

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

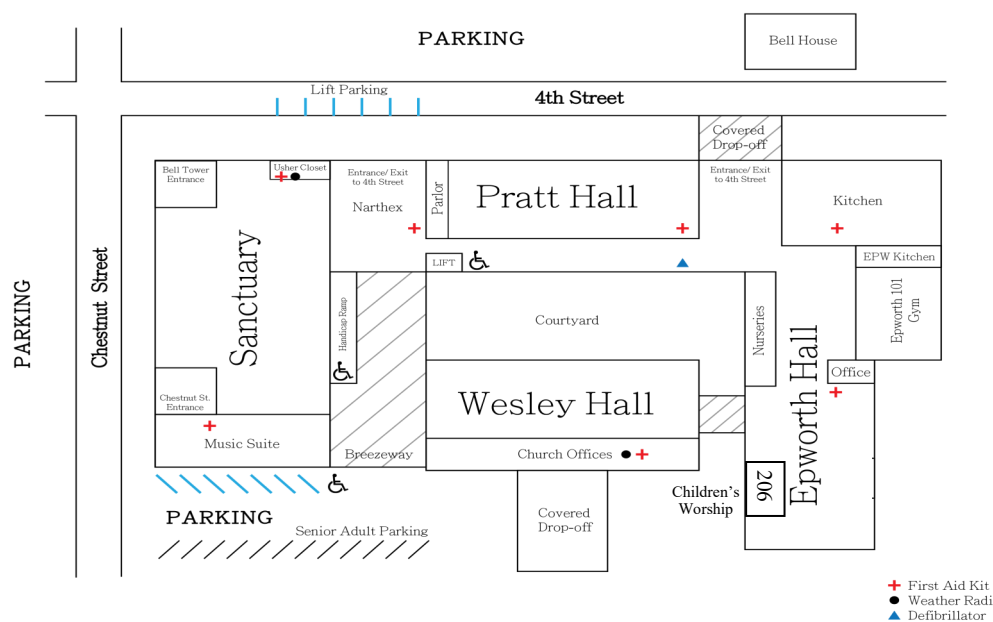
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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 (Pratt Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups
 2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)
 2:00pm Youth Bible Club (Pratt Court)
 5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Monday:** 5:30pm Trustees Team (Wesley 101)
 6:30pm Finance Team (Wesley 101)
- Tuesday:** 10:30am Susannah Wesley Circle (Wesley 104)
 6:00pm Women's Group Faithfulness (Wesley 102)
- Wednesday:** 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 upstairs)
 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00 The Screwtape Letters Study (Wesley 104)
 10:00am Games Day (Pratt Hall)
 6:00pm Small Group Leadership Meeting (Wesley 101)
- Saturday:** 9-12pm Youth Car Wash (Herod Chevron)

Announcements

Serve Opportunities:

- Today:** Greensprings Serve event 2:00pm
 Bible Club: 2:00pm meet here at the church or at Pratt Court at 2:30
- Tuesday, April 21:** Laundry of Love, 5-7pm at the coin laundry behind Elianos

Wednesday Dinner Menu for April 22nd

Angel Pork Chops over Angel Hair Pasta, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Salad Bar and Fruit Cocktail Cake. Kids option: Hamburger Sliders

Children's Choir Concert - Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 PM

Join us on Wednesday, April 29th for a delicious dinner at 5pm and then enjoy our Children's Choir Spring Concert. Being led in worship by these young people is a blessing that you don't want to miss!

Second Annual Pickle & Praise - Monday, May 3 - 1-5 PM

We are so excited to announce that our Second Annual Pickle and Praise Tournament will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the Downtown YMCA! This tournament helps to raise funds for the mission and ministry of our youth group and youth choir. See our website for more information.

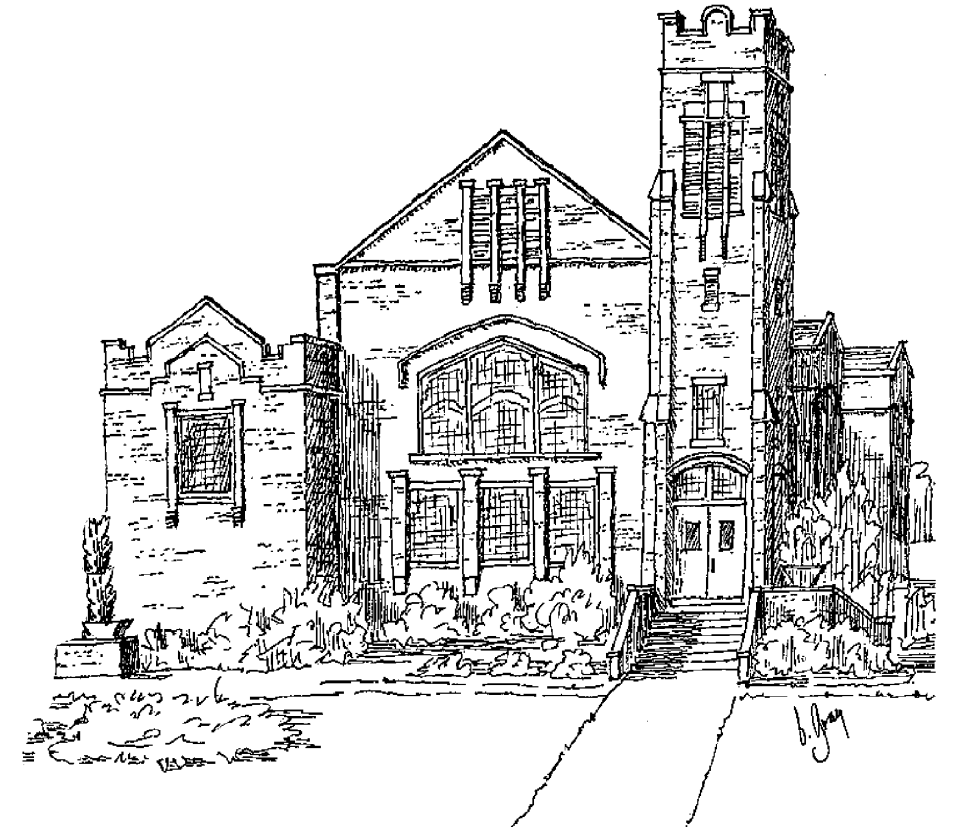
National Day of Prayer gathering - May 7th - Everyone invited!

Meet at church (front portico) at 9:30am, Thursday, May 7th. After we pray, we will walk to City Hall to circle up and pray, concluding around 10am.

Senior Lunch Bunch Road Trip - May 7th

Meet at the church main entrance at 11:30am on Thursday, May 7th. We will drive the bus and van down to Grady, AL (about 45 minutes) to the world-famous Red's Little School-House Restaurant. We have 28 spaces in the van and bus, so make your reservation ASAP by contacting the church office. You are certainly welcome to drive your own vehicles as well!

Jesus on Mission: Students rising to 7th and 8th grade at Prattville JHS in fall 2026 and who are enrolled in 1st period P.E. are invited to register for our Release Time Bible Education class. Each Wednesday, we pick up students from PJHS and transport them here for a Bible lesson. Students must be enrolled in 1st period PE to participate. We teach a curriculum through School Ministries Alabama which has been approved through the state legislature. Registration is through the school, but Faith Patton is happy to answer questions you may have.



Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

*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 of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Hamlin

Welcome 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.

†**Processional Hymn** *He Lives* 257

†**Call to Worship:** Angela Taylor

Leader: Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

People: Let our light shine, giving glory to God.

Leader: Do all things for the sake of the gospel.

People: So may we share in the blessings of God.

Leader: He called out: Whom shall I send?

People: I answered: Here I am; send me.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: As we gather here in the harbor of your presence, we thank you for fellowship and family. We ask that you will strengthen us, restore us and inspire us with your love. Lord, fill us with your peace so that as we journey onwards, we would pour out your love and grace to others. We ask that our souls would catch the wind of your Holy Spirit so that we would take your promises to all the earth. 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; 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.

Mission Moment Faith Patton and Cheryl Myers
Greensprings Assisted Living and PFM Care Meals

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, the church, and growing His Kingdom.

Anthem *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* arr. MacDonald
Chancel Choir Earvin Comer, saxophone

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** Jeremy Pyles
Gracious God, we give because you first gave to us - Life, Resurrection, Hope, and Love. Fulfill our joy as we share in the work of your church on earth. Amen.

Children's Moment Stacey Lewis
(Children K - 6th grade are invited to Children's Worship in Epworth 206)

†**Hymn** *My Tribute* 580

Scripture Reading **1 Corinthians 15: 12-20** N.T. 135

Sermon **"The Worse Thing Is Never the Last Thing"** 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** *Because He Lives* 265

†Benediction

†Postlude

† Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Sabrina Colburn, Alice DeRamus, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Nancy Lovvorn, Louise Moody, Carol Pearson, Julie Price, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower *(new prayer needs)* **Janet Chambers, Chris & Shannon Moore and Family**

Extended Family: Lynn Alsobrook, Irma Alvarez, Libby Barrett, Randy Bryan, Andrea Butts, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Kay Harrell, Whitney Hill, Bob Hoffman, Angela Howell, Ethel Hurst, Jolie Lee, Connor Mims, Drew Peterson, Allen, Jasmine & Olivia Rawlinson, Kathleen Rush, Clayton Thompson *(new prayer needs)* **Pattie Bryant, Mary Mac Roy and Family, Beckie Stringfellow**

Death: Michael Alan Moore - father of Chris Moore

Memorial gifts have been given in memory of:

Betty Ann Chambliss by Terri Taylor, Pam Ray, Robert & Jennifer Cobb, Grant & Anna Wadsworth, Jimmie & Judy Durbin, Linda Missildine, Madeira Powell, Pat & Deborah Trotter, Jean Judah, Linda Thompson, Dianne Avant, Al & Tamara Pelham, Gayle Myers, Michael & Mitzi Acker, Dale & Jan Bowman, Col. JF & Betty R. Decker, Davis & Joyce Dempsey, Joy Rice

Mary Allford by Bob & Sandy Poynor
Helen Allen, Ray Brasel, and Mac Gipson by Pam Ray

The flowers on the altar and in the narthex have been placed to the Glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Emma Claire King and Benjamin Jeffrey Flater on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Sermon Notes

The Resurrection _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Resurrection means _____

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries
Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist
8:30: Addison Sutton, Crucifer
Marlee Murdock and Carson King, Acolytes
Altar Guild: Julie Hunter and Jim Haisten