

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

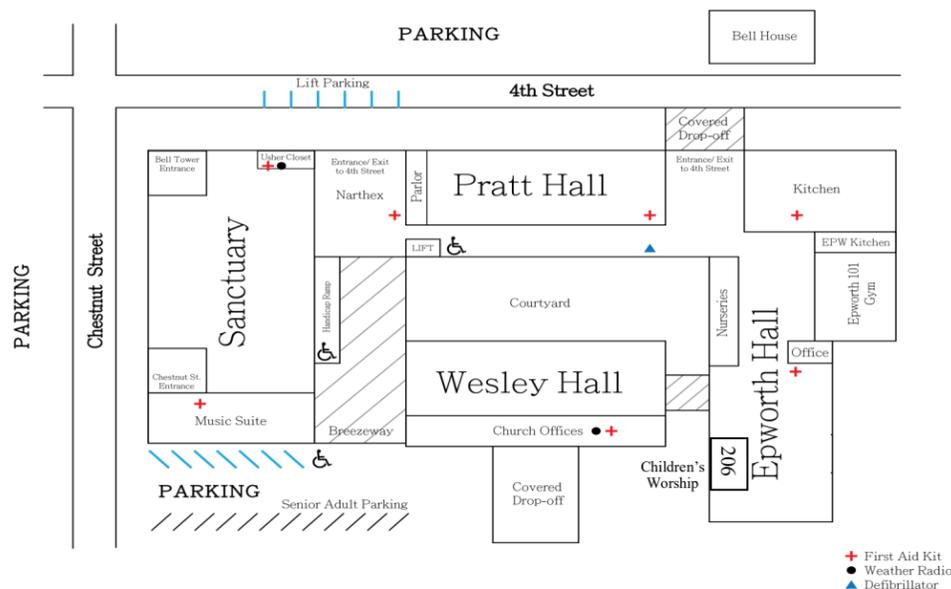
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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
 3:00pm Rise Against Hunger (Pratt Hall)
 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)
 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)
 11:00am Congregational Care Team (Wesley 101)

Announcements

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

Come out and help us pack 20 thousand meals! We are excited to be partnering with Rise Against Hunger to pack meals that will feed hungry people around the world. Please pre-register through this QR code to help with early registration. Join us for this amazing experience!



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: Ham, Lima Beans, Squash Casserole, Mac 'n Cheese, Salad Bar, and Green Velvet Brownies

Backpack Ministry Thanks You!

A heartfelt thank you for the many donations made to the Backpack Ministry in the last few weeks and over the course of this school year. Because of your generosity, we can continue to serve the most vulnerable children of our community.

Easter Lilies: Order your Easter Lily in memory or honor of your loved ones!

The deadline to place your order is March 27th. Call the church office at 334-365-5977 to reserve your lily. \$16 each.

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

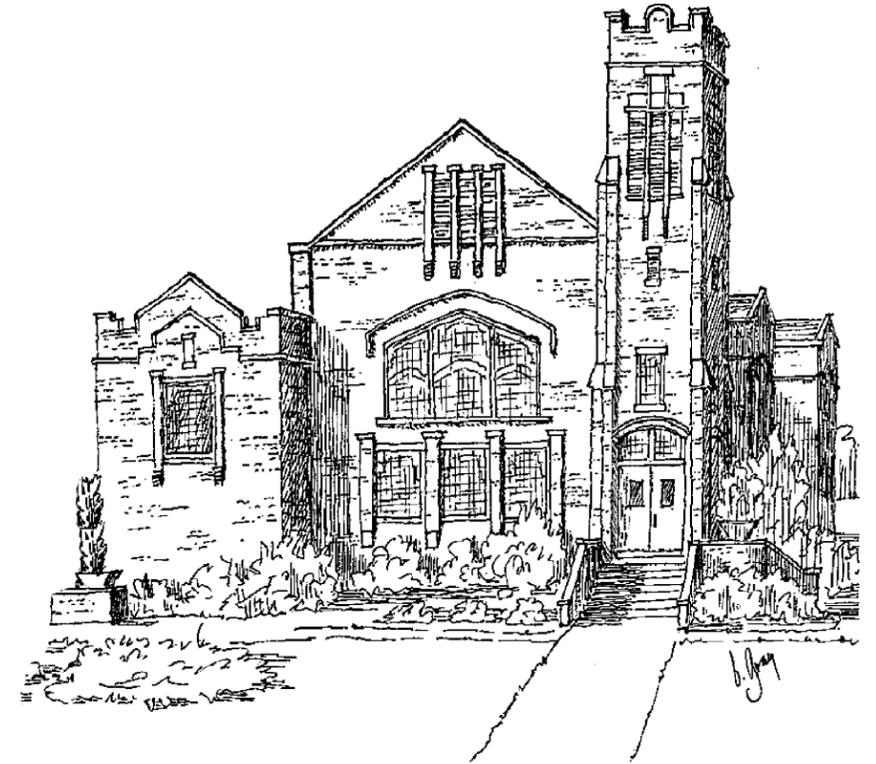
Pre-order your PFMC shirt or sweatshirt by scanning the QR code, visiting our website or app, or by contacting the church office. Shirts will be distributed in late April. Proceeds will benefit the 2026 Choir Tour.



Save the Date: Man Maker Conference with Dr. John Ed Mathison, Saturday, April 11th in Pratt Hall from 8am-12noon. Theme: "Elevate Your Game!" Music by acclaimed artist, Daniel Mulkey.

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**



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026
 8:30 and 11:00 AM

"He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense."

~ Psalm 91:4

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

MORNING WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

Fourth 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 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* Gardiner

Introit *You Are My All in All* James Wright
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade Choir
Patty Macready, director Marian Woodman, accompanist

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** *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* 558

†**Call to Worship** Sara Stewart

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, thank you for your abundant mercies, even where we fall short. Give us grace to confront evil with your good and to love you more fully with heart, soul, mind, and strength, 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

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 *Psalm 139* arr. Pote
Genesis Singers

†**Doxology** 682

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

Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Larson
Marianne Gamper and Christy Henson, piano duet

Scripture Reading *Psalm 91* O.T. 421

Sermon "The Best Defense" 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** *Amazing Grace* 572

†Benediction

†**Postlude** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* Sagina

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Betty Ann Chambliss, 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) Brett Johnson

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Nancy Carpenter, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Cindy Evans, Rob Gaston, Kay Harrell, Angela Howell, Jolie Lee, Connor Mims, Drew Peterson, James Poynor, Kathleen Rush, Coy Swafford, Clayton Thompson, Marie Wright
(new prayer needs) Andrea Butts, Bob Hoffman

Death: Mary Allford - PFMC member

Memorials have been given in memory of Ray Brasel and Sybil Golson by David & Stacey Lewis

The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God in honor of our Children's and Music Ministries.

**The rose buds on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in celebration of the births of
Mary Parker Pierce, daughter of Brook & Ty Pierce and
James Wallace Tutt V, grandson of Jennifer Aughtman.**

Sermon Notes

_____ is foundational to _____

_____ in order to get us to _____

1. Our identity as _____

2. Whether God will _____

3. God's _____

4. God's power and trustworthiness _____

Here's the Good News: the only _____ that's not _____

_____ is the one that's not _____

_____ is the antidote to _____

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries
Patty Crowley, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist
8:30: Luke Mitchell, Crucifer
Sam Rome and Tatum Butts, Acolytes
Altar Guild: Cindy Oliver and Alys Paravicini