

## 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

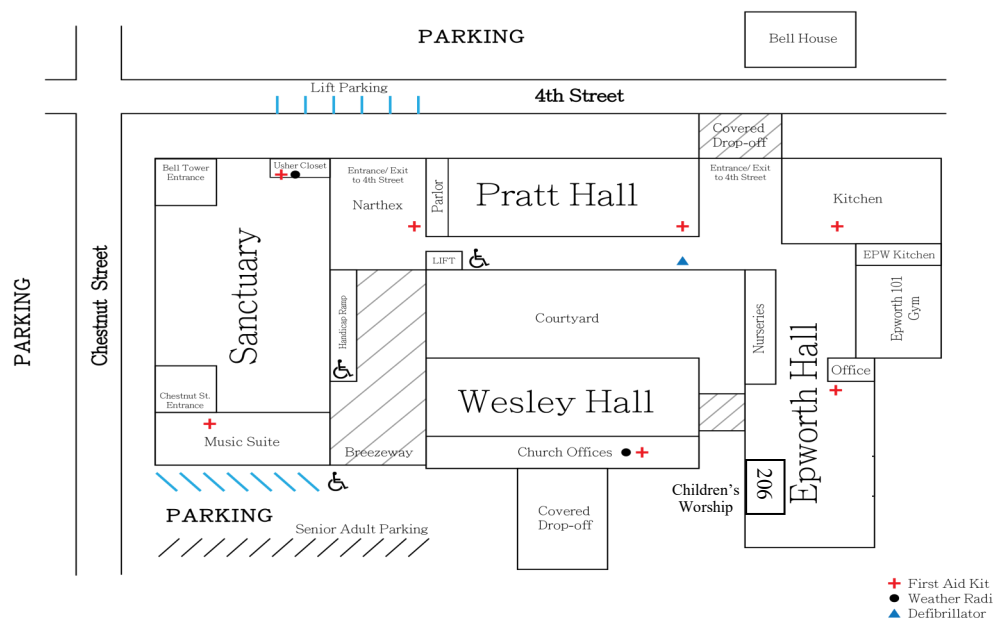
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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  
1:00-5:00pm Pickleball Tournament (downtown YMCA)  
2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)

**Tuesday:** 6:00pm Women's Group Faithfulness (Wesley 102)

**Wednesday:** 10:30am Care Meal Delivery Team (Kitchen)  
11:00m 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)  
5:00pm End of Year Celebration  
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)  
7:15-8:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)

**Thursday:** 9:30am National Day of Prayer (meet at front of church)  
11:30am Senior Lunch Bunch travels to Red's Little Schoolhouse Restaurant

## Announcements

**Serve opportunity today: Greensprings - 2pm**

**Second Annual Pickle & Praise Tournament - Today - 1-5 PM - downtown YMCA**  
Come to the YMCA today and cheer on your favorite team! This tournament helps to raise funds for the mission and ministry of our youth group and youth choir.

**End of Year Celebration - Wednesday, May 6th**

Join us from 5-7 PM on May 6th for a church-wide end of year celebration! There will be water inflatables, games, music, and food! Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy one last Wednesday Night with your church family before we break for the summer! Fun for the whole family! **Menu:** Ribs, burgers, hot dogs and sides.

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

Meet at the front portico of our church at 9:30am this Thursday. After we pray, we will walk to City Hall to circle up again and pray, concluding around 10am.

**Also, Trinity Methodist Church** is offering a community National Day of Prayer Service from 6:00-7:30pm, 610 Fairview Avenue, with music and hotdog plates.

**Senior Lunch Bunch Road Trip - Thursday, May 7th - Red's Little Schoolhouse**

We will leave from the church main entrance at 11:30am. If you are riding the church bus or van and have not signed your transportation form, please come early enough to sign it before we leave. All are welcome to drive your own vehicle as well. Please RSVP either way by contacting the front office, 334-365-5977 before Wednesday.

**Mother's Day All Women's Choir - May 10th**

All ladies and youth girls are invited to sing in our all female choir on Mother's Day. Please meet in the sanctuary at 8:00am to rehearse. We will sing 8:30 & 11:00.

**Opelika High School Choir Concert - Monday, May 11 @ 11:00am**

Invite your friends and family and enjoy a beautiful concert to brighten your day!

**May 17th - Senior Recognition Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00 worship services**

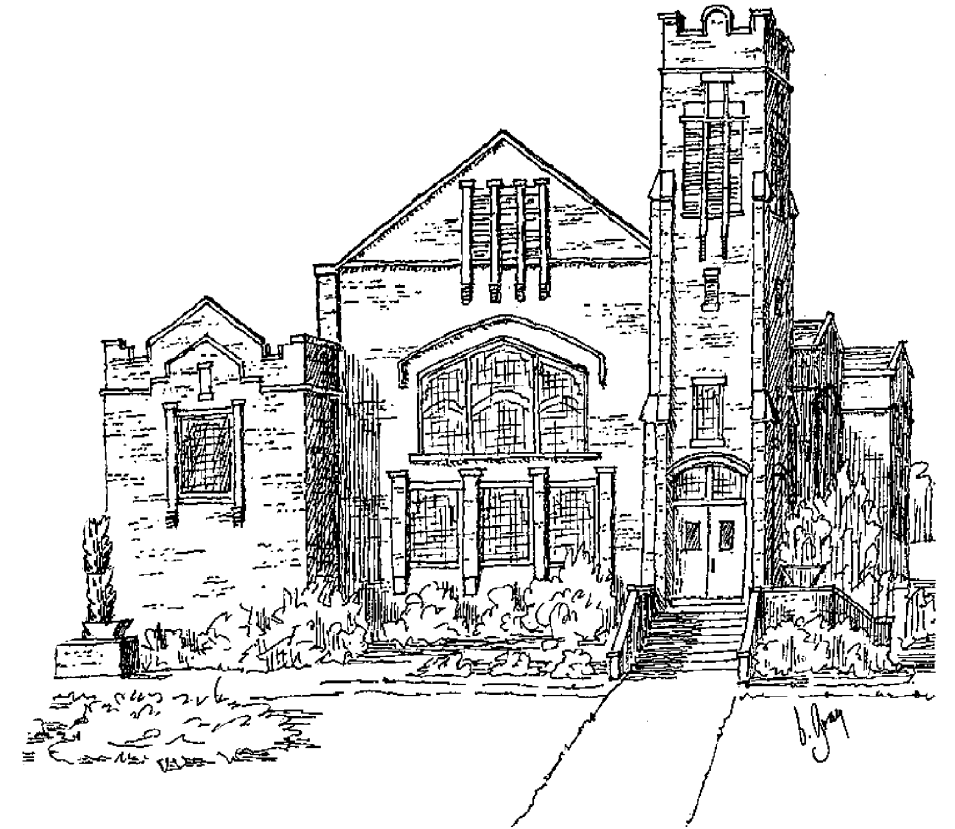
Join us as we honor our 2026 Graduating Seniors at both worship services. A reception for everyone will follow the 8:30am service in Pratt Hall.

**Early Learning Academy news:**

- 1) ELA has a limited number of availability for the 2026-2027 school year. If you know a child in need of an amazing preschool (nursery-PreK4) please reach out to [ELA@prattvillemethodist.org](mailto:ELA@prattvillemethodist.org).
- 2) ELA is looking for a preschool teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please email [Amanda@prattvillemethodist.org](mailto:Amanda@prattvillemethodist.org).

**NEW! Summer Reading Club**

Join us this summer for our summer reading club! We will be reading three books. Our first selection will be *Theo of Golden*. You can find this book on Amazon or at most bookstores. Our June book discussion will be Tuesday, June 2nd, 6:30pm in Wesley 102. Please read the book in its entirety prior to attending and bring questions, notes or observations you would like to share with the group.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

May 3, 2026

## Fifth 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**                      **Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise**                      Pachelbel

### 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 inspire and bless you.

### Birthday Prayer *(for all those with May birthdays)*

**O God, our times are in your hand: 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**                      **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**                      1

†**Call to Worship**                      April Jones

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, the church, and growing His Kingdom.

### Anthem

#### For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Rutter

Chancel Choir

### †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 and expand our reach as we share in the work of your church on earth. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

**Romans 12: 9-13**

N.T. 124

### Sermon

**"Daniel Pratt Speaks"**

Rev. Larry Patton

### Serving at the Lord's Table

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*All offerings received at the communion altar rail are used to care for those in need.  
This month's offering will go to the Global Methodist Disaster Response Ministry.*

### 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 be a blessing and growing witness to 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

**Revive Us Again**

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### †Benediction

### †Postlude

† Please stand as you are able.

### Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** Janet Chambers, Sabrina Colburn, Alice DeRamus, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Nancy Lovvorn, Louise Moody, Carol Pearson (*new prayer concerns*) **Jo Felio, Mark Harris, Mike Harris**

**Extended Family:** Lynn Alsobrook, Irma Alvarez, Libby Barrett, Andrea Butts, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Connor Mims, Drew Peterson, Mary-Mac Roy & Family, Kathleen Rush, Beckie Stringfellow, Clayton Thompson (*new prayer concerns*) **David Jarnagin**

**The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Rev. Leonard Howell and Jonathan Howell by Carlyn Howell.**

### Sermon Notes

**Daniel** \_\_\_\_\_ **overwhelming sense of** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **overcoming** \_\_\_\_\_ **meeting.**

**He shed** \_\_\_\_\_ **at every occasion** \_\_\_\_\_ **experience.**

**Romans 12:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **in business**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **in spirit**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Lord,** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

**Liberal** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hearing Devices are available in the narthex, or use this QR code to access hearing assist via your smart phone.**



### Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries  
Charlotte Nichols, Organist    Christy Henson, Pianist  
8:30: Cameron Owens, Crucifer  
Joseph Rome and Sam Rome, Acolytes  
11:00 Marion Lewis, Crucifer  
Brooks Baxley and Ivey Johnson, Acolytes  
Altar Guild: Sandy Tatum and Annette Brownell