



**Lessons and Carols
December 14, 2025
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

***“And the word became flesh and dwelt
among us.”***

- John 1:14

***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

December 14, 2025

Lessons and Carols

*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

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

arr. Larson

Charlotte Nichols, organ Christy Henson, piano

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

Once in Royal David's City

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†Call to Worship

Wayne Lambert

Leader: It is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Savior.

People: To hear again the message of the angels, to travel with the shepherds to Bethlehem, and to see the Babe lying in the manger.

Leader: Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the love of God brought to us by this holy child.

People: Let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Heavenly Father, we pray for the needs of the whole world, and of your people; for peace upon the earth that you sent your Son to save; and for goodwill among all peoples. We praise you for the hope that is in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in the Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one. 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.

Lighting of the Candle of Joy

8:30 Pratt and Jennifer Bedwell and Family

11:00 Jim and Donna Jackson

Congregational Response

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Rev. Daniel Patrick

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Christmas Fantasy
PFMC Orchestra

arr. Dan Goeller

Offering

†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 K-6th grade are invited to Children's worship in Epworth 206.)

A Service of Lessons and Carols featuring

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Words and Music by

Dan and Heidi Goeller

Arranged and Orchestrated by

Dan Goeller

Jeremy Pyles, conductor

Tom Reinhart, narrator

This Is My Father's World ~ John 1:1; Col. 1:15-16a, 17; Gen. 1:26-27, 31

*This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world,
I comfort in the thought*

*Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world,
O may my will not sway;
The oceans' tide, the rivers wide
His will they do obey.*

*This is my Father's world,
His will shall be my prayer.
The Lord is King, let all nature sing;
His glory we declare!*

The Fall of Man

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6; Romans 5:12, 3:23

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ~ Ephesians 2:4-5a, 8

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Come to us, redeem and cleanse us,
Show us mercy, grant us peace.
Heir unto the throne of David
Fear and strife shall ever cease.*

*By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

The Savior Foretold

Isaiah 9:6-7

Unto Us a Child Will Be Born

*Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.
Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.*

*He will rule with justice,
His peace will never end.
Reigning on the throne of David,
He will rule forevermore.*

*Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.*

*Unto us a Son will be given,
And his name will be called:*

*Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Counselor, the Prince of Peace.
In his kingdom He will bring us
Justice, peace, and righteousness.*

*Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.
Unto us a Son will be given,
Unto us a Child will be born.*

The Angel Gabriel

Luke 1:26-33

Gabriel's Message with Gloria and Magnificat

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow, His eyes as flame
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,*

*"My soul shall laud and magnify his
holy name.
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
Magnificat anima mea dominum.*

*Of her Emanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the
world will ever say,
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

The Child Is Born

Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 2:1, 3-7; John 1:14

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly and Silent Night

*Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Angels winging, Praises singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

*Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing Greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you! Christ the Babe was born for you!*

(PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING)

*Silent night, holy night, All is calm,
all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest.
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest.*

*And peace to His people on earth.
Peace to His people on earth.
Peace on earth to those
With whom He is pleased.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father;
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Heaven and earth rejoice and sing.*

The Shepherds' Joy

Luke 2:15-18, 20

Angels We Have Heard on High and Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(PLEASE STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING)

***Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains:
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

***Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."***

***Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald an-gels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."***

Joy to the World! and O Come, All Ye Faithful

(PLEASE STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING)

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

We Have Seen His Glory ~ John 1:14; Philippians 2:11

*We have seen His glory,
The Prince of Peace has come;
He left His heavenly throne above
And made this world His home.*

*We have seen the glory,
Of the Father's only Son;
Whose vict'ry rescues us from death,
The curse of sin undone.*

*God the Father, rich in mercy,
Reaches down from heav'n above.
To offer us salvation
By virtue of His love.*

*Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate,
Hero of redemption's story.
We worship and adore Him,
For we have seen His glory.*

*We have seen His glory,
Raise your voice in one accord.
Let ev'ry tongue His name confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Christmas Services @ Prattville First Methodist

Join us for our Christmas services as we celebrate our Savior!

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th

Come and Go Communion 12:00-1:00pm in the Sanctuary
"Happy Birthday, Jesus" Family Service 3:00pm in Pratt Hall
Candlelight Communion Service 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Bible Club today at 2:00pm at Pratt Court. Everyone meet in front of the church office.

College and Career Dinner tonight at 6:00pm at the home of Crawford and Marsha Jones, 102 Clear Creek Court, Prattville, AL 36067.

Poinsettias

Call the church office to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one. \$20 each.

December Worship Services

December 21st: 'Keyboards and Carols' at 8:30 and 11:00, Sunday School at 10:00.

December 28th: One worship service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School.

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Join us for one worship service at 10am followed by a reception in Pratt Hall as we say 'Farewell' to Daniel and Myki Patrick as they move to begin a Global church plant in Colorado. A gift basket will be available for us to show our support.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: (*new prayer needs*) Wyn Minor, Kenny Nichols

Extended Family: (*new prayer needs*) Joe Davis, Lee Gunn, Peg McLean, Asher Patrick, Kathleen Rush, Gordon Smith, Phil Solomon, Revonda Young

Prattville First Methodist Year-End Giving Reminders

The end of the year is almost here! For your contributions to qualify as a 2025 tax-deductible donation, the IRS requires that they must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025. Here are the specific deadlines:

BY MAIL: The postmark date on the envelope must be no later than December 31st.

IN PERSON: If you wish to drop off your contribution, the finance office will be open Dec. 22nd & 23rd, closed Dec. 24th - 29th, and open Tuesday, Dec. 30th all day and Wednesday, Dec. 31st until noon.

ONLINE GIVING: Online gifts must be entered before midnight, December 31st. Visit (www.prattvillemethodist.org/give) and scroll down to follow the step-by-step instructions.

CHURCH APP: Download the church app (First Methodist Prattville) in the Apple or Google Play stores on your electronic device. Following a brief download, you can access the Giving tab at the bottom of the screen to enter your secure giving amount by midnight on December 31st.

STOCK: Stock gifts must be transferred to the church before the stock market closes at 3:00 p.m. CST on Friday, December 26th. Please notify Myki Patrick at 334-365-5977 by noon on 12/23 with the details of your stock transaction and to confirm instructions.

Chancel Choir

Soprano:

Chrisanne Banks
Margaret Gorum
Meghin Handerhan
Donna Jackson
Elizabeth Keller
Hilary Lee
Patty Macready
Cindy Oliver
Alys Paravicini
Donna Perry
Sheila Shanks
Chrystal Strickland
Michelle Taylor
Billie Gaye Willis

Alto:

Nanci Berch
Susan Daniel
Caroline Dean
Marianne Gamper
Carol Harris
Julie Hunter
Letha Judah
Angie Mitchell
Kelly McCloskey
Anne McTighe
Faith Patton
Karen Powell
Heather Smith
Jenny Story
Terri Taylor
Marian Woodman

Tenor:

JoAnn Mann
Bill Scott
John Story
Grant Wadsworth

Bass:

Justin Hanson
Bill Lipscomb
Jim McTighe
Wayne Perry
Joel Powell
Tom Reinhart

Orchestra

Violin:

Esther Hart
Caerra Dye

Viola:

Allie Asmus

Cello:

Robin Rawls

Bass:

Joe Cosgrove

Flute:

Julie Gunn
Renee Lantz

Oboe:

Christy McLaughlin

Clarinet:

SaraBeth Gunn
Jadyn Seamon

French Horn:

Natalie Lantz

Trumpet:

Chris King
Cody Riddle
Malik Johnson

Timpani:

Brandon Mooney

Trombone:

Ted Mann
Seth Compton

Tuba:

Sean Handerhan

Percussion:

Sandra Bennett

Organ:

Charlotte Nichols

Piano:

Christy Henson

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Participating in Worship

Rev. Larry Patton, Senior Pastor
Rev. Daniel Patrick, Associate Pastor
8:30am - Ian Kennedy, Crucifer
Tatum Butts and Adam Gaston, Acolytes