

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 worshippers. Please ask a member of the hospitality team to assist you.

Sunday School

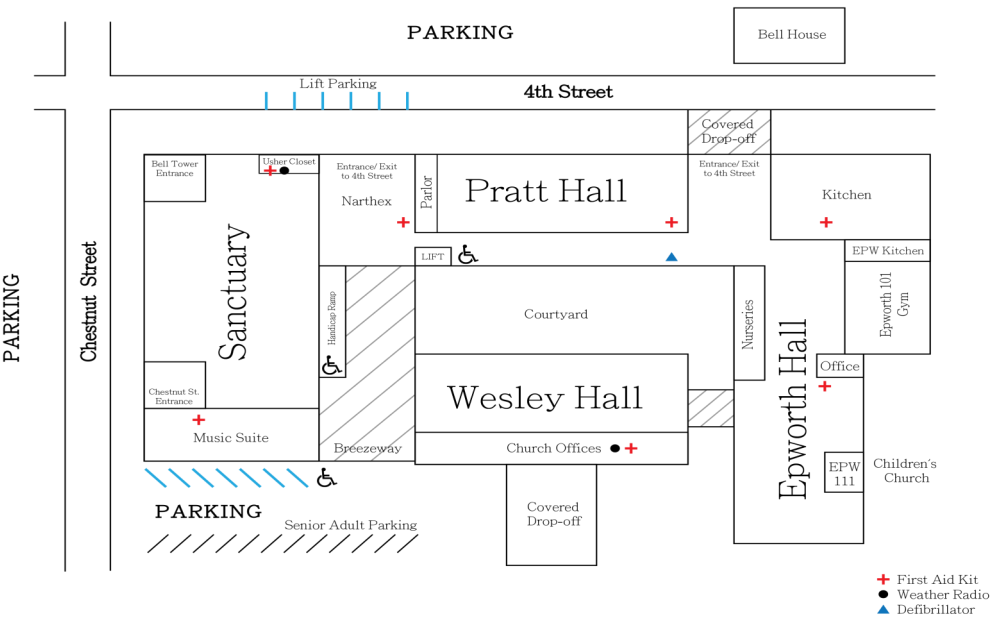
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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



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.

This Week at Prattville First Methodist

- Today: 9:40am Fellowship Time, donuts and coffee (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Sunday School / Small Groups
2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)
5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
Monday: 5:30pm Volleyball (Bradford Branch YMCA)
Tuesday: 5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)
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)

Announcements

Campus Landscape Cleanup Day - Saturday, October 10th, 7:30-10am
Come for some or all of the time and help us get the grounds all cleaned up and ready for the holidays. Bring your tools and gloves.

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
Youth Worship - 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Youth Room

Menu for Wednesday, October 7th - Carol's Picks

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing

It's time to shop for Operation Christmas Child!

Our Amazon wish list for the remainder of our shoebox items is available now! Follow this QR code and shop directly from the wish list. Items will ship directly to the church office. Once again, our goal is to fill 600 boxes, and we can't do it without your generosity!

Ladies Craft Night - October 15th at 6 PM

Ladies, join us for a night of crafting and fellowshiping in Pratt Hall! We will be making Bible tassels. Cost is \$5.

YMCA Grits Cook-off - October 17th - Prattville YMCA Willis Bradford Branch

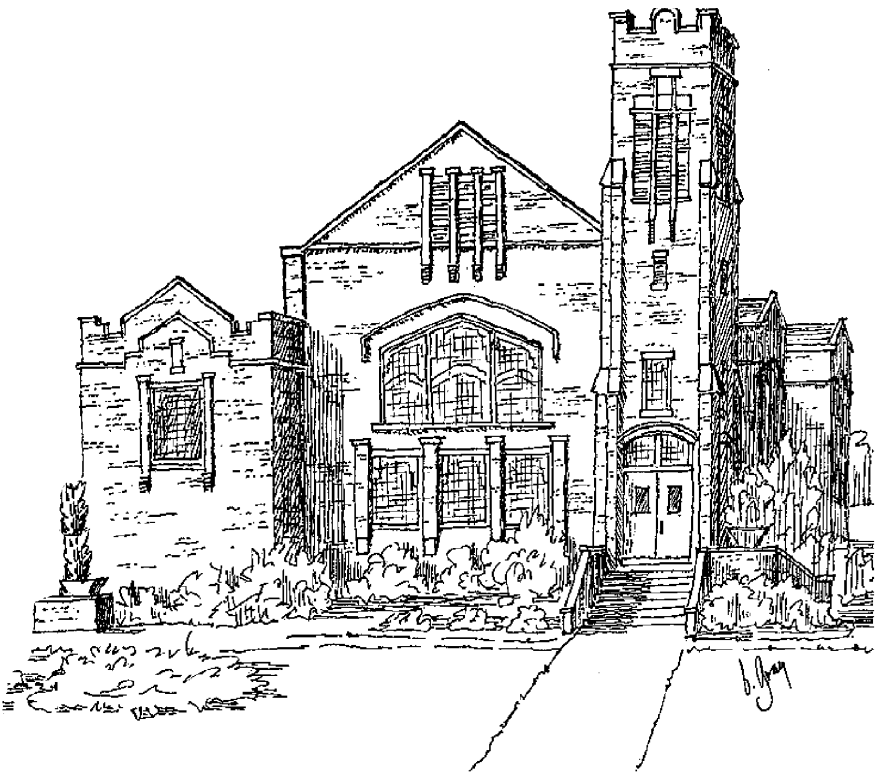
Come join us for the YMCA Grits Cook-off as our church will be represented! All proceeds for this event benefit the YMCA Coach-a-Child scholarship fund.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat - October 28th

Plan now for our annual Fall Festival on October 28, 2026! We will have dinner from 5:00-6:00 in Pratt Hall and then Fall Festival will be from 6:00-7:00pm. We will also have corndogs available at Fall Festival for those not eating inside. Sign up online to volunteer or host a trunk.

The Gathering - November 12th

Ladies mark your calendars for The Gathering on November 12. We are looking forward to an inspirational night together with a special message by Jennifer Aughtman. Have you signed up to be a table host?



Stewardship Emphasis Month

October 4, 2026
8:30 and 11:00 AM

"...the one who believes in me... will do greater things."
~ John 14:12

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

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth 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

Face to Face

arr. Ritter

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 in your life.

Birthday Prayer

(for all those with October birthdays)

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Processional Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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†Call to Worship

David Lewis

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all people everywhere, calling us to earnestly repent of our sin and to live in peace and love.

People: We love you, O Lord; we seek to live in your everlasting peace and prepare our hearts to confess our sin.

Leader: Now let us confess our sin before God and one another.

†Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†Leader to People:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

†People to Leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. 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

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 growing His Kingdom.

Anthem

Prayer of Peace

McDonald

Chancel Choir

Christie McLaughlin, oboe

†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

Scripture Reading

Psalms 103

Pew Bible O.T. p.426

Sermon

“Greater Things in Worship”

Rev. Larry Patton

World Communion Sunday

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All offerings received at the communion altar rail are used to care for those in need.
This month’s offering will go to Operation Christmas Child.

Music during Communion

The Lord is My Shepherd

arr. Raney

Christie McLaughlin, oboe

Christy Henson, piano

Prayer after receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to be a blessing and growing witness to Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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†Benediction

Rev. Larry Patton

†Postlude

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Doane

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

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, Ann Thrower, Alan Varner

New Prayer Needs: Sandra Jones

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Kay Harrell, Whitney Hill, Jamie Irvin, Buddy Mickler, Connor Mims, Jeff Morrison, Kathleen Rush, Cliff Schmitt, Wanda Sparrow, Ken Story, Betty Howard Strickland, Beckie Stringfellow, Bill Tatum, Clayton Thompson

New Prayer Needs: Kasen Mann

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in honor of Michelle Taylor for her birthday on October 7th.
With love from her Family.

Sermon Notes

Any worship involves an audience _____.

Worship is both _____ and _____.

Passionate worship is simply _____.

Our whole lives are _____ to be a _____ of worship _____.

The heart of worship is _____ and _____.

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Wayne Lambert, Organist

Christy Henson, Pianist

(8:30am) Crucifer: Blake Wadsworth

Acolytes: Winn Jones and Millie Hayes Jones

(11:00am) Crucifer: Brooks Baxley

Acolytes: Isabella Berch and Ivey Johnson

Carol Sharpe, Altar Guild

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