

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

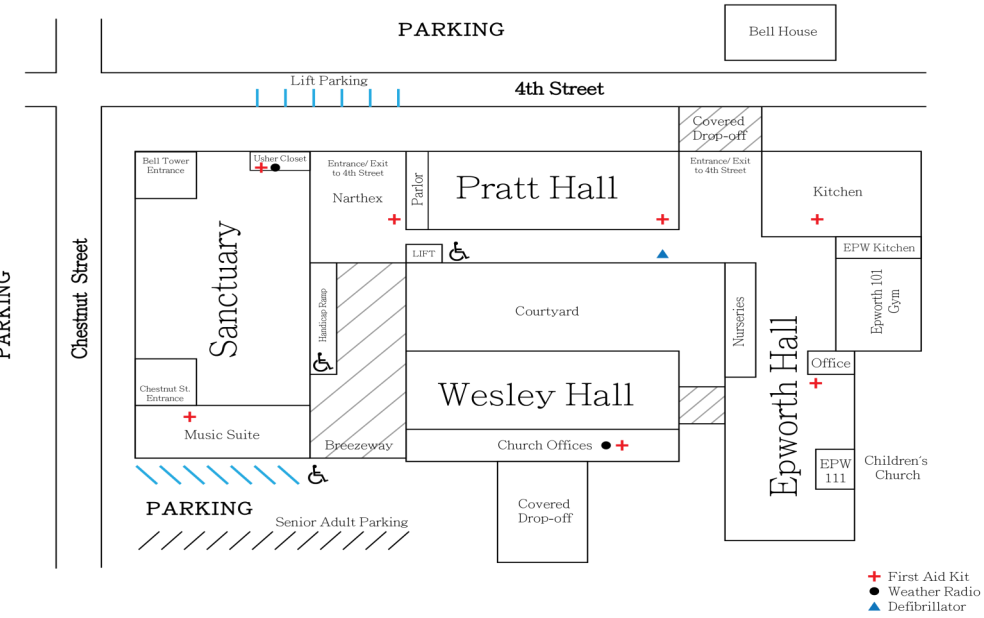
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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



This Week at Prattville First Methodist

- Today: 9:40 Fellowship Time (Pratt Hall)
10:00am Sunday School / Life Groups
2:00pm Greensprings Ministry (Greensprings)
- Monday: 2:30pm The Movie David (Prattville AMC Theatre)
5:30-7:30pm Chancel Choir sings at Governor’s Mansion
- Wednesday: Christmas Eve
12:00-1:00pm Come / Go Communion (Sanctuary)
3:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus Family Service (Pratt Hall)
5:00pm Candlelight Communion Service (Sanctuary)

Church Office holiday hours:

- December 24 - 29: Closed
- December 30: open 8:30 - 4:30
- December 31: open 8:30 - 12 noon
- January 1– 3: Closed

Announcements

Chancel Choir sings at the Governor’s Mansion - December 22nd from 5:30-7:30pm. Grab your friends and family and enjoy this Christmas tradition.

Poinsettias

If you placed a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one you may take it home following the 5pm Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

Sunday, December 28th - one combined worship service at 10am - No Sunday School

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Join us for one combined 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 our “Love Offerings” to go directly to Myki and Daniel and their church plant.

Women of the Church Soup Supper, January 15, 2026 6:00 pm, Pratt Hall

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

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 post-marked by December 31, 2025. Here are the specific deadlines:

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

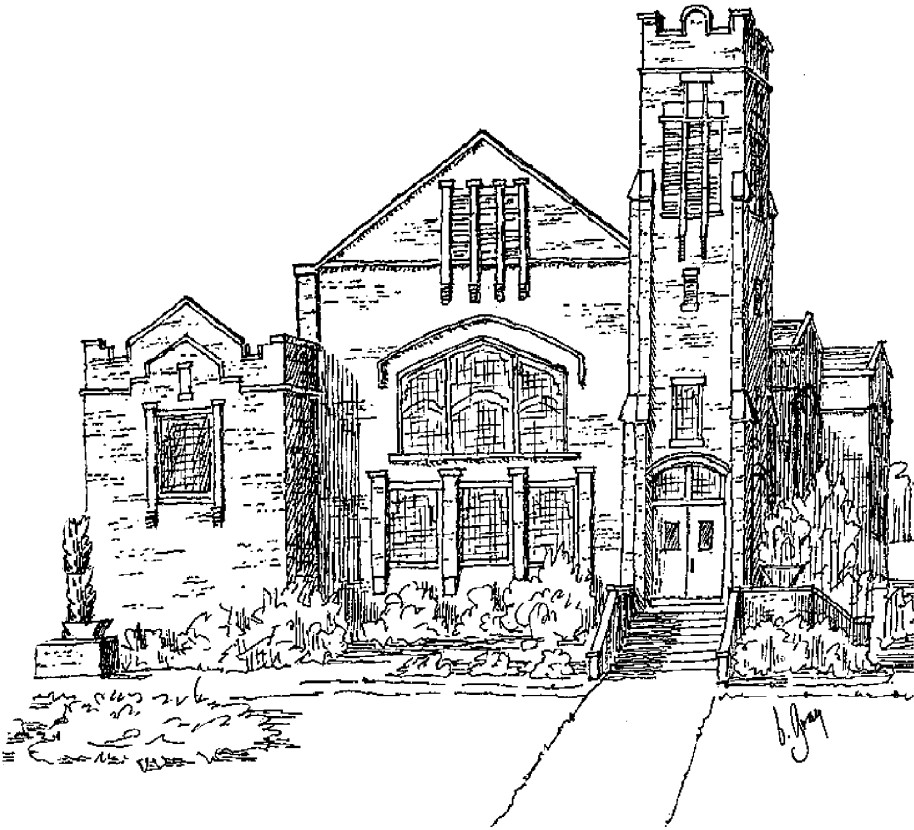
IN PERSON: If you wish to drop off your contribution, the finance office will be open Dec. 22nd & 23rd, closed Dec. 24th - 29th, and open Tuesday, Dec. 30th all day and Wednesday, Dec. 31st until noon.

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.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025
8:30 and 11:00 AM

“Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”

~ Psalm 27:14

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 21, 2025		
Fourth 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	Noel, Noel, Noel Tidings Now We Bring	arr. Hamlin Charlotte Nichols, organ
Welcome and Announcements		
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.		
Introit	Angels We have Heard on High	arr. Head Wayne Lambert, organ
†Processional Hymn	Angels We Have Heard on High	191
†Call to Worship		
Leader: Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!		
People: for lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.		
Leader: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,		
People: and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.		
†Opening Prayer		
Leader: The Lord be with you.		
People: And also with you.		
Leader: Let us pray together.		
All: Almighty God, you inspired the virgin Mary, mother of your Son, to place her life at the service of your will. Keep us open to the working of your spirit, and with Mary may we praise you for ever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.		

Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
8:30	Rob and Taylor McCarter and Molly	
11:00	Tommy and Denise Gilmore, Haley and Reid Riley, Hope and Jason Reynolds, and Heidi and Austin Chafin	
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	
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! 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	Hark the Herald Angels Sing	
	piano duet, Karen Powell and Patty Crowley	
†Doxology		682
	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
	<i>(Children K- 6th grade are invited to Children's Worship in Epworth 206.)</i>	
Anthem	Rejoice	
	Christy Henson, piano	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 27: 1, 13-14	389-390
Sermon	"The Active Waiter"	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	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	194
†Benediction		
†Postlude	O Little Town of Bethlehem	arr. Thompson
	Albert Sheffer, organ	
†Please stand as you are able.		

Prayer Concerns	
Church Family: John Boutwell, Ray & Sue Brasel, Sabrina Colburn, Carlyn Howell, Anita Kasten, Betty Lamar, Wyn Minor, Louise Moody, Kenny Nichols, Tim Taylor, Ann Thrower	
Extended Family: Libby Barrett, Yon Chong, Austin Cochran, Joe Davis, Richard Dudley, Lee Gunn, Whitney Hill, Angela Howell, Peg McLean, Asher Patrick, Drew Peterson, Leslie Rider, Kathleen Rush, Gordon Smith, Lloyd Taylor Jr., Clayton Thompson, Revonda Young	
Death: Gene Kerlin - friend of PFM	
Memorials have been given in memory of the following:	
Frank Lamar by Lera & Howard Hill, John & Ann Boutwell, Ann & Bill Fuller, Al & Tamara Pelham, and Steve & Carol Golsan	
Hazel Phillips by John & Ann Boutwell, Ann & Bill Fuller, Jean Judah, and Al & Tamara Pelham	
Sandra Harvey by John & Ann Boutwell and Al & Tamara Pelham	
Mac Gipson by John & Ann Boutwell, and Steve & Carol Golsan	
Ginger Johnson by Jean Judah	
Mable Little by Jean Judah	
Eddie Pope by Al & Tamara Pelham	
Sandy Godwin by Steve & Carol Golsan	
Eddie & Sue Pope by Mike & Mandy Smith and Family	

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

Sermon Notes	
“A Waiting Spirit”	
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Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30: Michaela Dannelley, Crucifer

Abigail Dannelley and Luke Mitchell, Acolytes