

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

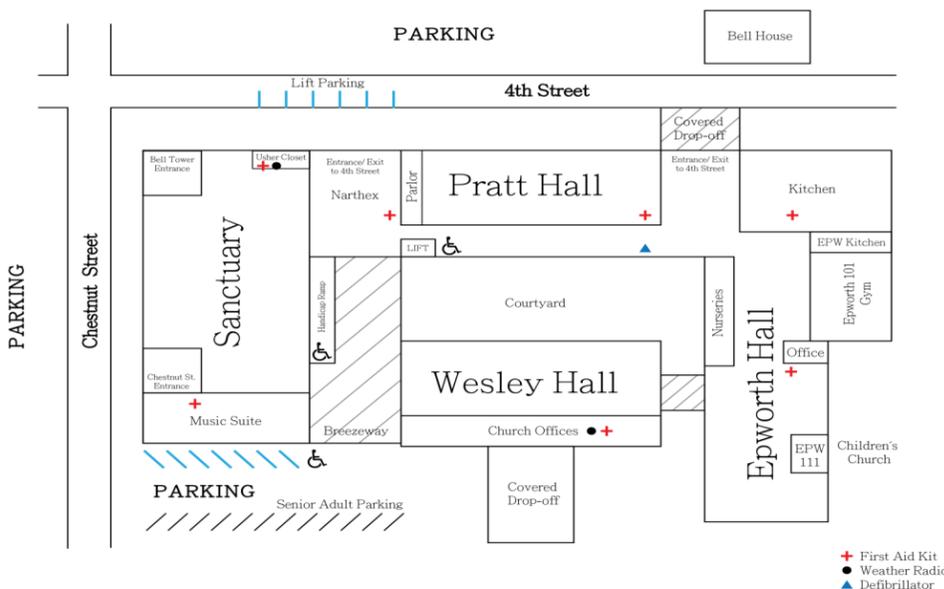
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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)
 12:00pm New/Prospective Members Lunch (Epworth 101, the gym)
 2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)
 5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Tuesday:** 12:00pm Lenten Lunch/Devotional (Pratt Hall)
 5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)
 6:00pm Women's Group Faithfulness (Wesley 102)
- Wednesday:** 8:00am Men's Leadership Meeting (Wesley 101)
 10:30am Care Meal Delivery Team (Kitchen)
 11:00am 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)
 6:00pm Children's Activities (Epworth 101, the gym)
 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00am CS Lewis Study (Wesley 104)
 11:30am Senior Lunch Bunch (The Front Porch)
- Friday - Sunday:** Confirmation Class retreat.

Announcements

Tuesday Lenten Luncheons and Lenten Study: "Jesus In the Wild"

Our Lenten Luncheons/Devotionals are such a blessing! Join us this Tuesday at noon in Pratt Hall for a delicious lunch and message. Please RSVP for lunch by Monday at 9am, 334-365-5977.

Wednesday Dinner Menu: Creamy Chicken Enchiladas, Yellow Rice, Roasted Broccoli, Salad Bar and Éclair Cake

Kids Option: Beef and Cheese Tacos

Senior Lunch Bunch - this Thursday, 11:30 at the Front Porch

Invite a friend and come to the Front Porch for good food and fellowship. Call the church office for your reservations.

Genesis Singers T-Shirt Sale - T-shirts: \$20 and Sweatshirts: \$35

Pre-order your PFMC shirt or sweatshirt by scanning the QR code, visiting our website or app, or by contacting the church office. Shirts will be distributed in late April. Proceeds will benefit the 2026 Choir Tour.



Needed! Ravioli! Ravioli! Ravioli!

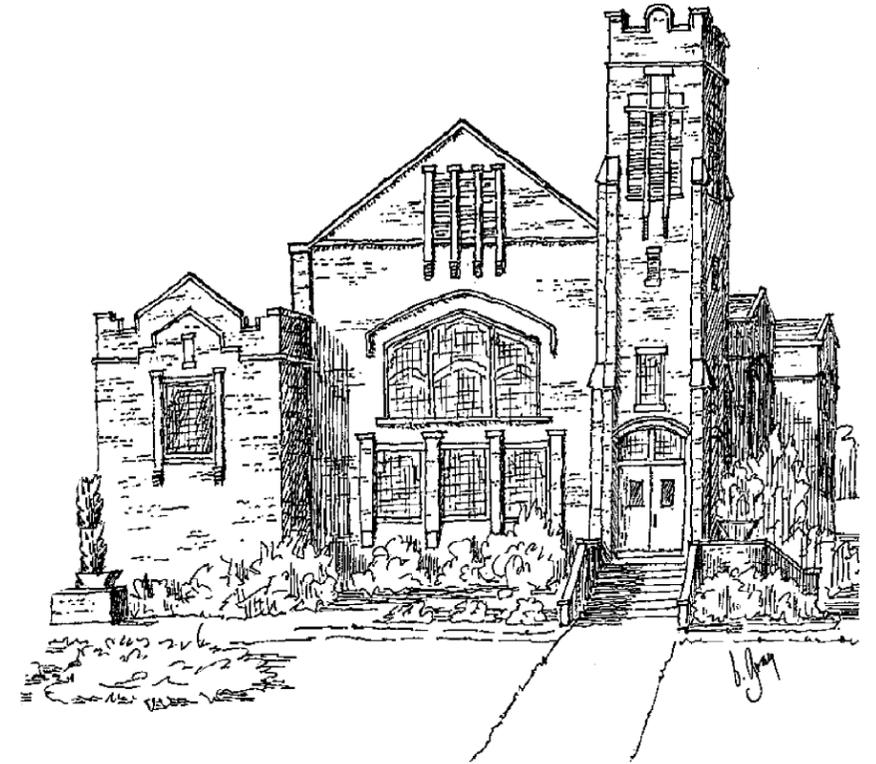
Our Backpack Ministry is now providing meals for 70 children in our school systems. Ravioli is the main staple in our bags and we are running low. Thank you!

Disaster Relief Training Event - PFMC Saturday, March 14th, 8:30am-3:00pm. For more information contact Faith Patton.

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

Easter Lilies: Order a beautiful Easter Lily for just \$16 in memory or honor of your loved ones! **The deadline to place your order is March 27th**, so be sure to call the church office at 334-365-5977 to reserve your lily. Limited number of lilies available this year.

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.



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 AM

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are."

~ 1 John 3:1a

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.

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MORNING WORSHIP

March 1, 2026

Second 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

Chorale Prelude "Durch Adams Fall"

Homilius

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.

Birthday Prayer *(for all those with March birthdays)*

O God, our times are in your hands: 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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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†Call to Worship

Eddie Gaston

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

People: We love you, O Lord; we seek to live in 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 the church!

Anthem

Look to the Rose
Chancel Choir

Martin

†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.**

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†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.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-8

N.T. 148

Sermon

"Identity Crisis"

Rev. Larry Patton

The Great Thanksgiving

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Serving at the Lord's Table

*All offerings received at the communion altar rail are used to care for those in need.
This month's offering will go to Rise Against Hunger.*

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 give ourselves for others, in the name of 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

Jesus Paid It All

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†Benediction

†Postlude

Out of the Depths

Kuhnau/Peek

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Betty Ann Chambliss, Sabrina Colburn, Ken Daniel, Alice DeRamus, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, June Lambert, Louise Moody, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower (*new prayer needs*)
Carla Dageforde, Nancy Lovvorn, Julie Price

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Aravis Byrd, Nancy Carpenter, Connie Carroll, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Angela Howell, Jolie Lee, Drew Peterson, Grace & Cecil Puvathingal, Rhonda Quinn, Kathleen Rush, Coy Swafford, Clayton Thompson, Marie Wright (*new prayer needs*)
DeeDee Carr, Andrew & Melodie Chaffer, Cindy Evans, Judy Osborne

The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God.

Sermon Notes

The Wilderness Challenge

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The Wild _____ vs _____

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

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Belle Boyer, Crucifer

Collier Marks and Mason Marks, Acolytes

11:00 Marion Lewis, Crucifer

Brooks Baxley and Ivey Johnson, Acolytes

Altar Guild: Cindy Oliver and Alys Paravicini