

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

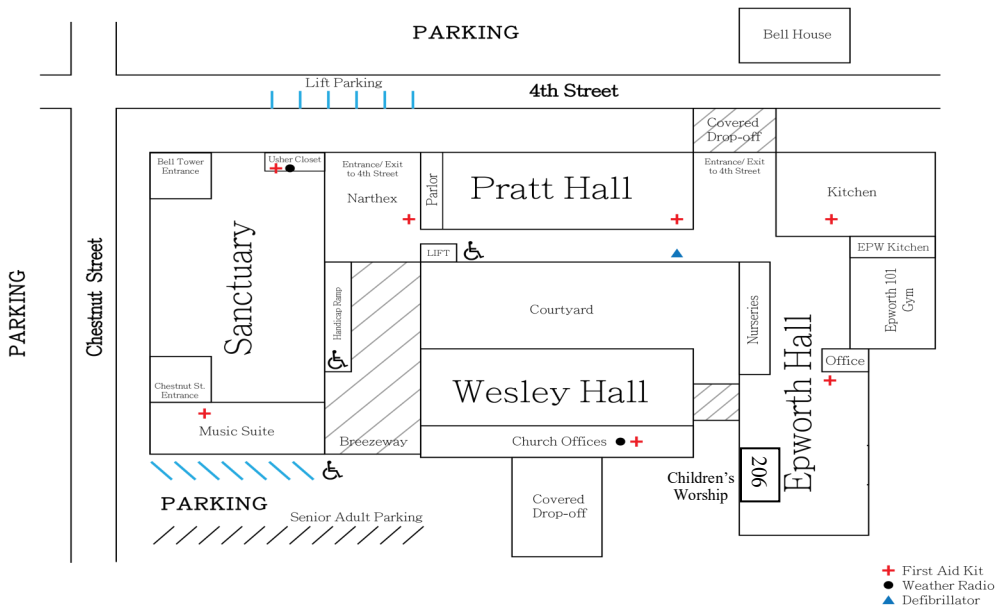
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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:** 9:40am Fellowship Time, donuts and coffee (Pratt Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School / Small Groups  
**Monday:** 6:00pm Serve Team (Wesley 101)  
**Tuesday:** 6:00pm Summer Book Club (Wesley 102)  
**Wednesday:** 12:00pm 9th/10th Graders Lunch (Mexico Tipico)  
6:00pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)  
**Thursday:** 11:00am Congregational Care Team (Wesley 101)  
12:00pm 11th/12th Graders Lunch (Buffalo Wild Wings)  
6:00pm 7th/8th Graders Bowling & Bruster’s Night (Bama Lanes)  
**Friday:** 6:00pm Youth Biscuits Game

Announcements

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

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 - Tuesday, July 14

On Tuesday we will meet and discuss “Surprised by Joy” by C.S. Lewis. This is the autobiographical work about Lewis’s early life and spiritual journey from atheism to Christianity.

Youth Activities

**Wednesday, July 15:** 9th & 10th Grade Lunch, 12noon at Mexico Tipico  
Bible Study, 6pm in the Youth Room  
**Thursday, July 16:** 11th & 12th Grade Lunch, 12noon at Buffalo Wild Wings  
7th & 8th Grade Bowling/Bruster’s Night, 6pm Bama Lanes  
**Friday, July 17:** Youth Biscuits Game, meet at 6pm at the church  
**Youth Week - July 27th - August 1 - mark your calendars now!**

Attention: Kids Water Night - July 29

WHO: Kids in grades K4–5<sup>th</sup> grade WHERE: Bell House Lawn  
WHEN: Wednesday, July 29 from 6-7pm FREE DINNER: Pizza, chips, Kona Ice  
WHAT TO WEAR: Swim Suit and shoes that can get wet (they WILL get wet!)  
Bring a towel & change of clothes if you don’t want to ride home in wet clothes.

Logan Brendle Concert- Sun, August 30th @ 6:00

Don’t miss a special night of worship and testimony with Logan Brendle. Logan was part of leading worship during the Asbury Outpouring in 2023 and will be sharing stories from that experience along with music from her new album. It’s going to be a meaningful night of worship together, and we’d love for you to join us.

Christmas in July! - collecting items for Operation Christmas Child.

For the month of July, we are collecting washcloths, toothbrushes, hairbrushes & combs. There are collection bins in the narthex and at the doors near Freda’s desk. We need at least 600 of each of these items.

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.



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.”  
~ Romans 8:28

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 12, 2026

Seventh 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

Meditation on O Store Gud

arr. Wagner

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

Onward, Christian Soldiers

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†Call to Worship

Hunter Taylor

Leader: Trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

People: We will thank God forever, because of what God has done.

Leader: In the presence of the faithful, proclaim God’s name.

People: For God is good.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together

All: Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ, that through the witness of our lives the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. 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.

Ministry Moment

School Ministries Alabama (SMA)

Faith Patton

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s 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

Boundless Love

Chancel Choir

arr. Kirkland

†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, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Stacey Lewis

(Children K - 6th grade are invited to Children’s Worship in Epworth 206.)

†Hymn

Standing on the Promises

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 10: 29-31

N.T. 8

Sermon

“The Faith and Wisdom of Our Founders”

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

Send the Light

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†Benediction

Rev. Larry Patton

†Postlude

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Wagner

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

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

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

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Della Benton, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Noah Weiss Gerber, Donna Gernenz, Reese Hall, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Buddy Mickler, Connor Mims, Drew Peterson, Kathleen Rush, Johnny Stinson, Beckie Stringfellow, Barbara Tatum, Bill Tatum, Clayton Thompson

Memorial gifts have been given in memory of:  
Ursula Fadung and Billie Smith by Terri Taylor  
Woody Woodman by Angela Taylor, Jimmie & Judy Durbin, Terri Taylor, Tommy & Rita Brown and Kevin & Stacie Haynes  
Gwen Golson Rushing by Jimmie & Judy Durbin

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in celebration of the 16th birthday of Madelyne and Ian Kennedy with love from their Family.

Sermon Notes

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wisdom and faith of our \_\_\_\_\_

1. Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_  
a.) \_\_\_\_\_ as the foundation  
b.) Made in \_\_\_\_\_ (origin of \_\_\_\_\_)

2. A government that promotes and defends \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for all.

3. The church and the Christian’s role in \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment.

4. Preventing the government from \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ the church.

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Directory of Music Ministries

Wayne Lambert, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Kate McCain, Crucifer

Mason Marks and Abby Dannelley, Acolytes

Denise Gilmore and Katrina McLeod, Altar Guild