

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

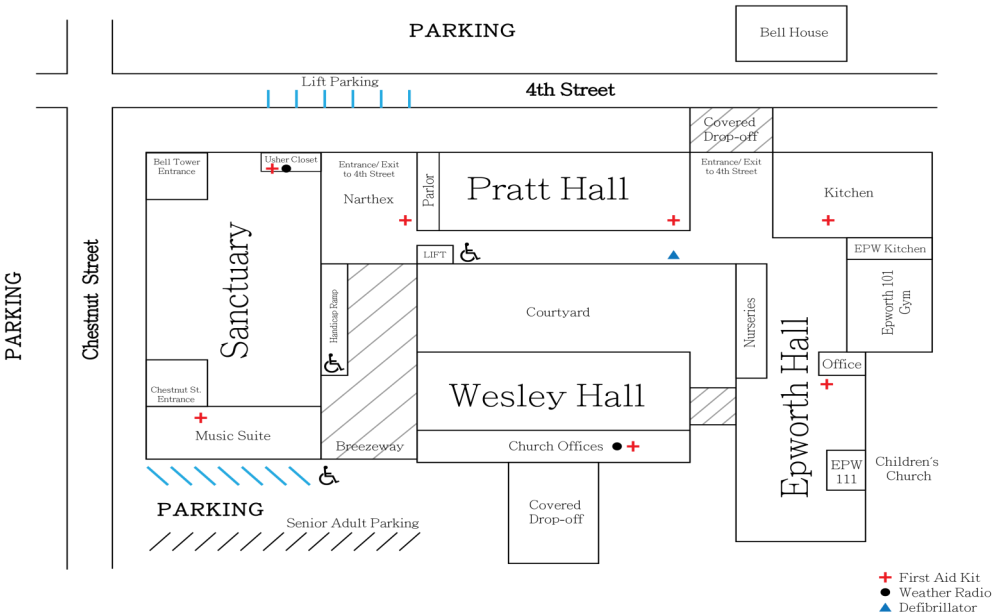
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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:** 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)  
2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)  
5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)  
6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth Room)

**Monday:** 6:00pm Serve Team (Wesley 101)

**Tuesday:** 10:00am Morning SonShine Circle (Wesley 104)  
5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)

**Wednesday:** 7:15am SMA Classes (Epworth 211)  
11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)  
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 Global Methodist 101 Study (Wesley 104)

Announcements

Wednesday Night Dinner and Activities

**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, September 10th - Freda's Favorites

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Stir-fry Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad Bar, and Peach Cobbler. Kid option: Hamburger Slider (or chicken nuggets) & Tater Tots.

Charge Conference - next Sunday, September 14th, 2:00pm in Pratt Hall

On Sunday, September 14th, we are hosting our area Charge Conference with six other churches joining us. Make your plans to attend. Meeting in Pratt Hall at 2pm.

**Lunch & Learn with Pastor Larry - NEW DATE: Tuesday, September 16th, 12noon-1:00pm.** Come to Pratt Hall to learn the Beginnings of Christianity & Methodism in America and Alabama. Lunch provided. Call the church office for your reservation.

PFMC Ministry Fair - September 21 - 9:45 - 11:00am in Pratt Hall

Discover something new in the ministries of the church with Ministry Fair Sunday! Join us for refreshments, food and fun!

Ladies Salad Supper - September 22 at 6 PM

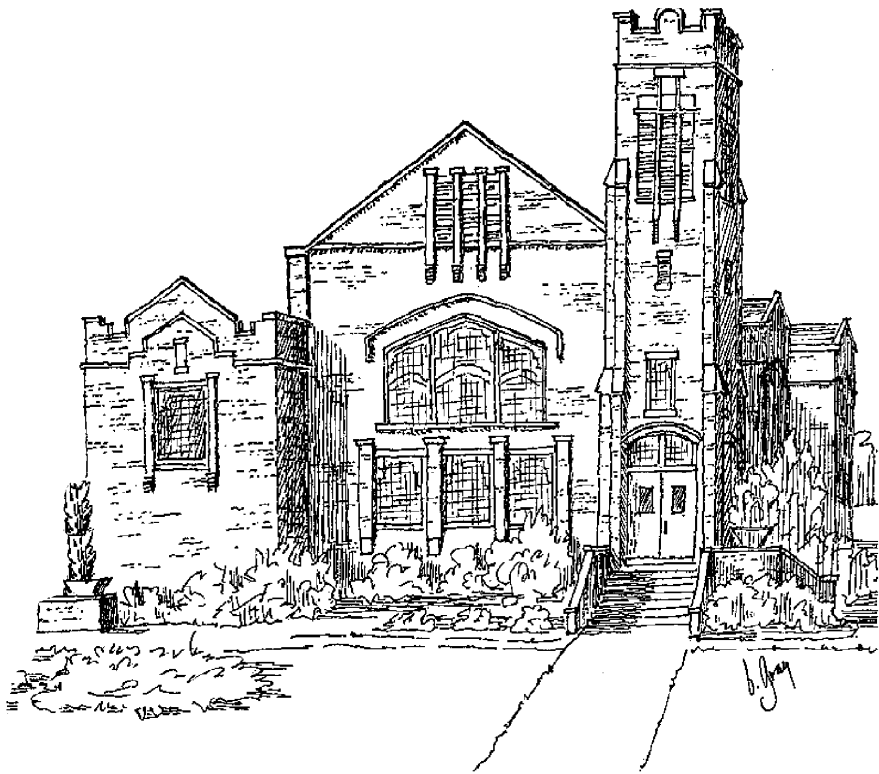
All ladies of the church are invited to come to this special night of fellowship! Bring a favorite salad to share and enjoy a time together. For more information contact Jennifer Bedwell at 334-201-8939

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

Operation Christmas Child!

Mark your calendars for November 5 for our packing party! Here's how you can help us collect items for 600 shoeboxes. 1)Purchase any quantity of: washcloths, toothbrushes, hairbrushes/combs, coloring books, crayons (24 pack); 2) write a check to PFMC for Operation Christmas Child; 3) Order items from our OCC Amazon wishlist found at this QR code.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

8:30 and 11:00 AM

*“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint”. ”*  
- Isaiah 40:31

*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

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth 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

Hymn

Wagner

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who trust in Him! Psalm 34:8

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.

Ministry Moment

ELA Directors: Amanda Seavey and Julie Thompson

†Processional Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Birthday Prayer (For all those with September 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.

†Invitation

Hunter Taylor

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

Rev. Daniel Patrick

Pastoral 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

My Midnight Faith

Sorenson

Chancel Choir Heather Smith, solo

†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. Daniel Patrick

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.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Pew Bible p. 509

Sermon

“Book of Isaiah: The Bible in Miniature”

Rev. Larry Patton

“The Braid & The Rope”

Serving at the Lord’s Table

All offerings received at the communion altar rail are used to share Christ’s Love and to care for those in need throughout our community.

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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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, Virginia Hanna, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Frank & Betty Lamar, Nalini Mark, Louise Moody, and Ann Thrower (new prayer needs)

Family of Ginger Johnson

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Darlene Goodhue, Angela Howell, Loren James, Jolie Lee, Leslie Rider, Ezekiel Stephenson, and Clayton Thompson (new prayer needs) Taylor Mitchell, Craig Nelson, Haley Pelham, Cathy Wilson

Death: Ginger Johnson - PFMC member

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God and His constant watch over us. The blessings we have been granted over our 66 years of marriage and the many more we anticipate, we can only thank you Lord. Bill & Kathy Scott

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The flowers in the Narthex and Bell Tower have been placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sandra Harvey by her Family.

Sermon Notes

Isaiah 40:31

The Hebrew verb \_\_\_\_\_

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

2. E \_\_\_\_\_

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

B \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Michaela Dannelley, Crucifer

Winn Jones and Abigail Dannelley, Acolytes

11:00: Marion Lewis, Crucifer

Blair Hunter and Annmarie Mitchell, Acolytes

Terri Taylor, Altar Guild