City Hall). Hot dogs, chips, water and Kona Ice provided. Bring your lawn chair! Not being baptized? Come worship and celebrate the baptisms of others!
- Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities**  
**Dinner** - 5-5:45pm in Pratt Hall      **Children’s Choirs** - 5:45-6:30pm  
**Children’s Activities** - 6:30-7:30pm in the gym  
**Adult Studies** - 6:00pm
- 1) *Islam from a Christian Perspective* led by Carol Risher in Wesley 104  
Repeat class: Thursdays at 10am in Wesley 104
  - 2) *The Acts of the Apostles* led by Faith Patton in Wesley 210
  - 3) *Wednesday Night Prayer & Share* with Pastor Larry in the Church Parlor
  - 4) *Bravo Men’s Group* with Stephen Davis in Wesley 202
  - 5) *Togetherness Women’s Group* with Carol Sharpe in Wesley 101
  - 6) *Joyfulness Women’s Group* with Kimberly Mitchell and Anna Wadsworth in Wesley 208
- Youth Worship** - 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Youth Room

**New Study beginning September 23rd**  
Come study the New Testament Pastoral Epistles. No supplies necessary, just bring your Bible. Wednesdays, 6pm in Wesley 104 led by Rev. Stanley Carter.

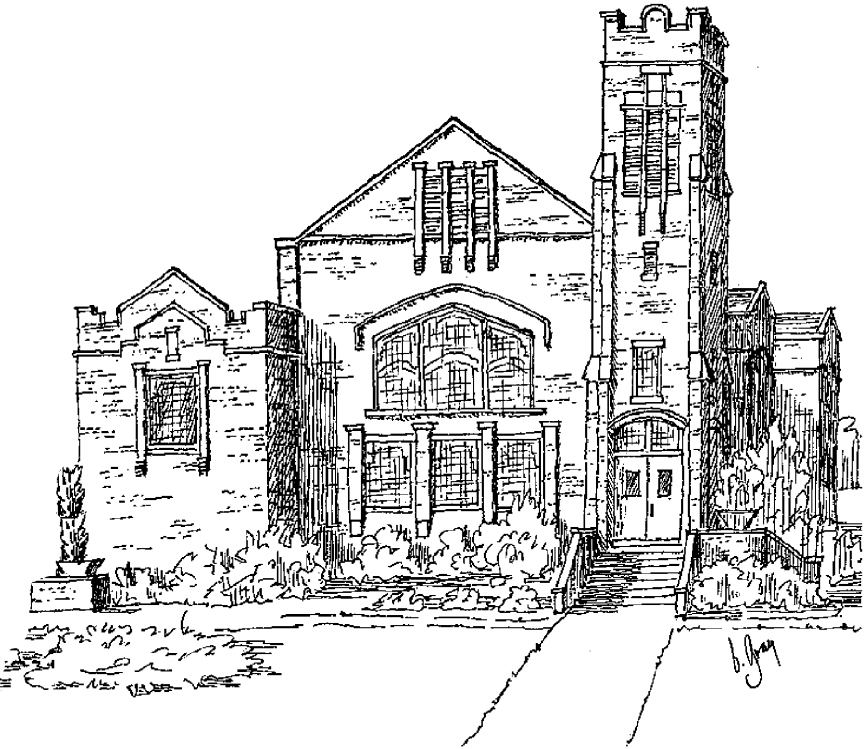
**Menu for Wednesday, September 16 - Rita’s Picks**  
Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Roasted Vegetables, Rolls, Salad Bar and Banana Pudding

**Lunch & Learn Road Trip - September 22 - Martin’s in Montgomery**  
Ready for a road trip? Call the church office to reserve your spot at Martin’s Restaurant and a seat on the church bus. Meet at the church portico at 10:30am.

**Ladies Salad Supper - September 28 at 6 PM**  
All ladies of the church are invited to come to this special night of fellowship! Bring a favorite salad to share and enjoy a time together. For more information contact Jennifer Bedwell at 334-201-8939.

**Ministry Fair, September 20, 9:30-11am**  
Join us for our second annual Ministry and Mission fair in Pratt Hall for donuts and coffee and to see where you can “Connect and Serve at PFMC.”

**Men’s Breakfast Gathering - Sat., October 3rd - 8-9:30am - Church Gym**  
All guys invited for breakfast and to hear testimonies from men in the church. Come join us and get recharged in your faith!



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 13, 2026**  
**8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism...”  
~ Ephesians 4:4-5

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.



[www.prattvillemethodist.org](http://www.prattvillemethodist.org)  
**A Global Methodist Congregation**

Restrooms are located outside the church office in Wesley Hall, near the kitchen in Pratt Hall, and to the right of the elevator upstairs in Epworth Hall.

MORNING WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Dance on Praise to the Lord the Almighty

arr. Black Handbell ChoirChristy Henson, piano

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 bless and inspire you.

†Processional Hymn

Nothing but the Blood

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†Call to Worship

April Jones

Leader: Jesus is the gate.

People: Whoever enters by him will be saved,

Leader: and will come in and go out and find pasture.

People: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Leader: Jesus came that all may have life,

People: and have it abundantly.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

†All: O Good Shepherd, you desire to guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Meet us in this time of worship today and fill us with your love, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, in your 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.

\*universal

†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

Offering

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, the church, and growing His Kingdom.

Anthem

His Eye is On the Sparrow

arr. Atteberry Handbell ChoirMarian Woodman, flute

†Doxology

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

Children’s Moment

Stacey Lewis

Third Grade Bible Presentation (11:00am)

Holland Riley and Clara Tucker

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

Anthem

Thy Presence, My Light

arr. Eithun Handbell Choir

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3: 18-22

N.T. 184

Sermon

“The Difference Baptism Makes”

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

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

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†Benediction

Rev. Larry Patton

†Postlude

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Pat Brownell, Sabrina Colburn, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Betty Lamar, Nancy Lovvorn, Jean Macready, Patty Macready, Louise Moody, Carol Pearson, Chad Ray, Ann Thrower, Donna Von Gal (new prayer needs) Chappel Edwards, Sandra Jones, Julia Phillips and Family

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Norma Chancey, Cathee Gipson, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Whitney Hill, Buddy Mickler, Connor Mims, Kathleen Rush, Cliff Schmitt, Betty Howard Strickland, Beckie Stringfellow, Bill Tatum, Clayton Thompson (new prayer needs) Jennifer Estes Martel, Bambi Molden, Wanda Sparrow

Death: John Collins - father of Julia Phillips

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in memory of Trent McLeod on his 41st birthday.

Love, Mom and Dad

Sermon Notes

The Difference \_\_\_\_\_

It’s about \_\_\_\_\_ and what God’s \_\_\_\_\_,

is \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_.

It’s about \_\_\_\_\_ the conscience.

It’s about \_\_\_\_\_ into God’s

faithful and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, OrganistChristy Henson, Pianist

(8:30am) Crucifer: Reagan Chandler

Acolytes: Camryn Page and Wilkins Riddle

Altar Guild: Terri Taylor

2026 STEWARDSHIP

\*through August 31\*

Tithes & Offerings to Date: \$1,154,938.00

Expenditures Year-To-Date: \$1,198,607.00

Budget Needs Year-To-Date: \$1,261,194.00

“...according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” - Phil. 4:19