

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 small 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

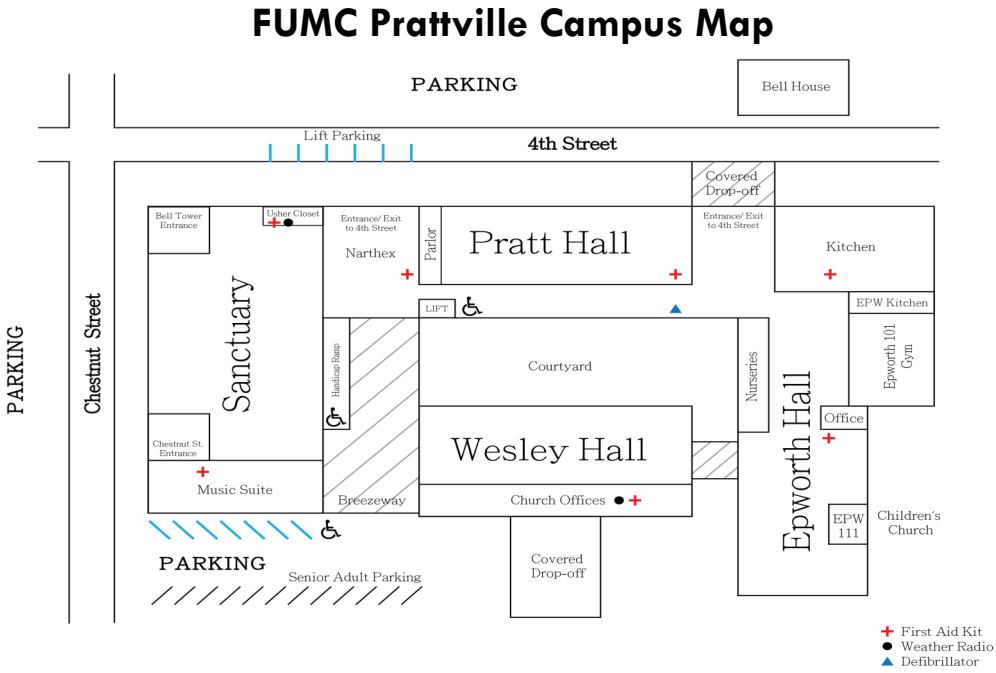
A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger. Following the “children’s moment,” children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join our team of children’s worship leaders for a special time of age-appropriate worship. Children may be picked up following the service in Epworth Hall 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 worshipers. Please ask a member of the hospitality team to assist you.



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 Greensprings Serve Opportunity (Greensprings)
5:00pm Genesis Singers (Choir Suite)
- Tuesday:** 5:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanc 104)
- Wednesday:** 11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Choir Suite)
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Suite)
NO Wednesday dinner /studies/activities
- Thursday:** 10:00am Games Day (Pratt Hall)
6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
- Friday:** 6:30pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)
- Saturday:** 2:00-4:00pm Spring Celebration / Egg Hunt (Bell house lawn)

Announcements

Easter Lilies - \$16 each
The deadline to place your order is March 27th, so be sure to call the church office at 334-365-5977 to reserve your lily. You can dedicate your lily in memory or honor of a loved one.

- Dates to remember:**
Monday, April 1st - church office closed
Tuesday, April 2nd - Africa Interest Meeting, 6:00pm, in Wesley 101
Thursday, April 4th - Senior Lunch Bunch at 11:30 at Chicken-Salad-Chick. Call the church office for reservations, 334-365-5977.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - March 28th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
Maundy is an old English word that is derived from the Latin mandatum meaning “mandate.” At this service, we will hear Jesus’ mandate from the Gospel of John: “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Good Friday - March 29th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
A Tenebrae service is one the oldest traditions of the Christian Church in celebration of Holy Week. From the Latin word meaning shadows, the service of Tenebrae presents the story of Jesus’ passion, and as it unfolds, the symbolic candles are extinguished and the worship space is darkened to remember the death of our Lord.

Spring Celebration / Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30th
Join us from 2pm-4pm at our grass parking lot on 4th street, next to the Bell House, for a fun day of celebration. Activities will inflatables, face painting, sack races, bean bag toss, pictures with the Easter Bunny and egg hunts for children up to 5th grade!

Easter Sunday – March 31st
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Join us to worship and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at our 8:30am or 11:00am traditional services in the sanctuary. There will be a reception for everyone at 9:45am in Pratt Hall. You are invited to bring flowers to adorn the flower cross on our lawn which makes a wonderful backdrop for your family Easter photos.



Palm Sunday
March 24, 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

March 24, 2024

Palm 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

Ellacombe

arr. Kerr

Introit

Hosanna, Hosanna, We Sing

Chancel Choir

Pethel

Welcome

Jeremy Pyles

We welcome each of you to this service! Please register your attendance on the red 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 United Methodist. We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

†Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Children are invited to process in and lay palms on the communion rail during this time.

†Call to Worship:

April Jones

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. 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. *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.

Announcements

Daniel Patrick

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem


Ride on King Jesus

Chancel Choir

arr. Hogan

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

UMH 95

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

Stacey Lewis

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

†Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Sermon

Rev. Janeese Spencer

“What difference does Palm Sunday make to you?”

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 aril during the singing of the first verse of the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn of Response

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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†Benediction

†Postlude

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

†Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Concerns

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

Extended Family: Richard Albridge, Stephanie Bruner-Allen, Richard Dudley, Dave Flanagan, Mathilda Hartig, Jessica Horseley, Don Inda, Jane Klug, Jolie Lee, Bill Little, Clif Smith, Jeff Whisnant, Adelaide Bell Williams (new prayer needs) Linda Gamper

The 2024 Sanctuary Altar Flower Calendar is open.

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 the upcoming weeks and months.

Sermon Notes

Serving in Worship

Rev. Janeese Spencer, Elder in GMC
and owner/counselor at Venture Life Coaching
Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Hansen, Pianist
8:30am: Blake Wadsworth, Crucifer
Ian Kennedy and Madelyne Kennedy, Acolytes
11:00am: Tripp Berch, Crucifer
Abby Dannelley and Micheala Dannelley