

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

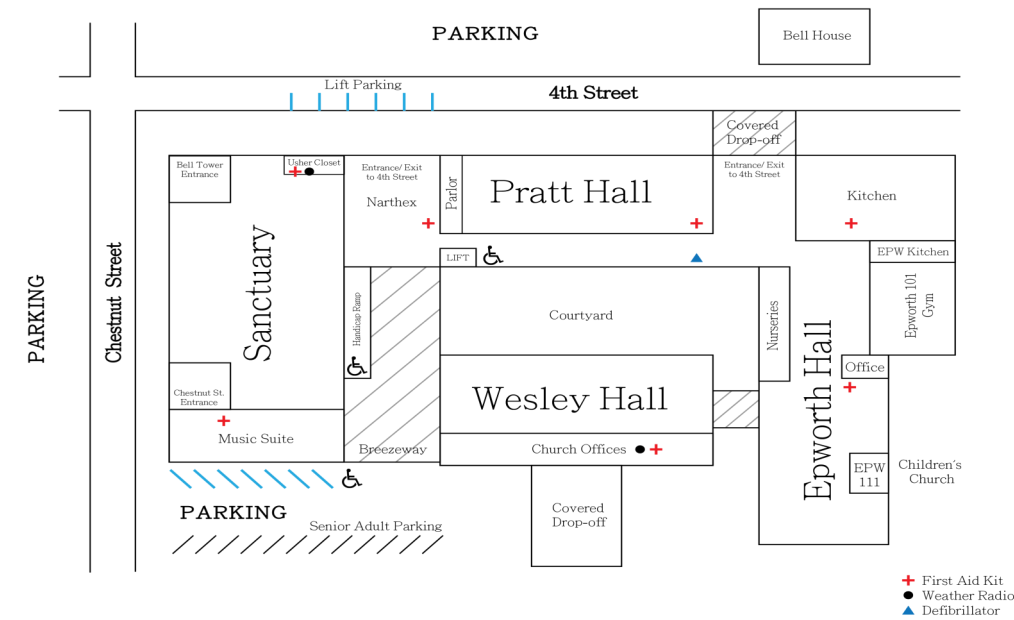
Sunday School is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Classes are offered for all ages 2 and older. Adult classes are in Wesley Hall and Epworth Hall. Children & Youth classes are in Epworth Hall. All are welcome. Please ask a member of our hospitality team for the location 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
5:00pm Genesis Singers Youth Choir (Choir Suite)
5:30pm Advent at the Mill (The Mill apartments)
- Monday: SPRC Team (Wesley 101)
- Wednesday: 10:30am Care Meal delivery
11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
5:00pm Last Wednesday Dinner (Pratt Hall)
5:45-6:30pm Youth Activities (Youth Room)
6:30pm Children’s Choirs Christmas Concert (Pratt Hall)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
- Thursday: 11:30AM Senior Adult Christmas Gathering (Catfish House)

Announcements

Children’s Sunday School for today, November 30
Children will have combined Sunday School today only! Children Pre- K4 and under will meet in Epworth 107 and children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will meet in Epworth 206. Happy Thanksgiving!

Advent at the Mill - tonight, Nov. 30 at 5:30 PM
Join us for a church wide and community wide night at the Mill at Prattville with live worship music, an Advent message, and fellowship. Everyone invited!

Children’s Choirs’ Christmas Concert - December 3rd
Our Children’s Choirs will present their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm in Pratt Hall. Join us for dinner at 5pm and stay to enjoy the concert. Invite your family and friends. D

Last Wednesday Night Dinner until 2026 - Wed. December 3rd
Angel Chicken & Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar & Banana Pudding

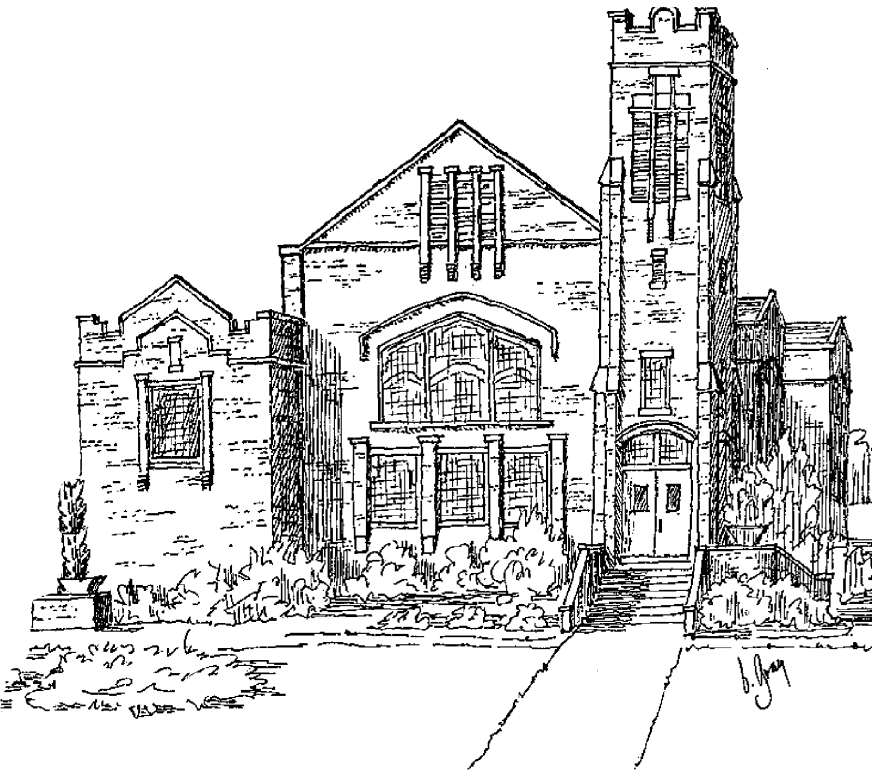
Senior Adult Christmas Gathering - the Catfish House, December 4th
The Senior Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4th at 4:00pm at the Catfish House. Please make your reservations at the church office by December 1st as we have to let them know our number by that date. Everyone invited!

Journey to Bethlehem, Sunday December 7, 5-7:00 pm.
Join us in Pratt Hall for a soup & 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.

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 - 8:30am and 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)

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



First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
8:30 and 11:00 AM

Hanging of the Greens

“May the God of Hope fill you . . .”
- Romans 15:13

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		
November 30, 2025		
First 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	Fantasy on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	arr. Douglas Handbell Choir
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 bless and inspire you.		
†Processional Hymn	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	165
†Call to Worship		
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?		
People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.		
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?		
People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.		
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Savior?		
People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.		
Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?		
People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.		
Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.		
People: Glory to God in the highest!		
†Opening Prayer		
Leader: The Lord be with you.		
People: And also with you.		
Leader: Let us pray together.		
All: Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the Kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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		
Rev. Patton		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory		
Carol of the Bells		
Handbell Choir		
arr. Handley		

Offering		
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 to the Lord. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to Christ and the church's mission.		
†Doxology	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.	682
†Prayer of Consecration		
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.		
Jeremy Pyles		
Introduction to the Hanging of the Greens		
The Cedar Branch	God Will Send a Righteous King	Jeremiah 23:5-6
†Hymn	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	163
The Wreath of Evergreen		
The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born		
Isaiah 9:2, 6:7		
Anthem	Emmanuel, El Shaddai	arr. Tucker
Handbell Choir		
The Holly and Ivy	The Fourth Servant Song	Isaiah 53:1-6
Anthem		
A Celtic Noel		
arr. Tucker		
Handbell Choir		
Marian Woodman, penny whistle		
The Poinsettia		Isaiah 11:1-2
Blessing of the Advent Wreath		
Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.		
Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.		
All: Come, Lord Jesus.		
Leader: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.		
All: Come, Lord Jesus.		
Leader: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,		
All: Come, Lord Jesus.		
Leader: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,		
All: Come, Lord Jesus.		
Leader: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,		
All: Come, Lord Jesus.		
All: Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.		
Lighting of the Candle of Hope		
8:30 - Brad & Meredith Dismukes and Family		
11:00 - Bobby & Jennifer Gillespie, Lucy, Grady and Milly		

†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! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.		
Children's Moment	Hanging of the Chrismons	Stacey Lewis
Blessing and Lighting of the Chrismon Tree		
The Mystery of the Incarnation		
John 1:1-5, 9-14		
Benediction		
Rev. Larry Patton		
†Hymn of Response	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	163
†Postlude	Hark, the Herald Angels Sing	Mendelssohn/ arr. Linker
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, 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 (new prayer needs) 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 (new prayer needs) Earl Bryant, the Family of Tanna Davis, Justin Presley	
Death: Helen Allen - former member of PFM	
Tanna Davis - beloved friend of Angela Taylor	

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary have been placed to the Glory of God.	
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 date for 2026.	

Participating in Worship	
Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries	
Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist	
Advent Readers: Lorna Golson and Billy Taylor	
8:30: Rachel Palmer, Crucifer	
Abigail Dannelley, Michaela Dannelley, Caroline Miller, Mia Mitchell, Acolytes	
11:00: Luke Mitchell Crucifer	
Annmarie Mitchell, Brooks Baxley, Maddie Adams, Isabella Berch, Acolytes	