

## 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

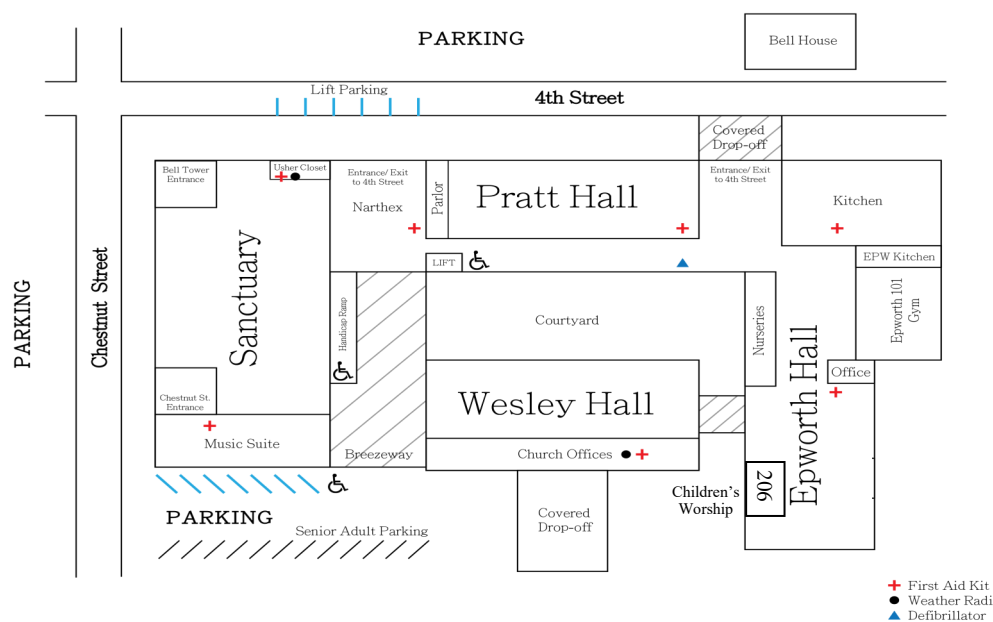
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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



## This Week at Prattville First Methodist

- Today:** 9:40am Fellowship Time (Pratt Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups  
 5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Monday:** 6:00pm Serve Team (Wesley 101)
- Tuesday:** 10:00am Morning Sonshine Circle (Wesley 104)  
 5:30pm ELA Board Meeting (Wesley 101)  
 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 Wednesday Dinner (Pratt Hall)  
 5:45pm Children's Choirs (various rooms)  
 6:00pm Adult Studies (check website for adult studies)  
 6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth room)  
 6:00pm Children's Activities (Epworth upstairs)  
 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00am The Screwtape Letters (Wesley 104)  
 11:00am Congregational Care Team (Wesley 101)

## Announcements

### Wednesday Night Spring Studies

- The Psalms: A confidence for all seasons**, led by Pastor Larry. Wesley 203, 6pm. This is a continuation of the Psalms study that met before Lent. Everyone invited. No book necessary--just bring your Bible. (3 weeks only)
- The Screwtape Letters**, led by Faith Patton. Wesley 104, 6pm Wednesdays, 10am Thursdays. Three weeks only.

### Wednesday Dinner Menu for April 15th

Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, and Bread Pudding for dessert. Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Blake Horn, Embrace Alabama Kids (formerly the Methodist Children's Home)

### Serve Opportunities

- Greensprings - 2pm on Sunday, April 19th
- Youth Bible Cub - 2pm on Sunday, April 19th
- Laundry of Love - Tuesday, April 21st

### Mother & Son Fishing and Creek Hike - Sunday, April 26

**Deadline to Register is today, April 12 - [prattvillemethodist.org](http://prattvillemethodist.org).**

Mothers and Sons are invited to join Prattville FMC for a fun afternoon at Lanark! Sunday, April 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. We will fish for an hour, have a fun snack and then head out to the creek for a hike! Make sure you come ready to get wet! Cost is \$15 per son, mothers free with paid son.

### National Day of Prayer gathering - May 7th

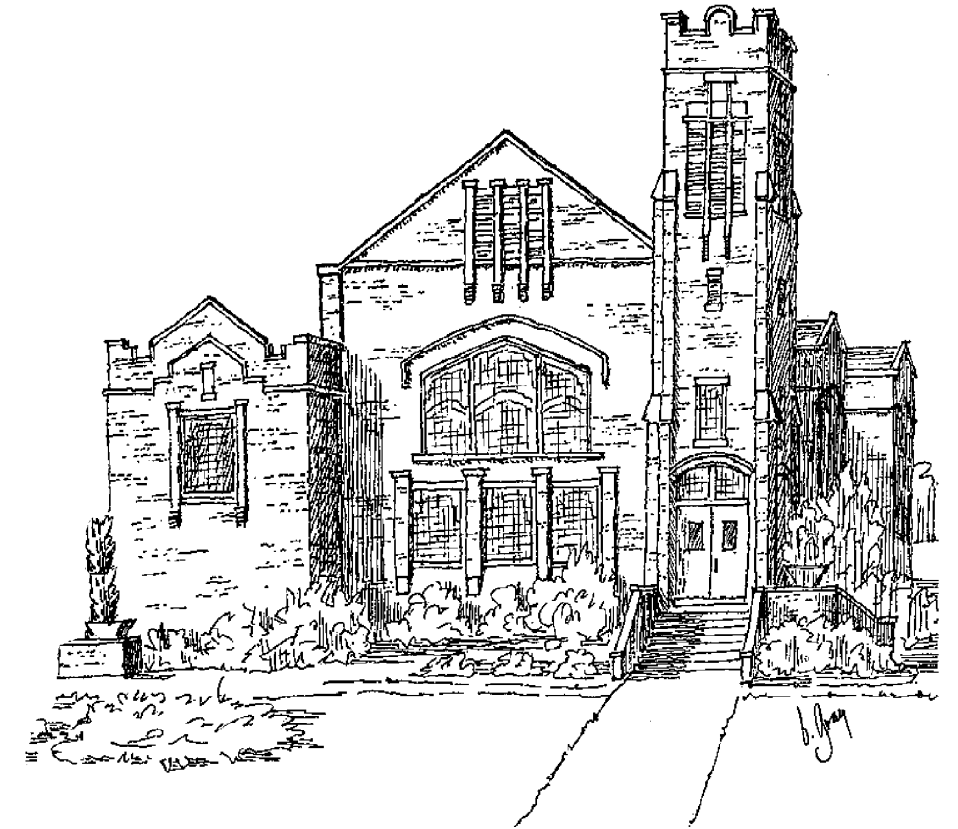
Meet at church (front portico) at 9:30am, Thursday, May 7th. After we pray, we will walk to city hall to circle up and pray, concluding around 10am.

### Senior Lunch Bunch Road Trip - May 7th

Meet at the church main entrance at 11:30am on Thursday, May 7th. We will drive the bus and van down to Grady, AL (about 45 minutes) to the world-famous Red's Little School-House Restaurant. We have 28 spaces in the van and bus, so make your reservation ASAP by contacting the church office. You are certainly welcome to drive your own vehicles as well!

### Thank You for displaying EASTER signs!

A big thank you to all who placed our Easter signs in your yard inviting people to worship with us on Easter. These signs can be used again next year, since they have no date printed on them. Please save them to reuse or bring back to the church for keeping.



## Confirmation Sunday

April 12, 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.*

[www.prattvillemethodist.org](http://www.prattvillemethodist.org)

# MORNING WORSHIP

April 12, 2026

## Confirmation Sunday

*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

*Thine Be the Glory*

### Introit

*Soon and Very Soon*

Crouch

*Pre4-K & 1st Grade Choir*

*Jessica Gaston, Director Patty Crowley, Accompanist*

### 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 be a blessing in your life.

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

**O God, our times are in your hands: 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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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### †Call to Worship:

Hunter Taylor

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**People: whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

### †Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty God, grant that we who have been redeemed through the resurrection of your Son, may be renewed in your Spirit as we seek to live lives worthy of the call you have placed on our lives. Let us remember that children of all ages look to the church to be a beacon of light and vessel of hope. May we joyfully receive these young men and women into the community of faith, that they will continue to grow in grace and love through Christ our Lord. 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.

### Recognition of Confirmation Class (8:30)

### 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

*I Will Sing New Songs to the Lord*

Martin

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 as we share in the work of your church on earth. Amen.**

### †Hymn (8:30)

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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### Scripture Reading

**1 Samuel 12: 7**

O.T. 199

### Message

**“The Builder’s Rock”**

Rev. Larry Patton

### Baptism and Confirmation (11:00)

### The Lord’s Supper

### The Prayer of Confession

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### Prayer after receiving Holy Communion

**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 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

*Hymn of Promise*



1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden  
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every  
6 3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, in finity; in our doubt there is be-



promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a  
darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it  
11 liev-ing, in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the



spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
holds a mystery,  
last, a victory,

### †Congregational Welcome

**We welcome you and receive you into the fellowship of the church. We promise to surround you in a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ, so that you may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people, to the glory of his name. Amen.**

### †Benediction

### †Postlude

## 2025-2026 PFMC Confirmation Class

Palmer Brooks Baker

McKenzie Renuka Bankson

Anna Lee Griswold

Chloe Catherine Harvey

Blair Elizabeth Hunter

Lawson Jay Mahnke

Mason Edwards Marks

Amelia Gail Mitchell

Annmarie Grace Mitchell

Jackson Garrett Prochazka

Mason Crosby Riddle

Samuel Lawrence Rome

Sofia Juliana Sotelo

### Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** 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

**Extended Family:** Lynn Alsobrook, Irma Alvarez, Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Bill Furlow, Kay Harrell, Whitney Hill, Bob Hoffman, Angela Howell, Ethel Hurst, Jolie Lee, Connor Mims, Drew Peterson, Allen, Jasmine & Olivia Rawlinson, Kathleen Rush, Clayton Thompson  
*(new prayer needs)* Randy Bryan, Andrea Butts

**The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in memory of our daughter, Beatrice, on her heavenly birthday.**

**Love, Willard and Kay Kitchens**

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**The flowers in the narthex have been placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Betty Taylor by her family,**

**Fred, Angela, Mark and Michelle**

### Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Ford Hallman, Crucifer

Winn Jones and Millie Hayes Jones, Acolytes

Altar Guild: Julie Hunter and Jim Haisten