

## 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

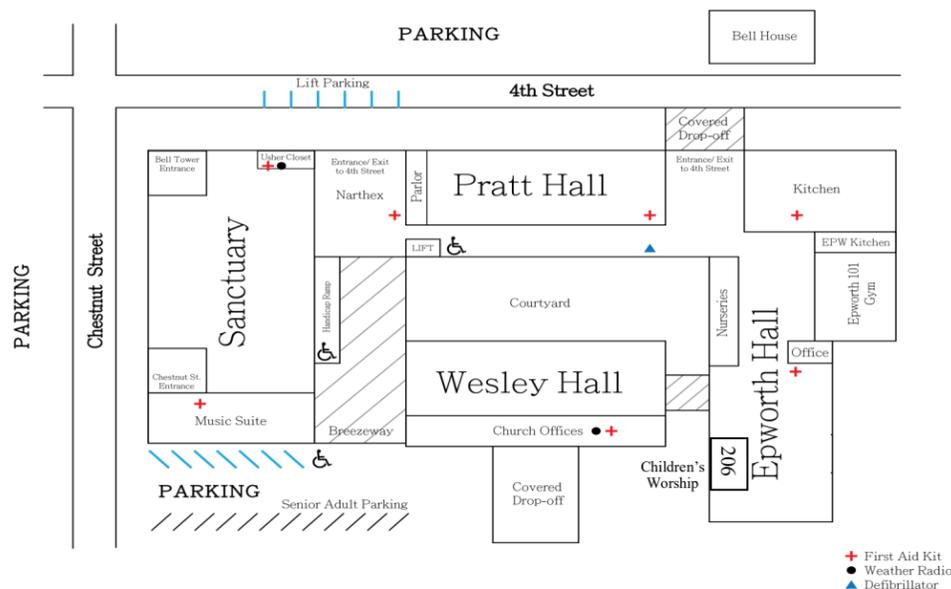
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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 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)  
 6:30pm Church Council (Wesley 102)
- Wednesday:** 8:00am Men's Leadership Meeting (Wesley 101)  
 10:30am Care Meal Delivery Team (Kitchen)  
 11:00m 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)  
 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00am CS Lewis Study (Wesley 104)  
 10:00am Games Day (Pratt Hall)

## Announcements

### 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 - No Wed. Activities this week or next week

Wednesday night dinner and regular activities will resume on Wednesday, April 8th. Enjoy your Spring Break Week and Holy Week.

### Easter Lilies: The deadline to place your order is March 27th.

Order your Easter Lily in memory or honor of your loved ones! Call the church office at 334-365-5977 to reserve your lily. \$16 each.

### Our Easter Cross

Help us transform the "Old Rugged Cross" into a living symbol of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Bring your flowers and add them to the Resurrection Cross on the church lawn before worship. Note: we will have additional flowers available for those who don't have blooms in your garden.

**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. No RSVP needed. Just come on...and invite a friend!

### Candy, Candy, Candy!

Candy collection for our annual Spring Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt has begun! Please bring candy that will fit in an Easter Egg and won't melt in the heat. (Drop-off in the church office.) Our Spring Celebration will be Saturday, April 4th from 2-4pm on the Bell House Lawn.

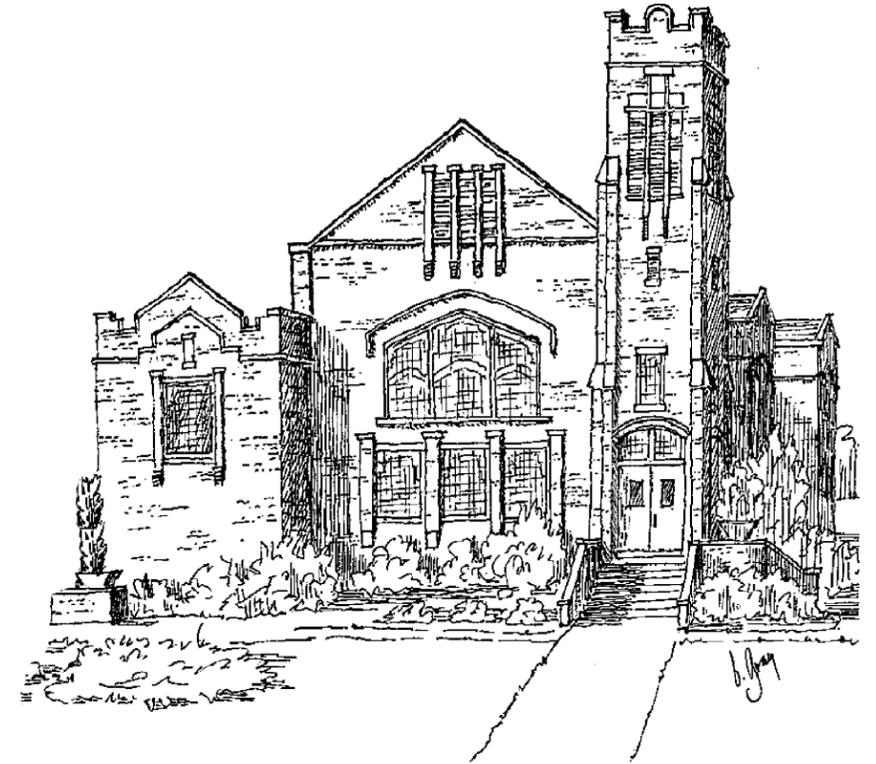
### Genesis Singers T-Shirt Sale - T-shirts: \$20 and Sweatshirts: \$35

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. Support the 2026 Choir Tour.



### 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**



## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 AM

*"Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."*

~ Hebrews 2:18

*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 22, 2026

## Fifth 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** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Hobby

### 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.

### 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.**

**Introit** *Via Dolorosa* arr. Wolaver  
Christy Henson, pianist

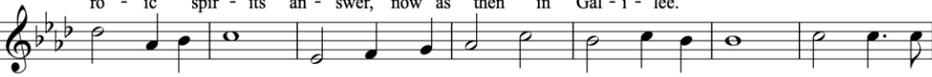
### †Processional Hymn *Are Ye Able*



1."Are ye a-ble," said the Mas-ter "to be cru-ci-fied with me?" "Yea," the  
2.Are ye a-ble to re-mem-ber, when a thief lifts up his eyes, that his  
3.Are ye a-ble when the shad-ows close a-round you with the sod, to be-  
4.Are ye a-ble? Still the Mas-ter whis-pers down e-ter-ni-ty, and he-



stur-dy dream-ers an-swered, "to the death we fol-low Thee." Lord, we are a-ble. Our  
par-doned soul is wor-thy of a place in par-a-dise?  
lieve the spir-it tri-umps, to com-mend your soul to God?  
ro-ic spir-its an-swer, now as then in Gal-i-lee.



spir-its are Thine. Re-mold them, make us, like Thee, di-vine. Thy guid-ing



ra-diance a-bove us shall be a bea-con to God, to love, and loy-al-ty.

### †Call to Worship

Hunter Taylor

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

Rev. Larry 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** *O How He Loves You and Me* arr. Purifoy  
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** Stacey Lewis  
*Children K- 6th grade are invited to Children's Worship in Epworth 206.)*

**Anthem** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Bock  
Christy Henson, pianist

**Scripture Reading** *Luke 4:1-13* N.T. 46

**Sermon** "Screw-tape Knew his Stuff" Faith 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 *Lead Me to Calvary* 240

### †Benediction

†Postlude *Man of Sorrows, What a Name!* arr. Whitworth

†Please stand as you are able.

### Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** Betty Ann Chambliss, Sabrina Colburn, Alice DeRamus, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Brett Johnson, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Nancy Lovvorn, Louise Moody, Carol Pearson, Julie Price, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower

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

**The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God in remembrance of Don Armstrong on his 83rd birthday with love from Glenda.**

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**The flowers in the Narthex have been placed to the Glory of God in honor of Steve and Sue Burton on their 62nd anniversary by their children, Lisa, Bob, and Ken.**

### Sanctuary Altar Flower Calendar

Fresh flowers may be placed on the altar in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Contact Freda Clark (freda@prattvillemethodist.org) or (334-365-5977) in the church office to reserve your dates for 2026.

### Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries  
Wayne Lambert, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist  
8:30: Mason Myers, Crucifer  
Mia Mitchell, Acolyte  
Altar Guild: Cindy Oliver and Alys Paravicini