

Guest Information

Thank you for joining us for worship! First United Methodist Church is a vibrant, caring, and active community of faith. 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 a traditional worship service in the sanctuary each Sunday morning at 9:15am and a modern worship service at 11:15am in Pratt Hall.

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 FUMC, you are invited to email Pastor Tony at tony@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.

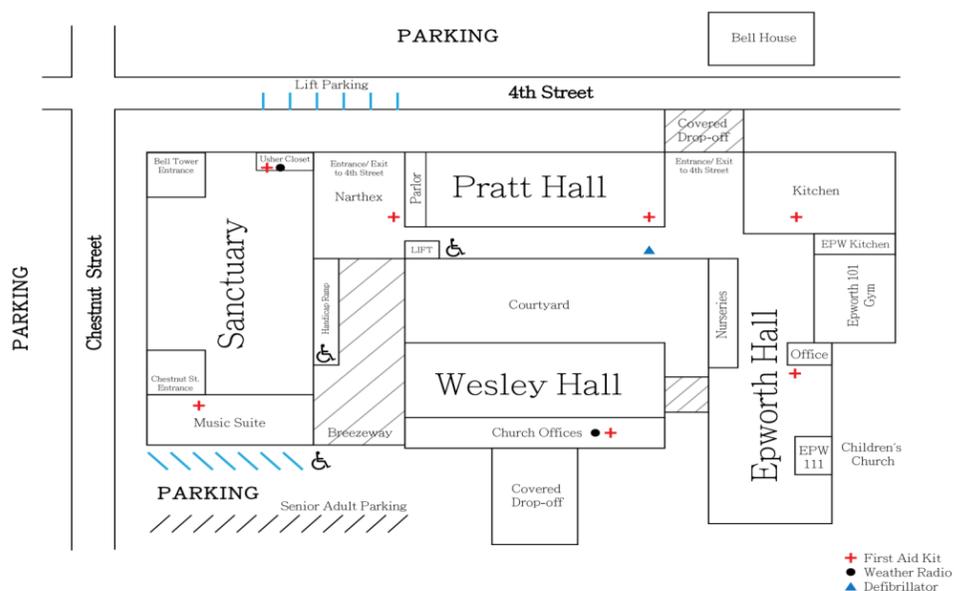
Sunday School

Sunday school is offered for children, youth, and adults at 10:15 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. You may take the bags home with you following worship today.

FUMC Prattville Campus Map



This Week at First Methodist

- Today:** 11:15am Modern Worship Service (Pratt Hall)
 3:00-4:30 pm Youth Led Bible Club at Pratt Court
 5:00-6:00pm Genesis Singers Youth Choir (Adult Choir Room)
 6:00pm Adult Bible Study of the Book of Acts (Wesley 104)
 6:00pm Young Adult Small Group (Sanctuary 202)
 6:00pm Grief Share (Wesley 102)
- Tuesday:** 5:30pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday:** 11:00am 50 Forward Choir (Adult Choir Suite)
 5:00-6:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner (Pratt Hall)
 5:45pm Children's Choirs (Various choir rooms)
 6:30pm Children's Open gym (Epworth 101)
 6:30pm Bible Study (Wesley 104) & Adult Small Group (Sanc. 202)
 6:30 - 8:00pm Chancel Choir (Adult Choir Suite)
 6:30pm Modern Worship rehearsal (Pratt Hall)
 6:45 - 7:30pm Children and Youth Activities
- Thursday:** 6:30am Men's Study Group (Chappy's)

Announcements

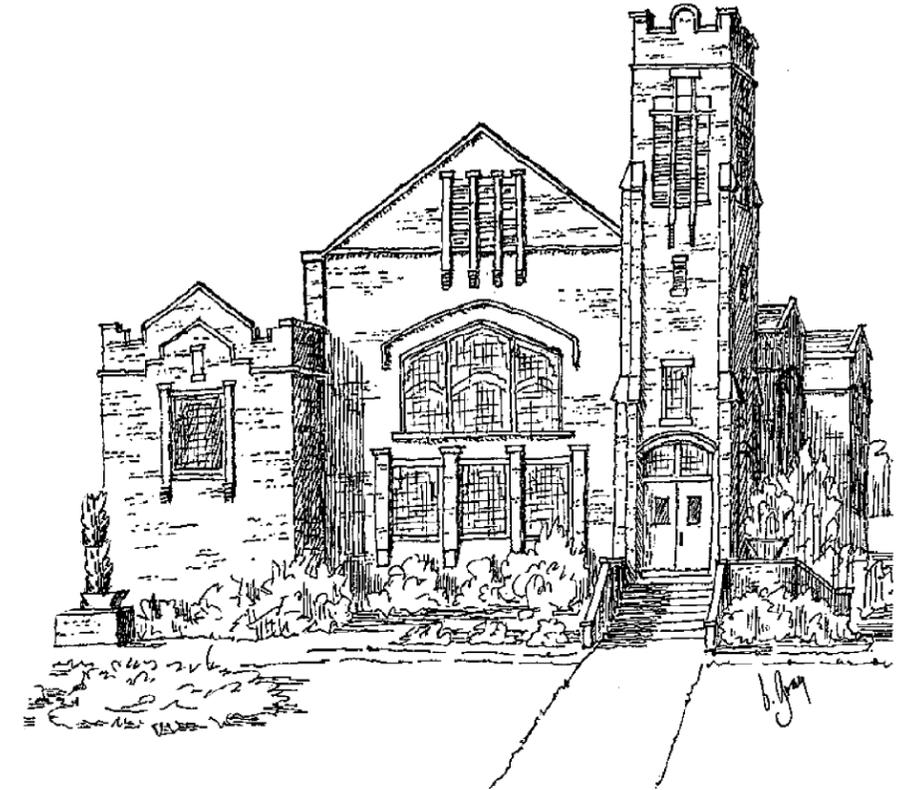
Sunday Night Discipleship Groups - beginning tonight, September 12th @ 6pm

- Bible study on Acts - led by Billy Taylor (Wesley 104)
- Grief Share - led by Dave Dageforde (Wesley 102)
- Young Adult Small Group - led by Rev. Chris McCain (Sanctuary 202)

Audio & Video Volunteers needed!

Looking for a place to serve? We need sound and video operators to help in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. No experience needed! Contact Mat Napp for more information or to volunteer (mat@prattvillemethodist.org).

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Wednesday Night Dinner Menu for September 15th

Chicken Tetrizzini, Salad, Texas Toast, and Pineapple Upside-down Cake
 Served from 5:00-6:30pm. \$7per plate, \$30 max per family
 Pratt Hall

Prattville FUMC Staff

- Dr. Tony McCullough** - Senior Pastor (tony@prattvillemethodist.org)
Rev. Chris McCain - Associate Pastor (chris@prattvillemethodist.org)
Jeremy Pyles - Director of Music Ministries (jeremy@prattvillemethodist.org)
Stacey Lewis - Director of Children's Ministries (slewis@prattvillemethodist.org)
Casey Ferrell - Director of Youth Ministries (casey@prattvillemethodist.org)
Mat Napp - Director of Modern Worship/Technical Arts (mat@prattvillemethodist.org)
Luann Williams - Director of Hospitality/Food Services (luannhwilliams@bellsouth.net)
Carol Sharpe - Interim Financial Secretary (finance@prattvillemethodist.org)
Freda Clark - Pastoral Secretary (freda@prattvillemethodist.org)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

9:15 AM

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

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 *Unclouded Day* arr. Hamlin

†**Processional Hymn** *This Is My Song* UMH 437

†**Call to Worship** Jeremy Pyles

Leader: Jesus is the gate.

People: Whoever enters by him will be saved,

Leader: and will come in and go out and find pasture.

People: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Leader: Jesus came that all may have life,

People: and have it abundantly.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: O Good Shepherd, you desire to guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Meet us in this time of worship today and fill us with your love, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, in your name we pray, Amen.

†**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

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.

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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.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Tony McCullough

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.

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles Stacey Lewis

†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. Dr. Tony McCullough

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Lux Aeterna* from *Requiem* John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Chrystal Strickland, soloist Marian Woodman, flautist

Lynda Striepe, organist

*Dedicated to the glory of God in memory of those who lost their lives on
September 11th, 2001.*

May God's perpetual light shine on them forever.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die
in the Lord, For they rest from their labors; even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine: *Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we*
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, *pray: With saints and angels ever*
quia pius es. *dwelling, for Thy*

Requiem aeternam dona eis *mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.*
Domine: Et lux perpetua luceat *Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God,*
eis. *we pray to Thee:*

*And light perpetual shine on them for
ever.*

†**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.)

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 1:4-11 NRSV

When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses. Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name.' They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!" At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

Sermon "Pray for the Impossible" Rev. Dr. Tony McCullough

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 altar rail during the singing of the first verse of the Hymn of Response.

†**Hymn of Response** *It is Well with My Soul* UMH 377

†Benediction

†**Postlude** *Postludium* Muffat

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

Prayer Concerns

Church Family:

Helen Allen, Andy Anderson, Rev. Leonard & Carlyn Howell, Joan McCloskey, Louise Moody, Rex Moore, Bob Olson, Eddie Pope, Mary Regnier, Ron Sargent, Bill Tatum (*new prayer needs*) **Freda Clark, Sadie Robbins, Terri Taylor**

Extended Family:

Willie Adams, Jan Baker, Lorie Benninger, Bob Burton, Cecelia Clark, Hazel Horn, Haley Miller, Keith Mullins, Charlie Nabors, Herb Reitmeyer, Martha Jane Renegar, Pete Schaum, Amanda Wardle, Jerry Ware, Brent Watson, Jae Wood (*new prayer needs*) **Sonny Rutherford, Lynn Young**

The flowers on the altar have been placed to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Ray & Wanda Young, parents of Carla Dageforde.

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 the upcoming weeks and months.

Serving in Worship

Dr. Tony McCullough, Senior Pastor

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries

Stacey Lewis, Director of Children's Ministries

Charlotte Nichols, Organist

Judson Jones, Crucifer

Brooks Baxley and Rachel Palmer, Acolytes

Ginger Avery-Buckner and Nancy Lambert, Altar Guild