

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

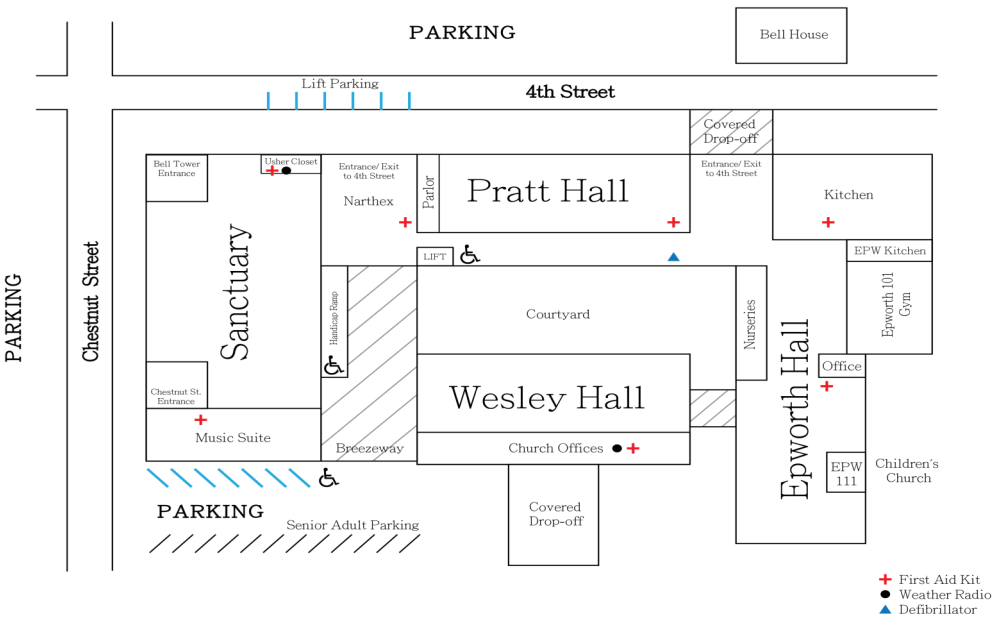
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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
2:00pm Youth Bible Club (Pratt Court)
5:00-6:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
Monday: 5:30pm Finance Team (Wesley 101)
Tuesday: 10:30am Susannah Wesley Circle (Wesley 104)
12:00pm Lunch & Learn (Pratt Hall)
5:30pm Handbell Choir (Choir Suite)
Wednesday: 10:30am Care Meal Delivery Team (Church Kitchen)
11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
5:30pm Agape Dinner (Pratt Hall)
5:45pm Children’s Choirs
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
Thursday: Congregational Care Team (Wesley 101)

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE
“A Future With Hope”
Total Households Pledging to Date: 151
Total Amount to Date: \$1,165,632
Projected 2026 Budget as approved by Church Council on Oct. 28, 2025: \$1,665,116.34
There is still time to submit your card!
Thank you for your generous response to God and God’s Grace!

Announcements

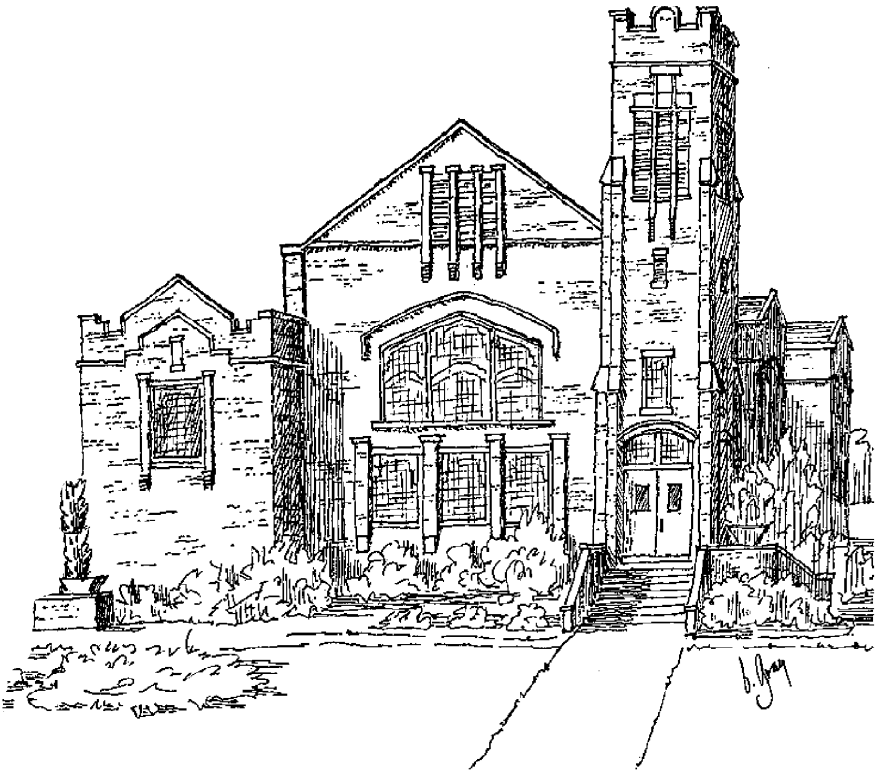
Bible Club meets today - All youth meet in the front of the church at 2pm.
Prayer Journal Decorating - tonight - 6-7:30pm - Pratt Hall
Join the Women’s Ministry for a night of creativity and connection as we hand-paint prayer journals and get ready to embrace the Advent/Christmas season together. There are still a few spots left for tonight! Register now. Cost: \$5.00.

Agape Dinner - Celebrating Veterans, Military and their Families!
This Wednesday, November 19th from 5:30-7:30pm in Pratt Hall
Register online, prattvillemethodist.org, to be our special guest for a night of dinner & comedy featuring Clayburn Cox! Join us as we honor all who serve & have served this great nation. RSVP required - thank you.

Dates to Remember
Tuesday, Nov. 18th: Lunch & Learn - 12noon in Pratt Hall, Holy Land Tour Teaching
Wed., Nov. 19th: Agape Dinner for Veterans, Military, & Families - 5:30pm
Thursday, November 27th: Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, Nov. 30th: Hanging of the Greens - 8:30 & 11:00am - Sanctuary
Wednesday, Dec. 3rd: Dinner at 5pm and Children’s Choirs Concert at 6pm

Journey to Bethlehem, Sunday December 7, 5-7:00 pm.
Join us in Pratt Hall for a soup n sandwich supper at 5:00pm. Afterwards, we will "journey" (caravan) to Bethlehem, a secret location, where we will see the Holy Family and hear the Christmas Story told anew. This intergenerational event is a great way to kick off the Christmas season with your family.

Help Needed!
Dishwasher needed for Wednesday Night Dinners. Hours - 4-7pm. (This is a paid position.) For more information contact Rita Brown at 334-590-6823.



Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025
8:30 and 11:00 AM

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever".
- Psalm 136: 1

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.

MORNING WORSHIP

November 16, 2025

Twenty Third 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

Now Thank We All Our God

Kaufmann

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

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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†Call to Worship

Angela Taylor

Leader: Trust in the Lord at all times, O People; God is a refuge for us.
People: God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.
Leader: God is good and in God’s work we find our strength.
People: We sing of all God’s wonderful works! We give thanks and praise to the Lord!

†Opening Prayer

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

All: Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by our Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. 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

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

Gratitude

Heather Sorenson

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

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.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 1-7

Pew Bible N.T. p. 59

Sermon

“Thankful”

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 Hymn of Response.

†Hymn of Response

Give Thanks

†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 & Sue Brasel, Sabrina Colburn, Sharyn Collier, Alan Gamper, Mike Harris, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Wyn Minor, Louise Moody, Linda Puckett, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower (new prayer needs) **Amber Carr and Family, Justin Hanson, Jonathan Meinsler, Kenny Nichols**

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Richard Dudley, Allen Ezelle, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Joan & Dick Huckaby, Drew Peterson, Leslie Rider, Kathleen Rush, Ezekiel Stephenson, Clayton Thompson (new prayer needs) **Dessie Danet, Vilma Fox, Jenny Mann & Family, Anthony Malone, Lloyd Taylor Jr.**

Death: **Cheryl Cook** - mother of Amber Carr

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Rev. Carl & Nocie Simpson by Carlyn Howell.

Sermon Notes

Luke 15: 1-7

“Lost Sheep”

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T H A N K F U L

Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Madelyne Kennedy, Crucifer

Tatum Butts and Blair Hunter, Acolytes

Janet Graham, Altar Guild