

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.

Next Steps

Are you wondering about your Next Steps in your faith walk? We would love to help. Whether you are seeking baptism, wanting to join a life group, discover your gifts to serve God, or learn more about being a member of Prattville First Methodist, please email the church office at office@prattvillemethodist.org.

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.

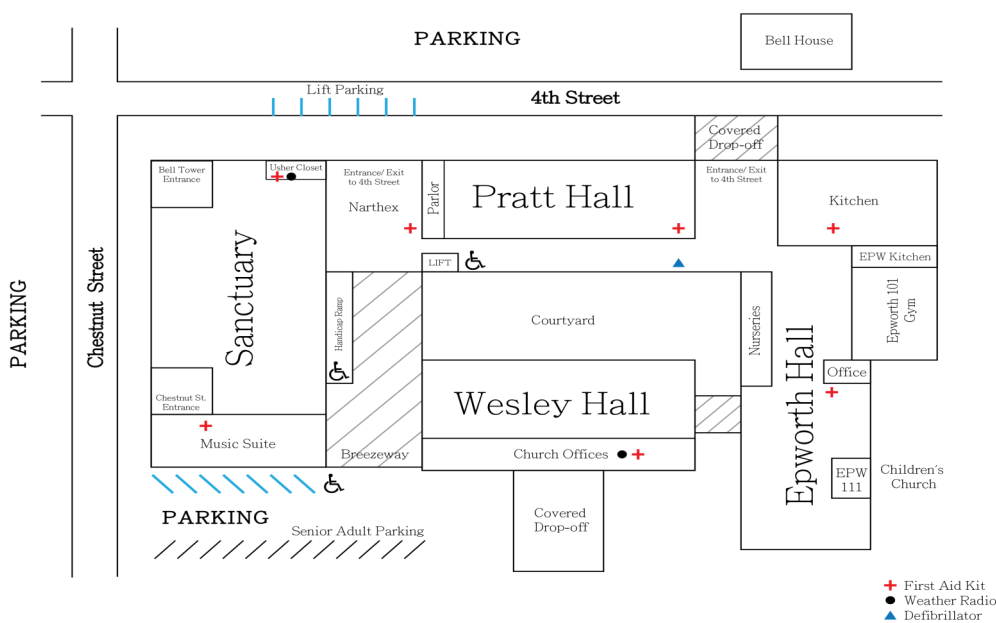
Sunday School

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.

Children's Activity Bags

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.

Prattville First Methodist Campus Map



This Week at Prattville First Methodist

- Today:** 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 9:40am Fellowship Time (Pratt Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups
 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 1:45pm Serve opportunity at Greensprings Assisted Living
 2:00pm Youth Bible Club (Pratt Court)
 5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Tuesday:** 5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 104)
- Wednesday:** 10:30am Care Meal Team (Kitchen)
 11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
 5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner
- Children:** 5:45-6:30pm Children's Choirs (Various rooms)
 6:30-7:30pm Children's Activities
- Youth:** 6:00-7:30pm Youth Activities (Youth room)
- Adults:** 6:00pm The Lord's Prayer Study with Stanley Carter (Wesley 104)
 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday:** 10:00am Games Day (Pratt Hall)

Announcements

Serve Opportunities today:

- 1) Greensprings Assisted Living** from 1:45-2:45pm. We will meet at Green Springs for a worship event in community. We meet new friends, love on people through the singing of songs, fellowship, share a message and enjoy time together in friendship. This is a great way to share the love of Jesus with others!
- 2) Youth Bible Club at Pratt Court** from 2:30-4:30pm. Sharing the love of Jesus through games, crafts, fellowship and Bible Stories with children of all ages.

Children's Choir Concert - next Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 PM

Join us on Sunday, April 28th at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary as our children's choirs present their Spring Concert. Being led in worship by these young people is a blessing that you won't want to miss!

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu for April 24th

\$10 meal: Shepard's Pie, Vegetable Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, and Fruit Cobbler
 \$5 meal: Hot Dogs, Chips, Veggie Cup, and Fruit Cobbler

Serving The Church Family

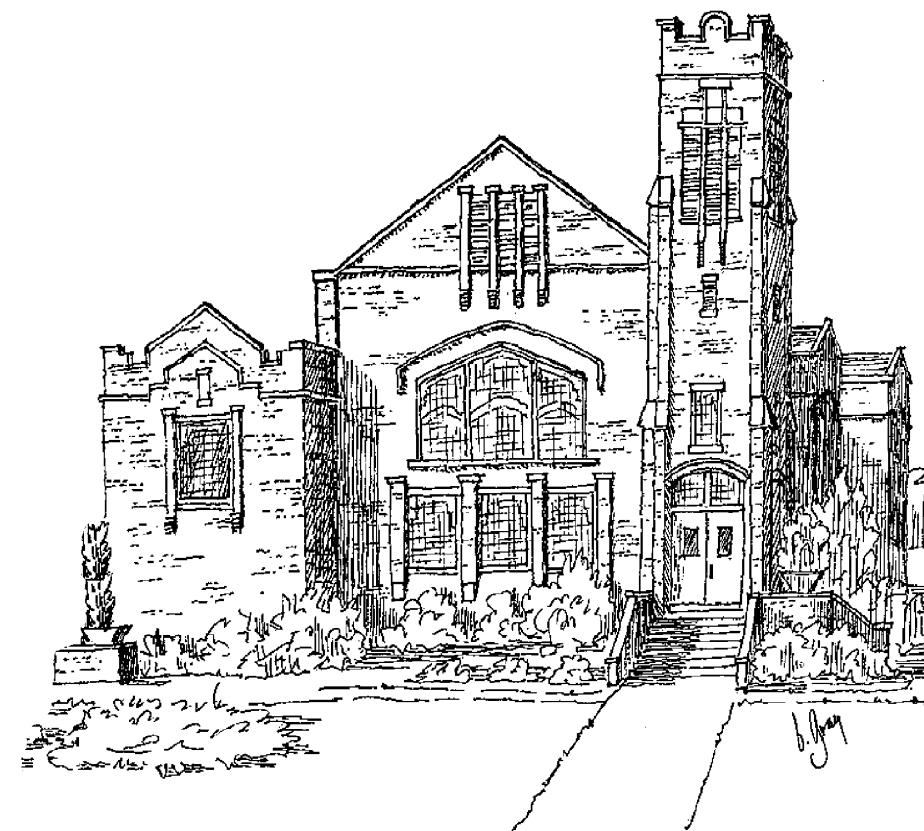
If you are looking for a great way to get involved with the ministry of the church - look no further! Our Congregational Care Team Needs YOU!! We offer an opportunity to connect with others, establish new friends, & exercise your compassionate care gifts as the hands and feet of Jesus. For more information contact the church office or sign up via our website, prattvillemethodist.org.

Nursery Workers - a great way to serve!

Prattville First Methodist is looking to add to our team of nursery workers on Sundays from 8:00am-12:30pm. For more information or to apply, contact Stacey Lewis at 334-221-9508 or slewis@prattvillefirstmethodist.org.

Pursuit! The Man Group Open Enrollment

Join us in a life group as we explore together: identity, integrity, purpose, surrender, passion, commitment, compassion and influence as men in alignment with God. Sign up on line at prattvillemethodist.org or contact Daniel Patrick for more information at daniel@prattvillemethodist.org.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024
 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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 *Processional on Hail Thee, Festival Day* Williams/Burkhardt

Welcome Jeremy Pyles

We welcome each of you to this service! Please register your attendance on the blue 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** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 37

†**Call to Worship:** Angela Taylor

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: By this we know love, that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech, but in deed and in truth.

People: In this way we will be known as Christ's disciples, that we love one another.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, you knit us together in our mother's womb and breathed into us the breath of life. May we use this life to bring glory to you and lead others by our example of Christian love. We pray in the name of the one who first showed us how to love, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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; 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** 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.

Announcements Jennifer Aughtman

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation Daniel Patrick

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem **Revelation 19** arr. Smith

Genesis Singers

Offering

We appreciate your tithes and offerings which financially support the vibrant mission and ministries of PFMC. There are a number of ways to securely give today: by making a gift in the offering plate, through our church website under "Give" or on our church app (Prattville First Methodist) under the "Giving" tab. You may also want to consider supporting the church through recurring gifts made through your banking/investing institution. Scan the QR code to the right to make a secure gift through our website.



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.**

Children's Moment Holly McNider

(Children K - 6th grade are invited to Children's Worship in Epworth 206)

Anthem **Praise His Holy Name** Hampton

Genesis Singers

Scripture Reading John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Sermon Rev. Dr. Wayne Perry

"The Resurrected Christ to the Defense"

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 ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Response.

†**Hymn of Response** **Revive Us Again** 78

†**Benediction** Rev. Dr. Wayne Perry

†**Postlude** **Psalm of Glory** Lani Smith

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Sabrina Colburn, Mike Harris, Frank & Betty Lamar, Wayne Lambert, Cathy Latham, Nalini Mark, Louise Moody, Carol Pearson, Eddie Pope, Albert Striplin, Cynthia Summers, Ann Thrower, Jami White (*new prayer needs*) **Sandra Harvey, Nellie Faye Johnson**

Extended Family: Karen & Richard Aldridge, Stephanie Bruner-Allen, Susan Dornbusch, Richard Dudley, Dave Flanagan, Jolie Lee, Bill Little, Clif Smith, Luvern Smith, Jeff Whisnant, Adelaide Bell Williams (*new prayer needs*) **Jessica Horsley**

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Bill on our 56th wedding anniversary. With love from JoAnn.

The flowers in the narthex have been placed to the Glory of God and in celebration of Anna Claire Murdock on her 16th birthday by her Family.

As of March 2024 the following data was reported by our finance committee:

YTD General Fund Budget: \$411,933

Total Funds Received: \$439,627

Total Expenses: \$353,405

Net Receipts: - \$86,222

Sermon Notes

Also Serving in Worship

Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30am: Anna Claire Carroll, Crucifer

Bryant Carroll and Brayden Vaughn, Acolytes