# **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**

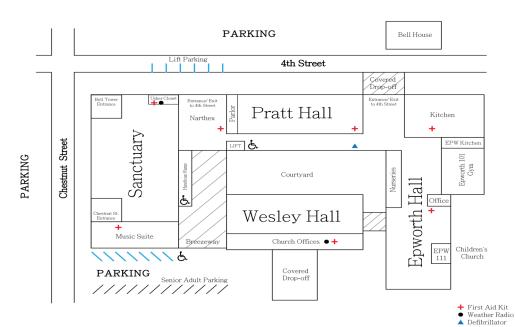
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location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

11:00am Reception for Rev. Daniel and Myki Patrick (Pratt Hall)

2:00pm Greensprings Serve Event (Greensprings)

Tuesday: 6:00pm Faithfulness Women's Group: note day change (Library)

Thursday: 11:30am Senior Lunch Bunch (Olive Garden)

# **Announcements**

John Wesley's News Years Covenant Liturgy - January 7th, 1:30-2:15pm and 6:00-6:45pm in the sanctuary. A service of prayer and reflection.

All invited for New Year's Communion and traditional Methodist worship using the liturgy of New Years Commitment penned by John Wesley himself. Get refreshed, renewed, and well-prepared for what God has in store for 2026. Childcare provided if needed, contact the office in advance to let us know if you need it.

#### Senior Lunch Bunch - January 8th at 11:30am

Our Senior Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, January 8th at The Olive Garden. Call the church office for your reservations, 334-365-5977.

Flying Tacos and Family Bingo Night January 11 - 5-6pm in the Gym Registration now through website and app to reserve your spot!!!

Women of the Church, Soup Supper, January 15, 6:30 pm, Pratt Hall
All women of the church! Mark your calendars for January 15, 2026. Come to
Pratt Hall at 6:30pm for a delicious soup supper. Bring your favorite soup to share.
A great time to reconnect with friends and make new ones!

# Lunch and Learn!

Lunch & Learn will resume on January 20th at 12noon in Pratt Hall. Call the church office for your reservations, 334-365-5977.

#### Wednesday Nights are BACK starting January 21st

Everyone invited to join us as our Wednesday night activities resume with a tasty dinner and actives for children (including 6th grade confirmation), youth and adults starting at 5pm in Pratt Hall. Children's choirs start at 5:45pm, Youth will begin at 6:15 in the youth room, Adult studies begin at 6pm and Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 in the Choir Room.

Winter/Spring Wed. Night Adult Bible Studies - Start on January 21st, 6-7pm Start planning to join us for one of our Winter/Spring 2026 Study offerings Our studies will begin with the Winter session, Wednesday, January 21st.:

Truth Rising: Hope, Truth, Identity and Calling- How we are called to live faithfully as Christians in the world today. (Eddie Gaston, Leader)

A Fresh Look at C.S. Lewis: Let's discover the timeless truths in C.S. Lewis's signal message to the modern church, Mere Christianity (6 sessions leading up to Easter), and The Screwtape Letters (3 sessions after Easter). (Faith Patton, leader)

Living the Psalms, A Confidence for All Seasons: Looking at how the Psalms speak to our lives today. 4 sessions prior to Lent, 3 sessions after Easter. (Pastor Larry, leader)

Jesus in the Wild: Pastor Larry will lead us through Jesus' 40 day Wilderness experience during the Lenten Season. This resource will be used for the Tuesday Lenten Lunches and repeated on Wednesday nights during Lent. Pastor Larry will also be using this work as the basis for his Lenten Sermon Series.





# **Epiphany Sunday**

January 4, 2026 10:00 AM

"Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

~ Isaiah 60:3

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**

January 4, 2026

# **Epiphany Sunday**

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 arr. Hamlin
We Three Kings of Orient Are / O Come Let Us Adore Him

Charlotte Nichols, organ

#### **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

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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Angela Taylor

Birthday Prayer (for all those with January 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.

†Invitation Shannon Moore

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**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, 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

**SPRC Moment** 

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

Rev. Larry Patton

## **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 Beautiful Star of Bethlehem arr. Kirchner
Chancel Choir Esther Hart, violin

†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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 N.T. p 1

Sermon "When a Stranger Knocks" Rev. Daniel Patrick

The Great Thanksgiving 731

#### Serving at the Lord's Table

All offerings received at the communion altar rail are used 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 give ourselves for others, in the name of 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 How Great Thou Art 32

†Benediction

**†Postlude We Three Kings** arr. Wolaver

†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, 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 (new prayer needs) **Bambi Molden** 

Memorials have been given in Memory of Avery Beatty, Chris Clark, Sandra Godwin, Sandra Harvey, Frank Lamar, James Meeks, Hazel Phillips, Eddie Pope, and Freda Woodman by Dene Wadsworth Cleveland.

A Memorial has been given in Honor of Dr. R. Kenneth Nichols by Louis Colley and Julie Price.

The Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Crawford Jones (Jan. 8) and Cooper Jones (Jan. 4).

I love you, Mimmi

# Sanctuary Altar Flower Calendar

Fresh flowers may be placed on the altar in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Contact Freda Clark (freda@prattvillemethodist.org) or (334-365-5977) in the church office to reserve your dates for 2026.

#### **Memorial Board**

For those interested in placing a plaque in memory of a loved one on the Memorial Board located in Wesley Hall, the cost is \$100.00 (minimum) to the Building Fund and \$150.00 for the cost of the plaque. Please call Freda Clark in the church office (365-5977) for more information.

As of November 2025 the following data was reported by our finance committee:

Total Funds Received: \$1,547,750

Total Expenses: \$1,582,368

**Net Receipts**: (\$34,618)

#### Also Serving in Worship

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries
Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist
8:30: Rachel Palmer, Crucifer
Mia Mitchell and Blair Hunter, Acolytes