

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

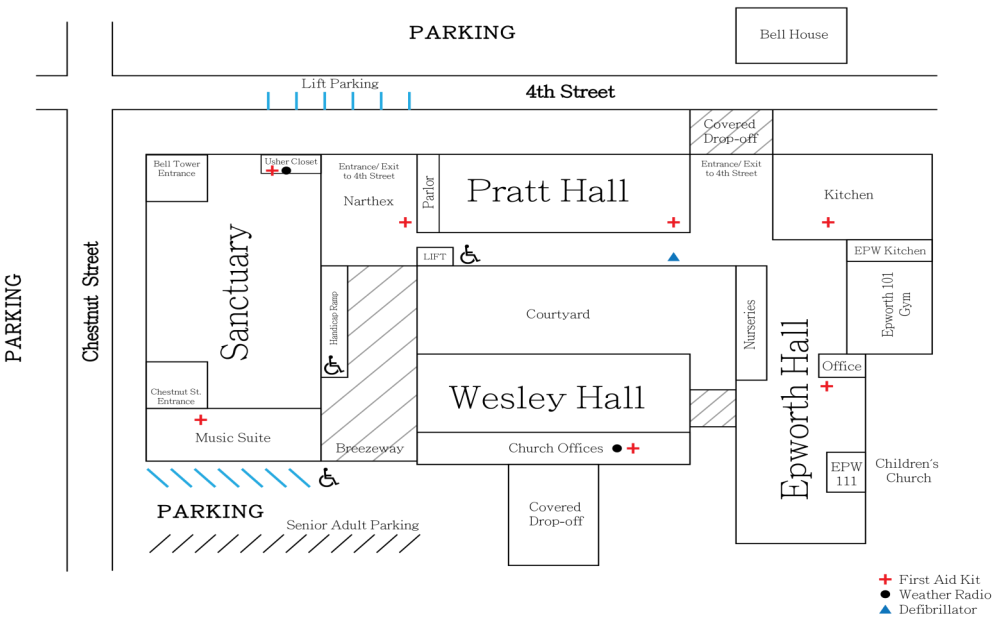
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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:** 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:40am Fellowship Time - Donuts, Refreshments (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups
11:00am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
6:00pm Worship with Father, Son, Holy Ghost Church (Sanctuary)
- Tuesday:** 5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)
6:00pm SPRC Team (Wesley 101)
7:00pm Church Council (Wesley 104)
- Wednesday:** 7:15am SMA Classes (Epworth 211)
10:30am Care Meal Team (Kitchen)
11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Hickory Hill)
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner
5:00pm Wednesday Dinner & Activities (Pratt Hall)
5:45pm Children’s Choirs (various rooms)
6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth room)
6:00pm Global Methodist 101 Study (Wesley 104)
6:00pm For the Body Study (Wesley 208)
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00am Games Day (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Global Methodist 101 Study (Wesley 104)

Announcements

Joint Worship Service with Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Church is tonight!
Come tonight at 6:00pm in the sanctuary for a night of worship with our fellow Christians from Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Church. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and renewing friendships. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Nursery for 6 and under provided.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities have begun!

- Dinner** - 5-5:45pm in Pratt Hall
Children’s Choirs - 5:45-6:30pm
Children’s Activities - 6:30-7:30pm in the gym
Adult Studies - 6:00pm

- 1) *Global Methodist 101* led by Pastor Larry in Wesley 104
Repeat class: Thursdays at 10am in Wesley 104
- 2) *For the Body* led by Pastor Daniel in Wesley 208

Youth Worship - 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Youth Room

Menu for Wednesday, August 27th - Hunter’s Favorites

Cheeseburger Sliders, Fries (*sweet potato and regular*), Bean Bundles, Salad Bar, and Apple Crisp with Ice Cream.

Blood Drive next Sunday - August 31st

LifeSouth will be here next Sunday from 9-12:30pm. All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Must be 16 or older.

Backpack Ministry Kick-Off

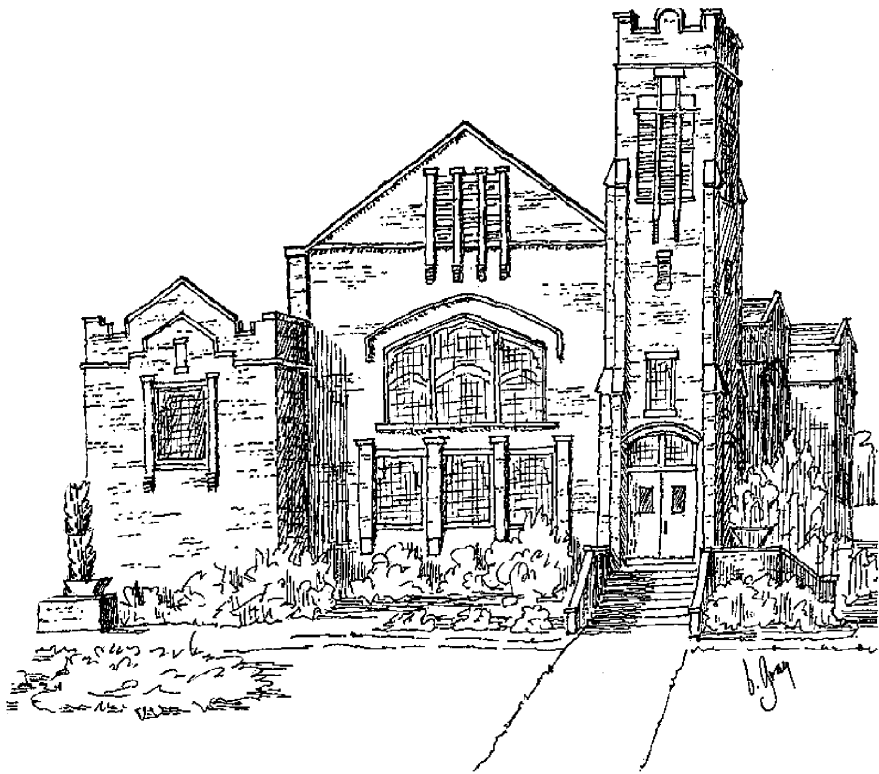
Our annual Ravioli Drive is underway. Help our Backpack Ministry stock our pantry! Bring your donations to the church office. Thank you for your generous support.

Meals - on - Wheels

During the month of September we need you to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Help deliver meals in our community to those in need. Sign up by calling Carol Pearson at 334-320-6106.

Ellie Holcomb Fall Family Concert - Sunday, October 26

Ellie Holcomb is an award winning Christian artist and children’s book author who will share with us a worship-filled concert for the whole family! General Admission tickets for \$10 can be purchased by visiting www.prattvillemethodist.org.



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

8:30 and 11:00 AM

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”

- John 10:27

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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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.

MORNING WORSHIP

August 24, 2025

Eleventh 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

Toccata

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 be a blessing in your life.

†Processional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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†Call to Worship

Hunter Taylor

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress.

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Leader: God is our hope and our trust.

People: We praise God continually!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

†Opening Prayer

All: God of grace and transformation, we thank you again today for your promise of plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. Help us to trust in your power, that we may respond to your calling upon our lives, praise you freely and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

†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

Rev. Wayne Perry

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Your tithes and offerings financially support the vibrant mission and ministries of PFMC. Thank you! There are a number of ways to securely give today: by making a gift in the offering plate, through our church website under “Give” or on our church app (Prattville First Methodist) under the “Giving” tab. You may also support the church through recurring gifts made from your financial institution. The central part of worship is to consecrate each gift for the Lord. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to Christ and the church!

Anthem

God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire

arr. Hogan

Chancel Choir

†Doxology

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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

Rev. Larry Patton

Eternal God, consecrate all of our giving to grow your Gospel in us, and for 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.)

†Hymn

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

Pew Bible p. 508

Sermon

“Book of Isaiah: the Bible in Miniature”

Rev. Daniel Patrick

“In My Father’s Hands”

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

Lord, I’m Coming Home

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†Benediction

†Postlude

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

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: John Boutwell, Ray Brasel, Sabrina Colburn, Charles DeRamus, Jimmie Durbin, Sandra Harvey, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Frank & Betty Lamar, Nalini Mark, Ann Thrower (new prayer needs) Virginia Hanna, Ginger Johnson, Louise Moody

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Darlene Goodhue, Angela Howell, Sid Johnson, Jolie Lee, Leslie Rider, Ezekiel Stephenson, Bill Tatum, Emma Tatum, Clayton Thompson

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of George and Carolyn Watkins with love from their children.

Sermon Notes

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Ann Leigh Jones, Crucifer

Lucy Gregory and Tatum Butts, Acolytes

Ann Fuller and Sara Elizabeth Fuller, Altar Guild

As of July 2025 the following data was reported by our finance committee:

YTD General Fund Budget: \$1,074,864

Total Funds Received: \$1,001,620

Total Expenses: \$1,019,557

Net Receipts: (\$17,937)