

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

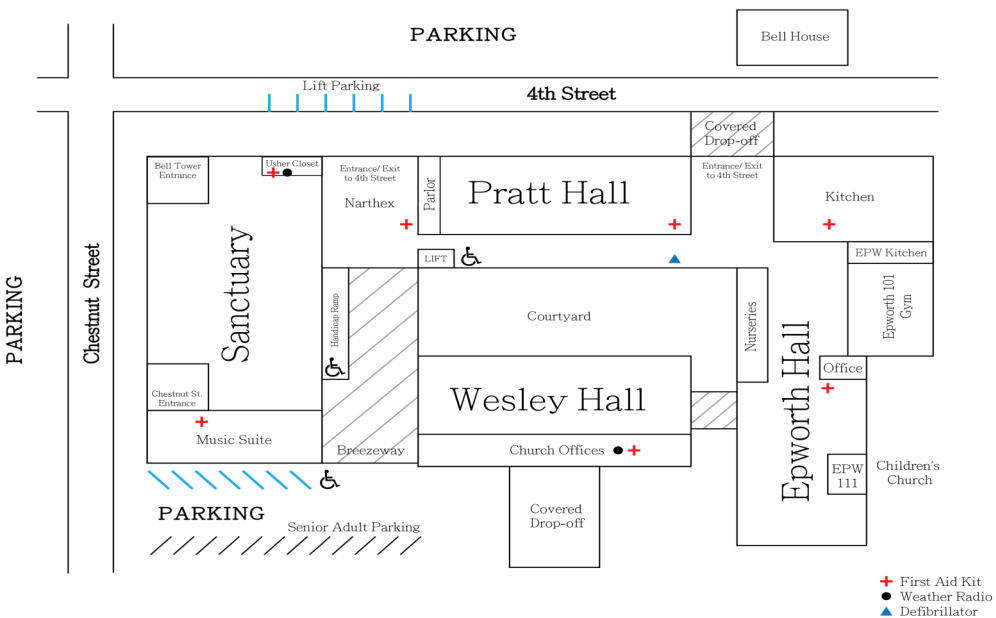
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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: 9:40 Fellowship Time (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Sunday School / Life Groups
2:00pm Green Springs Ministry
4:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)
5:00pm Journey to Bethlehem (Pratt Hall)
- Tuesday: 10:00am Sonshine Circle (Wesley 104)
- Wednesday: 10:30am Care Meal delivery
11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
6:00pm Youth Christmas Party (Patton Home)
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday: 6:00pm Church Council (Wesley 104)

Announcements

Journey to Bethlehem, TONIGHT, 5-7:00 pm.
Join us tonight in Pratt Hall for a soup & sandwich supper at 5:00 pm. 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.

Youth Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 10, 6-8:00 pm.
All youth are invited to the student Christmas party at the home of Pastor Larry and Mrs. Faith Patton, 105 Andiron Ct. Please bring a \$10 gift to swap.

Bible Club Christmas Party, Sunday, December 14, 2-4:00 pm
All Youth, families and **anyone** looking to serve the community are invited to help with our Christmas Party for the children of Pratt Court. Meet at the church at 2:00 pm to help load supplies or meet us at Pratt Court at 2:30 pm. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Hunter@prattvillemethodist.org

College and Career Christmas Dinner, December 14, 6:00 pm
All young adults are invited to a dinner gathering at 102 Clear Creek Ct. RSVP through the Weekly Word or the church office.

Poinsettias
Call the church office (334-365-5977) to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during December in memory or honor of a loved one. \$20 each.

Holiday Events
Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 14th - 8:30and & 11:00am (Sanctuary)
Keyboards & Carols: Sunday, December 21st - 8:30 and 11:00 worship (Sanc)
Chancel Choir Sings at Governor's Mansion: December 22nd @ 5:30-7:30pm
Christmas Eve Services: Come / Go Communion 12noon (Sanctuary)
Happy Birthday Jesus Service @ 3:00pm (Pratt Hall)
Candlelight / Communion Service @ 5:00pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 28th: One combined worship service 10am (Sanctuary)

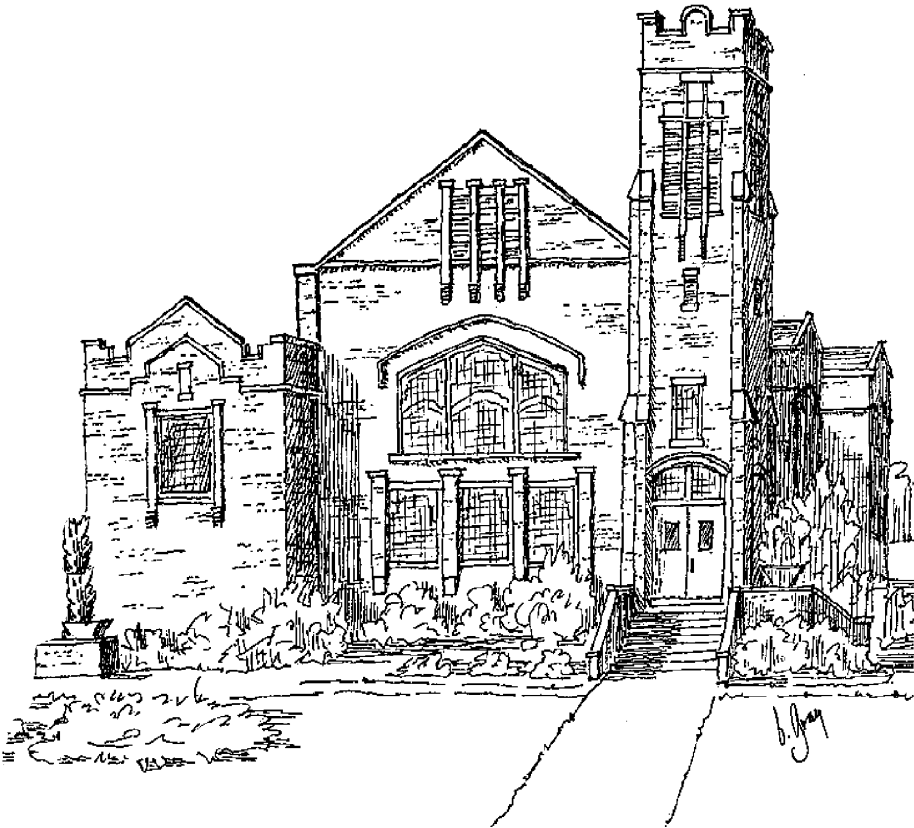
The Gathering, January 15, 6:00 pm, Pratt Hall
Ladies, join us for a night of worship and fellowship with guest speaker, Jennifer Aughtman! Now recruiting table hosts: Contact Stacey Lewis at slewis@prattvillemethodist.org or 334-221-9508 to host a table. Tickets on sale soon.

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE
"A Future With Hope"

Total Households Pledging to Date: 153
Total Amount to Date: \$1,205,632

Projected 2026 Budget as approved by Church Council on
Oct. 28, 2025: \$1,665,116.34

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025
8:30 and 11:00 AM

"Now in that same region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night."
Luke 2:8

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

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MORNING WORSHIP

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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

The Advent of Our God

arr. Tornquist

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.

SPRC Update

Meredith Dismukes

Birthday Prayer (for all those with December 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.

†Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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†Call to Worship

April Jones

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30 The Parrish and Murdock Families

11:00 The Powell Family

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Mission Moment

Bible Club

Hunter Taylor

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! 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

Mary, Sweet Mary

Genesis Singers

arr. Sterling

†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.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146:1-10

Sermon

“Keeping Watch”

Rev. Larry Patton

Serving at the Lord’s Table

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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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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†Benediction

†Postlude

Worthy, You are Worthy

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: John Boutwell, Ray & Sue Brasel, Sabrina Colburn, Sharyn Collier, Susan Missildine Cook, Alan Gamper, Mike Harris, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Louise Moody, Anne Moore, Kenny Nichols, Linda Puckett, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower, Kenny Nichols, Cynthia Summers

Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Dessie Danet, Richard Dudley, Allen Ezelle, Vilma Fox, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Jenny Mann & Family, Anthony Malone, Drew Peterson, Leslie Rider, Ezekiel Stephenson, Lloyd Taylor Jr., Clayton Thompson, Betty Walden , Earl Bryant, Justin Presley (new prayer needs) Nick McCullar

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary have been placed to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones.

Sermon Notes

“A Watchful Spirit”

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Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Patty Crowley, Organist

Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Peyton Kennedy, Crucifer

11:00: Luke Mitchell, Crucifer

Blair Hunter and

Jon Alston Colburn and

Mia Mitchell, Acolytes

Anmarie Mitchell, Acolytes