

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

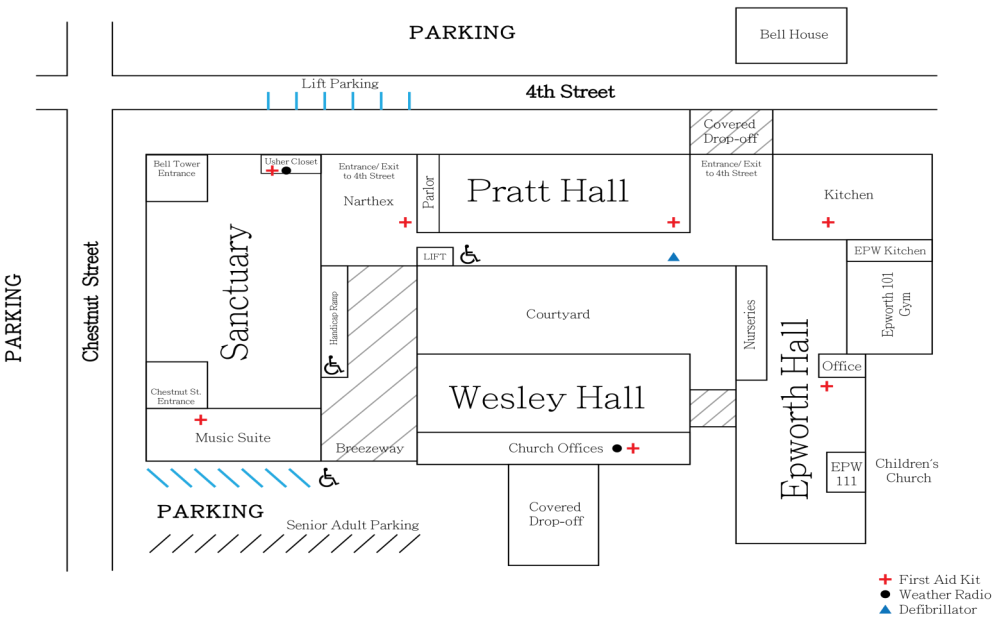
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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



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, donuts and coffee (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups
5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth Room)
- Monday: 5:30pm SPRC Team (Wesley 101)
- Tuesday: 5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)
- Wednesday: 11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
5:00pm Wednesday Dinner & Activities (Pratt Hall)
5:45pm Children’s Choirs (various rooms)
6:00pm Adult Studies (check website for all adult studies)
New: Truth Rising Bible Study with Eddie Gaston (Wesley 210)
6:00pm Youth Activities (Youth Room)
6:30pm Children’s Activities
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday: 10:00am Global Methodist 101 Study (Wesley 104)
11:30am Senior Adult Lunch Bunch (The GOAT)

Announcements

Youth Activities tonight from 6:00-7:00pm in the gym. See YOU there!

Menu for Wednesday, October 1st - Cooks Night Off

BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream Sandwich
Dessert. Kids: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Senior Lunch Bunch - Thursday, October 2nd at 11:30am at The GOAT

Call a friend, call a neighbor! Join us at the GOAT for a time of fellowship and sharing a meal together. Call the church office for your reservations.

Join us for a Dessert Gathering with ‘Sweets from Israel’ on October 6th

Come to Pratt Hall at 6pm for an informational meeting about the Holy Land Pilgrimage next fall with Pastor Daniel and Pastor Larry. Come with your questions and bring a friend! Delicious Desserts!

Genesis Singers Choir Tour Fundraiser

The Genesis Singers will be traveling on their annual choir tour this summer and they need your help raising funds. Donate by leaving a check with Genesis Singers on the memo line in the offering plate, or on our website using the “Give” tab, or by scanning this QR code and selecting “Genesis Singers”. Thank you for your generous giving.



Ellie Holcomb Fall Family Concert - Sunday, October 26

Don’t forget to get your tickets for the Fall Family Concert! 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.

Operation Christmas Child - Packing Party on November 5th

How to contribute: 1) Purchase any quantity of hairbrushes/combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, coloring books, crayons (24 pack); 2) Write a check to PFMC for Operation Christmas Child; 3) Order items from our OCC Amazon wish-list found at this QR code. How to participate: Sort and inventory items Wednesdays, Oct. 1,8,15, 22, 29 Help with setup and prepacking mornings, Nov. 3,4,5 at 9-11:30am and evenings Nov. 2,3,4 at 6:00-7:30pm.



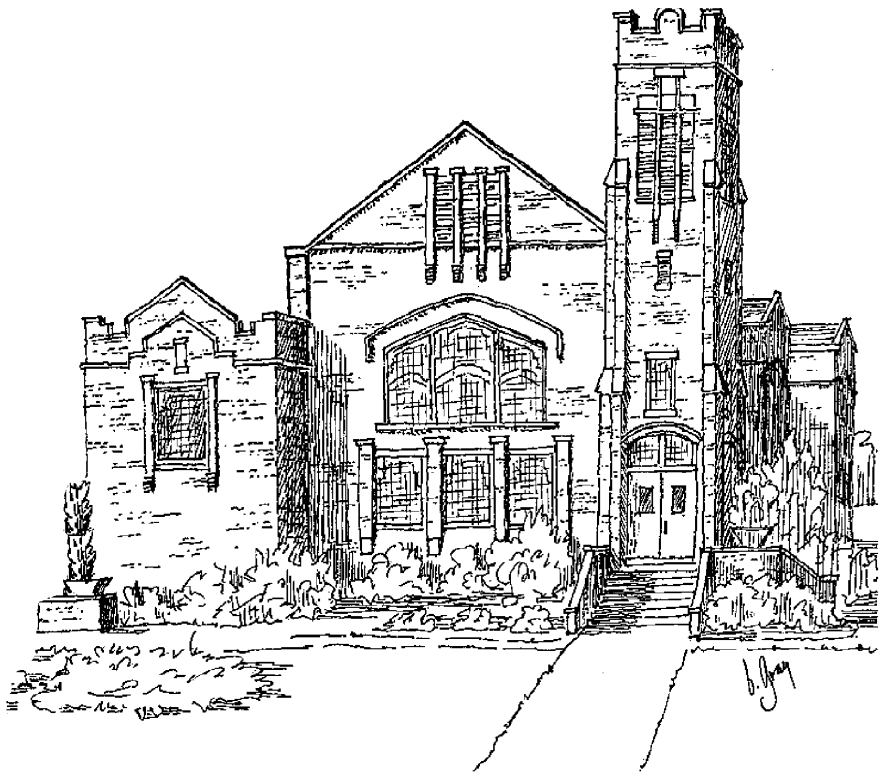
As of August 2025 the following data was reported by our finance committee:

YTD General Fund Budget: \$1,228,416

Total Funds Received: \$1,136,910

Total Expenses: \$1,140,488

Net Receipts: (\$3,578)



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

8:30 and 11:00 AM

“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. “

- Isaiah 64:8

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 28, 2025

Sixteenth 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

How Great Thou Art

arr. Hamlin

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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†Call to Worship

Katrina McLeod

Leader: Jesus is the gate.
People: Whoever enters by him will be saved,
Leader: and will come in and go out and find pasture.
People: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
Leader: Jesus came that all may have life,
People: and have it abundantly.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.

†All: O Good Shepherd, you desire to guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Meet us in this time of worship today and fill us with your love, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, in your 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 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.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Rev. Daniel Patrick

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

Who Am I?

arr. Allen

Genesis Singers

†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

Jeremy Pyles

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

I Love to Tell the Story

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-6a

Pew Bible p. 527

Sermon

The Bible in Miniature: The Book of Isaiah

Rev. Larry Patton

“Beauty For Ashes”

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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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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, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Nalini Mark, Louise Moody, Hazel Phillips, and Ann Thrower (new prayer needs) Mike Harris and Carol Pearson

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Angela Howell, Loren James, Jolie Lee, Leslie Rider, Kathleen Rush, Ezekiel Stephenson, Clayton Thompson and Cathy Wilson (new prayer needs) Gwen Lawrence, Drew Peterson and Audrie Roeten

Memorials have been given to the following:

Sandra Harvey by Charles & Alice DeRamus, Anna & Grant Wadsworth, Irene & William Goodson, David & Stacey Lewis, Billie & Greg Fowl, and Gayle Myers

Frank Lamar by Bob & Sandy Poynor, Anna & Grant Wadsworth, Fred Taylor, Charles & Alice DeRamus, Madeira Powell, David & Stacey Lewis, Jean Judah, Gail & Frank Yeargan, and Dianne Avant

Ginger Johnson by David & Stacey Lewis

Betty Taylor by Fred Taylor

Mable Little by Charles & Alice DeRamus

Mac Gipson by Anna & Grant Wadsworth

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the many Ministries of our church and all the volunteers who serve.

Sermon Notes

Isaiah 61: 1-6a

Jesus preaches from _____

Luke _____

Isaiah lays out the _____

1. B_____

2. B_____

3. B_____

4. B_____

5. B_____

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

Marianne Gamper, Genesis Singers Accompanist

8:30: Kate McCain, Crucifer

Mason Marks and Collier Marks , Acolyte

Terri Taylor, Altar Guild