

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 worshipers. Please ask a member of the hospitality team to assist you.

Sunday School

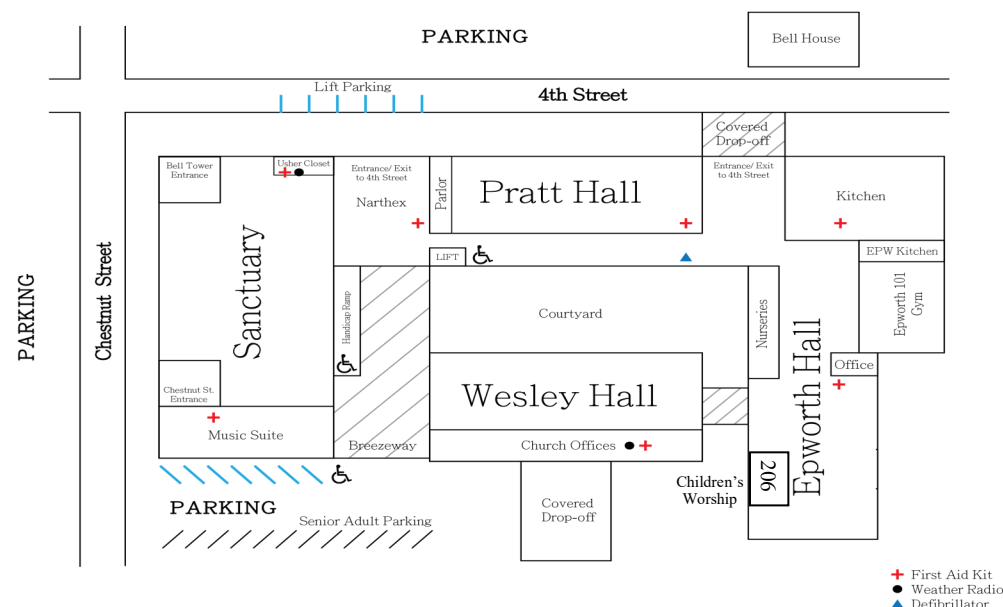
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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



Restrooms are located outside the church office in Wesley Hall, near the kitchen in Pratt Hall, and to the right of the elevator upstairs in Epworth Hall.

This Week at Prattville First Methodist

Today: 2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)
Monday: Church Office closed in observance of July 4th Holiday
Wednesday: 6:00-6:45pm Reading of Declaration of Independence (The Lyric)
 6:00-7:00pm Kids Color War (Bell House Lawn)
Thursday: 11:30am Senior Lunch Bunch (Ding How Chinese Buffet)

Announcements

Join us at Greensprings today at 2pm for a time of fellowship and worship.

Youth Mission Week - July 6-9

The youth will be volunteering at the Prattville Humane Shelter, Montgomery Food Bank, Hope Inspired Ministries, and cleaning around the church!

Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Wednesday, July 8 - 6:00-6:45pm - The Lyric, downtown Prattville

The Mayor, Pastor Larry, and other pastors will be involved. Special Music! All Invited! 250 years . . . God Bless America!

Kids Color War - Wednesday, July 8 - from 6:00 - 7:00pm

WHO: Kids in grades K4-5th grade WHERE: Bell House Lawn
 WHAT TO WEAR: White or light-colored clothes, (they WILL get messy!), closed-toe shoes. Optional: sunglasses or bandana
 FREE DINNER: Hot dogs, chips, and a visit from the ICE CREAM TRUCK
Registration Deadline: July 6

Senior Lunch Bunch - July 9th

All Seniors mark your calendars for Thursday, July 9th. Meet at Ding How Chinese Buffet at 11:30am for a great time of good food and fellowship. Call the church office by Wednesday, July 8th to make your reservations.

Optional Combined Sunday School Class, July 12 - August 9, 10am

Join us in Pratt Hall for any or all of these Sundays as we learn together more about the Methodist understanding of some of our most familiar practices. July 12: How Methodists Understand Baptism; July 19: Prayer and Devotion in the Methodist Tradition; July 26: How Methodists Understand Communion; August 2: The Importance and meaning of the Apostles Creed for Methodists; August 9: The Significance of the Nicene Creed for Methodists.

Summer Reading Club - 6:00pm in Wesley 102 - July 14

Our July summer reading selection is "Surprised by Joy" by C.S. Lewis. This is the autobiographical work about Lewis's early life and spiritual journey from atheism to Christianity. This promises to be an inspiring and thoughtful read!

Christmas in July!

It's time to start collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of July, we will collect washcloths, toothbrushes and hairbrushes. We will have collection bins in the narthex and at the doors near Freda's desk. We will need at least 600 of each of these items, as they go into all the boxes we pack. We are looking forward to another fantastic year of blessing others through OCC. Thank you for your generosity!

Calling all Agape Dinner Volunteers!

Our next Agape Dinner will be held Wednesday, August 12. This dinner will celebrate and honor all First Responders. If you have served through Agape Dinner in the past or would like to help with this dinner, please let Faith Patton know. We will hold a planning meeting in early August. Details TBA. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful chance to bless our community.



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026
10:00 AM

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land".

~ II Chronicles 7:14

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.



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MORNING WORSHIP

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

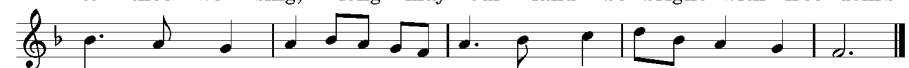
My Country 'Tis of Thee



1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing; land where my fa - thers died, land of the thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring! tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills, like that a - bove. breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long. ho - ly light; pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

†Call to Worship

Stephen Davis

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

Offering

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

Christy Henson, piano solo

†Doxology

UMH 95

**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

Gracious God, we give because you first gave to us - Life and Saving Grace. Fulfill our joy and expand our reach as we share in the work of your church on earth, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading

II Chronicles 7: 12-18

O.T. 307

Sermon

"A Wise Nation"

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. The communion offering and highlighted ministry for July is School Ministries Alabama.

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

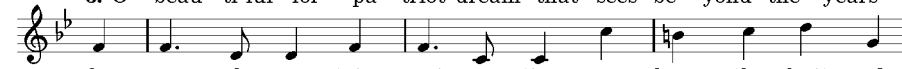
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the minister at the chancel rail during the singing of the final verse of the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn of Response

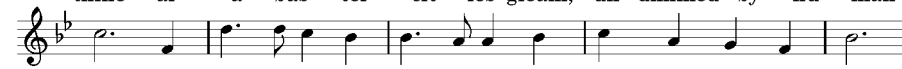
America, the Beautiful



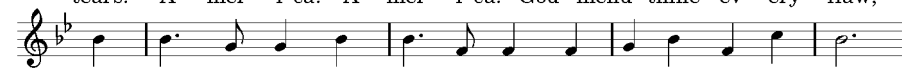
1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain;
2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man



plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine, tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea. till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine. con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

†Benediction

Rev. Larry Patton

†Postlude

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Tony & Tracy Camara, Sabrina Colburn, Alice DeRamus, Jo Felio, Mike Harris, Carlyn Howell, Andy & Sandy Hudman, Sandra Jones, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Nancy Lovvorn, Louise Moody, Carol Pearson, Tom Risher (new prayer needs) **Ken Daniel, Melvin Ehrlich, Donna Von Gal**

Extended Family: Richard & Karen Aldridge, Libby Barrett, Della Benton, Jeremy Clarkson, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Noah Weiss Gerber, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Buddy Mickler, Connor Mims, Drew Peterson, Kathleen Rush, Johnny Stinson, Beckie Stringfellow, Barbara Tatum, Bill Tatum, Clayton Thompson (new prayer needs) **Donna Gernenz, Reese Hall**

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mrs. Jean Maccready and the late Mr. Mac Maccready by their Family.

Sermon Notes

For our founding fathers and mothers,

_____ and _____ were inseparable.

The _____ part:

_____, _____, _____

_____ God's _____.

1. The _____ vs. the _____

_____ vs. _____

2. _____ of _____

3. _____ in _____

_____ through _____

Also Serving in Worship

Faith Patton, Song Leader

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Marianne Gamper, Pianist

Michaela Dannelley, Crucifer

Sam Rome and Joseph Rome, Acolytes

Denise Gilmore and Katrina McLeod, Altar Guild