

## 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

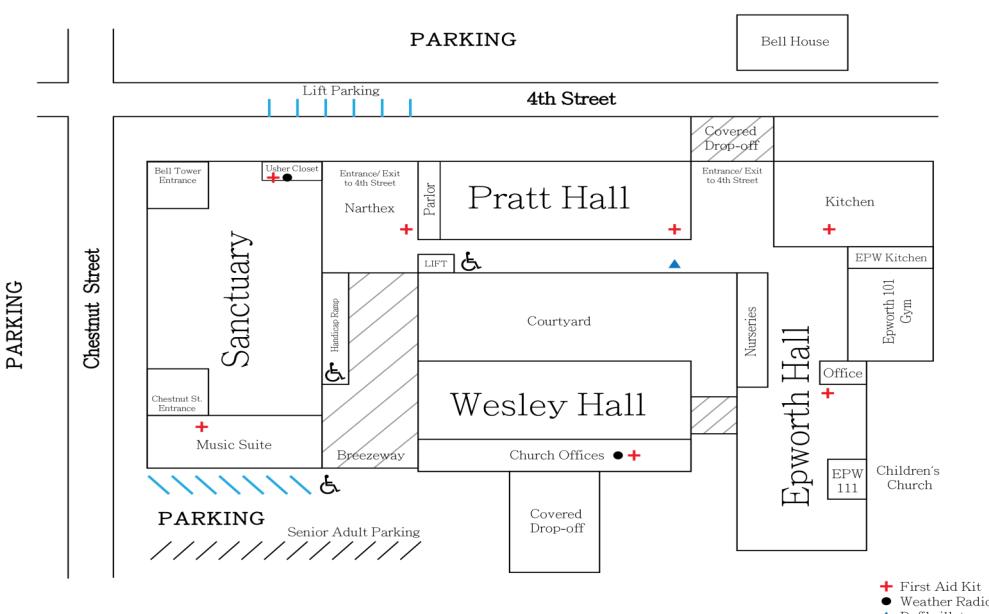
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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, donuts and coffee (Pratt Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups  
5:00-6:00pm Flying Tacos and Family Bingo (Pratt Hall)  
**Tuesday:** 10:00am Morning SonShine Circle (Wesley 104)  
5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 204)  
6:00pm Faithfulness Women's Group: note day change (Library)  
**Wednesday:** 11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)  
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)  
**Thursday:** 11:00am Congregational Care Team (Wesley 101)  
6:30pm Women's Soup Supper (Pratt Hall)  
**Pray for our youth and chaperones as they travel this weekend on their winter retreat: Strength to Stand Conference.**

## Announcements

### Flying Tacos and Family Bingo Night - tonight - 5-6pm in the Gym

A fun time for all ages!

### Women of the Church, Soup Supper, January 15, 6:30 pm, Pratt Hall

All women of the church! Mark your calendars for January 15, 2026. Come to Pratt Hall at 6:30pm for a delicious soup supper. A great time to reconnect with friends and make new ones!

### Lunch and Learn!

Lunch & Learn will resume on January 20th at 12noon in Pratt Hall. Theme is the history of the Bible's survival and development. Call the church office for your reservations, 334-365-5977.

### Wednesday Nights are BACK beginning January 21st

Delicious Dinner at 5pm in Pratt Hall for everyone

Children's choirs start at 5:45pm

Youth will meet at 6pm in the youth room

Adult studies begin at 6pm

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 in the Choir Room

### Winter/Spring Wed. Night Adult Bible Studies - beginning January 21st, 6-7pm

Join us for one of these Wednesday evening studies!

**Truth Rising: Hope, Truth, Identity and Calling--** Learn how we can faithfully live out our God-given calling in the face of disorienting cultural change today. Study Guide will be provided. (6 sessions, Eddie Gaston, leader)

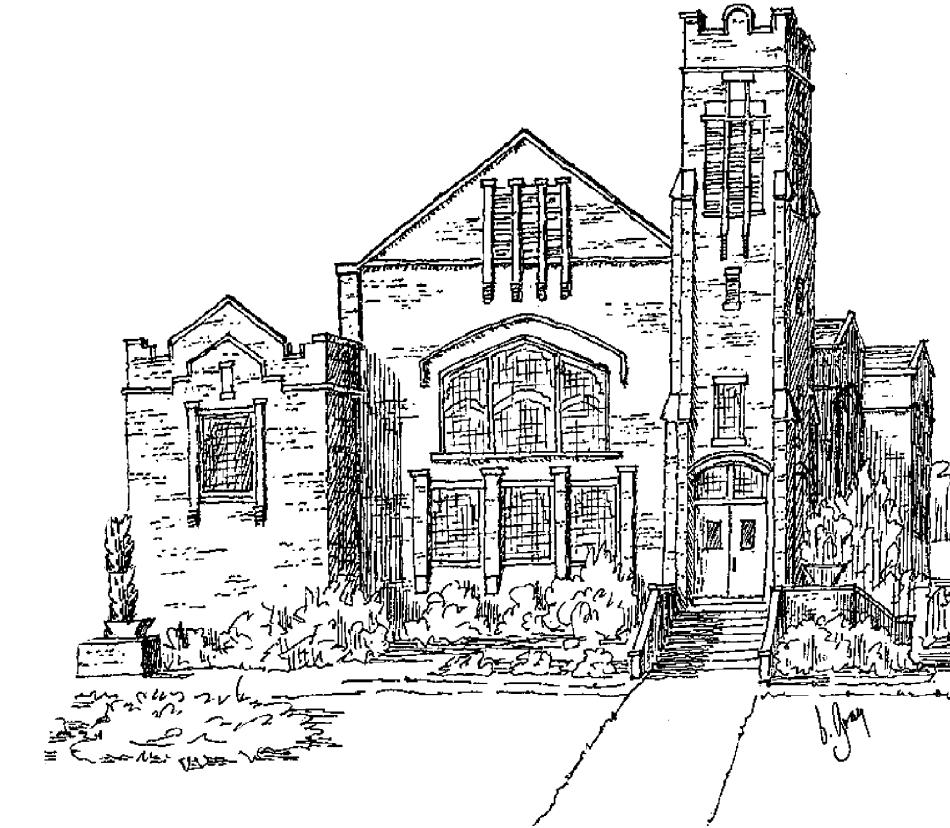
**A Fresh Look at CS Lewis:** Let's discover the timeless truths in *Mere Christianity*, CS Lewis's signal message to the modern church. Purchase your own copy of *Mere Christianity* anywhere. (8 sessions, Faith Patton, leader) This study will be repeated on Thursday mornings at 10am.

**Living the Psalms, a Confidence for all Seasons:** A dive into how the Psalms speak to our Lives today. No study guide needed, just bring your Bible (This study will break for the Lenten study and resume after Easter, Pastor Larry, leader)

**Body and Soul:** A women's Bible Study that takes a biblical look at becoming the whole person God created you to be. Purchase the study guide online. (6 sessions, Kimberly Mitchell, leader)

**Ladies,** are you looking for a walk through the entire bible? The LIT group will be meeting bi-weekly, Starting February 1, using the "official spiral bible" "52-week Journey Through God's Word" as their resource. Purchase online and join in! More information in Weekly Word and the website.

*If you are looking for an ongoing small group experience, please see the Weekly Word or our website for our transformational small groups. Or reach out to Faith Patton for more information.*



## First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 11, 2026  
8:30 and 11:00 AM

*"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."*

~ Luke 9:23

*Our mission is to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ who worship, grow, and serve for the transformation of the world.*

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 11, 2026

## First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

**'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

arr. Whitworth

### 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 to you.

### †Processional Hymn

**Like a River Glorious**

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### †Call to Worship

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God.

People: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

### †Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Creator God, the heavens and the earth are full of your handiwork; create within me a new heart, O God, with a spirit that seeks to be part of your great work in your creation. We pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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.

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### †Gloria Patri

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.

### Prayer for 2026 PFMC Leadership

O God of Grace and God of Glory, look with favor we pray, on our congregation's servant-leaders for this year. Grant each one wisdom and grace to serve your best purposes through the mission of our church, in Jesus' name, Amen.

### 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 and the church!

### Anthem

**God's Gonna Set This World on Fire**

arr. Hogan

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.

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### †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.)

### †Hymn

**I Love to Tell the Story**

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### Scripture Reading

**Matthew 3:16 - 4:4**

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### Sermon

**"The Fast Track"**

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

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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### †Benediction

### †Postlude

†Please stand as you are able.

### Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** Sabrina Colburn, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Louise Moody, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower (new prayer needs) **Sue Brasel and Family, Missy Roney and Family**

**Extended Family:** Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Drew Peterson, Leslie Rider, Kathleen Rush, Clayton Thompson (new prayer needs) **Shelby Kotila, Harold Patillo**

**Death:** **Earl Powell Bryant** - father of Missy Roney

**The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God.**

### Sanctuary Altar Flower Calendar

Fresh flowers may be placed on the altar in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Contact Freda Clark (freda@prattvilletmethodist.org) or (334-365-5977) in the church office to reserve your dates for 2026.

### Sermon Notes

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### Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries  
Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist  
8:30: Nolan Currier, Crucifer  
Bennett Petrunic and Tatum Butts, Acolytes  
Altar Guild: Susan Daniel and Marion Scott