

## 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

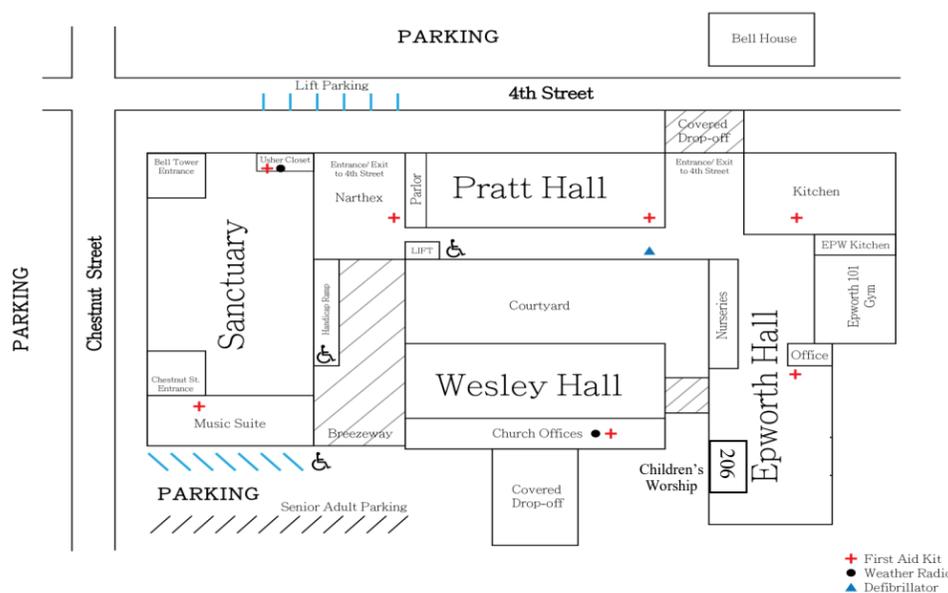
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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

**Tuesday:** 12:00pm Lenten Lunch (Pratt Hall)  
5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 104)  
6:00pm Women's Group Faithfulness ( Wesley 102)

**Wednesday:** 6:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)  
**NO Wednesday dinner /studies/activities**

**Thursday:** 11:30am Senior Lunch Bunch (Uncle Mick's)  
6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

**Friday:** 6:30pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

**Saturday:** 2:00-4:00pm Spring Celebration / Egg Hunt (Bell House lawn)

## Announcements

### Dates to remember:

**Tuesday, March 31st** - last Lenten Lunch and Devotional - 12noon  
**Wednesday, April 1st** - no Wednesday night dinner or activities  
**Thursday, April 2nd** - Senior Lunch Bunch will meet at Uncle Mick's for a delicious meat-&-three. Reservations need to be in to the church office by Wed. at 1pm.

### New Bible Studies beginning Wednesday, April 8th

#### 1) Living the Psalms - 6 PM in Wesley 205

This class will meet for three sessions after Easter in continuation of the Psalms study that began before Lent. No registration necessary. Your Bible is your textbook for this study. Led by Pastor Larry

#### 2) The Screwtape Letters - Wednesdays 6 PM & Thursdays 10 AM

The Screwtape letters by CS Lewis is a Christian treatise disguised as satire. The setting is a "Senior Devil--Screwtape" giving instructions through letters to his "Junior Devil nephew--Wormwood" on how to bedevil a young man and keep him from his Christian walk. It depicts the many forms temptation takes in the life of the believer. 3 sessions led by Faith Patton

#### Saturday, April 11th - ManMaker Conference, "Elevate Your Game!"

All men are welcome to join us in Pratt Hall from 8am-12noon for breakfast, refreshments and a message from Dr. John Ed Mathison. Don't miss this event! No charge.

## Holy Week Services

### Maundy Thursday - April 2nd at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Maundy is an old English word that is derived from the Latin mandatum meaning "mandate." At this service, we will hear Jesus' mandate from the Gospel of John: "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

### Good Friday - April 3rd at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

A Tenebrae service is one the oldest traditions of the Christian Church in celebration of Holy Week. From the Latin word meaning shadows, the service of Tenebrae presents the story of Jesus' passion, and as it unfolds, the symbolic candles are extinguished and the worship space is darkened to remember the death of our Lord.

### Spring Celebration / Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4th

Join us from 2pm-4pm at our grass parking lot on 4th street, next to the Bell House. Activities will include inflatables, face painting, petting zoo, bean bag toss, pictures with the Easter Bunny and egg hunts for children up to 5th grade!

### Easter Sunday - April 5th

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Join us to worship and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at our 8:30am or 11:00am traditional services in the sanctuary. There will be a reception for everyone at 9:45am in Pratt Hall. You are invited to bring flowers to adorn the flower cross on our lawn for your family Easter photos.



## Palm Sunday

March 29, 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

March 29, 2026

## Palm 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** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Giardini

**Introit** *The Palms* Faure  
Chancel Choir

**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.

†**Processional Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 227

Children are invited to process in and lay palms on the communion rail during this time.

†**Call to Worship:** Billy Taylor

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

†**Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to life. In his name we pray. 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; 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.

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†**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** Faith 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** *My Deliverer* Mullins/arr. Pyles

Chancel Choir

Marian Woodman, pennywhistle

Russell Mann, drums

**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

**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)

**Scripture Reading** *Matthew 21: 1-11* N.T. 17

**Sermon** "The Humble Factor" 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** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* 159

†**Benediction**

†**Postlude** *Lift High the Cross* Crucifer

† Please stand as you are able.

### 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 (*new prayer needs*) **the Family of Betty Ann Chambliss**

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

**Death: Betty Ann Chambliss - PFMC member**

The palms on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God.

### Sermon Notes

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are

all signs of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not thinking less of

\_\_\_\_\_, but thinking of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is accurate \_\_\_\_\_.

The Rewards of \_\_\_\_\_

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_

2. God \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries  
Patty Crowley, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist  
8:30: Blake Wadsworth, Crucifer  
Mason Riddle and Abby Dannelley, Acolytes  
11:00: Marion Lewis, Crucifer  
Annmarie Mitchell and Brooks Baxley, Acolytes  
Altar Guild: Cindy Oliver and Alys Paravicini