

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

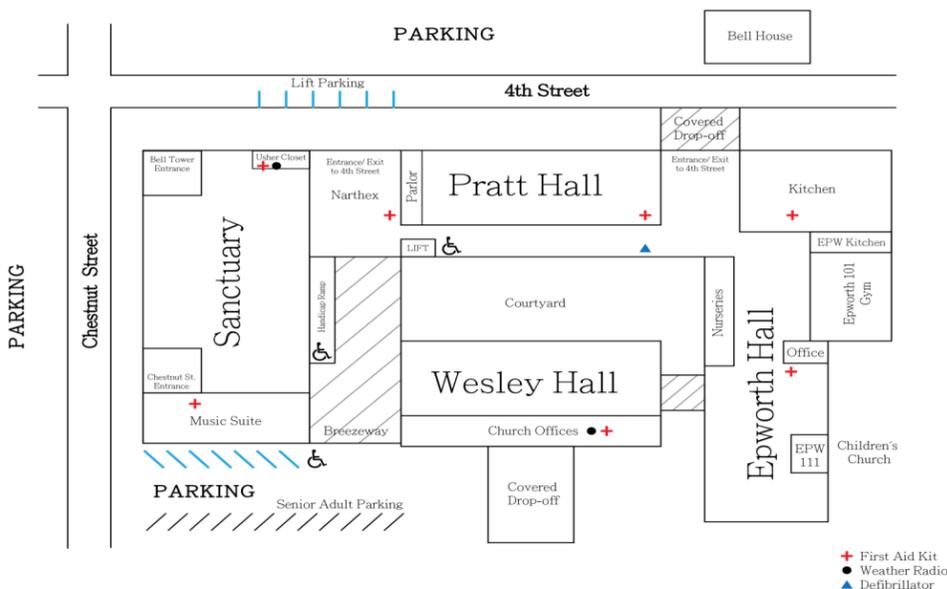
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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



This Week at Prattville First Methodist

- Today:** 9:40am Fellowship Time, donuts and coffee (Pratt Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School / Small Groups
 2:00pm Bible Club (Pratt Court)
 5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Monday:** 5:30pm Executive Committee (Wesley 101)
 6:00pm Serve Team (Wesley 101)
- Tuesday:** 10:00am Morning SonShine Circle (Wesley 104)
 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 March Madness (Gym)
 6:00pm Children's Activities (Epworth upstairs)
 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00am CS Lewis Study (Wesley 104)
- Saturday:** 8:30am - 3:00pm Disaster Relief Training
 9:00am-12:00pm Genesis Singers Car Wash (Herrod's Chevron)

Announcements

Bible Club meets today - 2:00pm - Pratt Court

All youth /volunteers please meet in in the church parking lot by the church office.

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

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: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar and Chocolate Cobbler for dessert

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.



Global Methodist Disaster Relief Training - this Saturday

Our church is hosting a disaster relief training on Saturday, March 14, 8:30-3:00. The church will pay for your registration fee. Please register for the event at this QR code or the registration link in Weekly Word. After you register, we will send you the necessary links for background check and Ministry Safe training for this certification.



Rise Against Hunger - Sunday March 15th - 3:00pm in Pratt Hall

Please pre-register through this QR code or through the link in Weekly Word. Pre-registration saves us time on the day of the event, as the release form must be filled out by all participants. 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.

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.



Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 AM

"Keep alert; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

~ 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14

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

March 8, 2026

Third 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

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Wood

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.

Consecration of Our New Piano

Leader: We present this piano to be consecrated to the glory of Almighty God and for service in our congregation.

People: May Christ be exalted in a spirit of gratitude and joy.

Leader: To the music of lute and harp, to the melody of percussion and string,

People: by the power of your Holy Spirit, make our music become the music of your Amazing Grace at work in our lives. Amen.

†Processional Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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†Call to Worship

Carol Risher

Leader: As the Spirit of the Lord sent Jesus into the wilderness to refine him for the Father's work,

People: through the Holy Spirit, we too are refined to bless and be a blessing in the wilderness of our lives.

Leader: Grow us more and more in the image of Christ Jesus,

People: to be strong and courageous in faith, hope, and love!

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, in the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus, to be the savior of the world. May we seek to live for Christ so his love and righteousness may transform the lives of all people. 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.

Mission Moment

Rise Against Hunger

Kyle Stewart

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Dr. Wayne Perry

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Martin

Chancel Choir

†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

Holly McNider

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

†Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 1-13

N.T. 46

Sermon

"WDJD. . . What Did Jesus Do?"

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Welcome New Members

†Benediction

†Postlude

Glory Be to Jesus

arr. Hobby

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

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

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Aravis Byrd, Nancy Carpenter, Andrew & Melodie Chaffer, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Cindy Evans, Kay Harrell, Angela Howell, Jolie Lee, Judy Osborne, Drew Peterson, Grace & Cecil Puvathingal, Rhonda Quinn, Kathleen Rush, Coy Swafford, Clayton Thompson, Marie Wright (*new prayer needs*) **Zach Carr and Family, Cal Creel, Rob Gaston, Eddie Lewis and Family, Connor Mims, James Poynor**

The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for Charlotte Nichols, organist and Christy Henson, pianist by Jeremy Pyles. Their God-given talents fill our sanctuary with beautiful music that lifts us all to a greater spirit of worship.

Sermon Notes

Temptations

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2. T _____
3. I _____

Best Defense

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- 4.

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: Ann Leigh Jones, Crucifer
Caroline Miller and Rachel Palmer, Acolytes
Altar Guild: Cindy Oliver and Alys Paravicini