

Through Our Prayers

PRAISE - We rejoice with Jim & Celeste Minor today, as they present their daughter, **Camille Crawford Minor**, for the sacrament of Christian Baptism at the 8:30 service. Grandparents are Dene Cleveland, Cliff Cleveland and Martha & James Minor.

CHURCH FAMILY - **Burney Blackburn, Ruby Chapman, Ann Dean, Rev. Henry Eddins, Zach Higman, Keith Mickle** family, **Louise Moody, Frieda Murphy, Windell & Catherine Neal, Kenny Sheffield, Claudia Storay, Mabel Ward, David Willis, Evelyn Wyatt**

EXTENDED FAMILY - **James Blanchard, LaNiece Bland, Eva Brunson, Tanya Chitalwala, Mark Clark, Bob Crawley, Sybil Daugherty, David Duffle, Keith Ensey, Bob Hansen, Tripp Head, Ted Hollis, Ashley Hover (& unborn son), Ben & Renie Kilpatrick, David Kirkpatrick, Roberta Lenhart, Kim Lewis, Robert Luckie, Peggy Ranier, Cathy Robertson, Courtney Rosschile, Gena Sample, Sarah Sargent, Sheila Shapiro, Ami Simpson, James Smelley, Olivia Smith, Cliff Tatum, Travis Taylor, Patricia Todd, Donnie Tucker, Amy Walker, Perry Worrell, Edward Wyatt**

DEATH - **Martha Manning** - *Aunt of Freda Clark & Carol Meeks*

OUR DEPLOYED - **John Garrison, Lance Landrum, Travis Morgan, Bentley Webb, Josh Strickland, Phillip Brossard, Rocky Herdinar, Matthew Miluv, Wahli Morris & Craig Tinal**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed to the Glory of God and in honor of the infant baptism of Camille Crawford Minor by her grandparents, Dene Cleveland, Cliff Cleveland & Martha & James Minor

Participating in this Service

Bill Elwell - Senior Pastor
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Olivia Poole - Associate Pastor (8:30)
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Norrell Robertson
Director of Music Ministries
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Lynda Striepe - Organist
Charlotte Nichols - Pianist

Ushers

Greg Fowl, Bill Paravacini,
Michael Beatty, Pat Lisenby, Ron
Sargent, Clifford Murphy, Darren
Kirkham, Melton Myers (8:30)

Frank Yeargan, Bill Mann, Jim
Murray, Jim Pinckard, Pete
Ingenloff, Shay Brown, John
Alden Williams (11:00)

Altar Guild Sue Burton, Linda
Ramsey

Children's Church

Robyn Davis, Kerri Murphy (8:30)
Stacey Lewis, Melanie Pelham, Beth Moore, Kelly Cobb (11:00)

Acolytes

William Burton

Jack Smyth (8:30)

Frances Crane

Emily McBrien (11:00)

Crucifer

Shea Davis (8:30)

Hannah Gipson (11:00)

Worship Host/Hostess

Will Epperson (8:30)

Scott & Lisa Striepe (11:00)

Fellowship Time Hostess

Darren & Kim Kirkham

Finance Steward

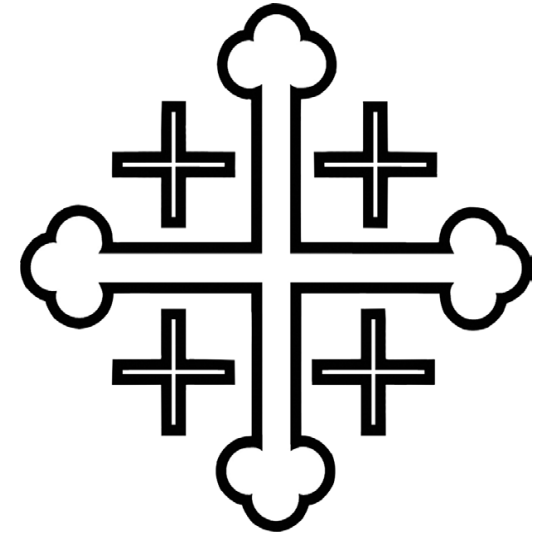
Charlann Jones (8:30)

Karla Boles Smith (11:00)

Sound Operator

Drew Peterson (8:30)

Gray Price (11:00)



Sanctuary Worship

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA

February 27, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Our mission is to make disciples
for the transformation of the world.

Music Notes: How Firm a Foundation

When it was first printed, this hymn was simply called "Scripture Promises." In a 1787 hymnal, the words of 2 Peter 1:4 were printed above the first stanza: "Exceeding great and precious promises" (KJV). Each stanza of the hymn emphasizes a different promise in God's Word. The second stanza is based on Isaiah 41:10; the third on Isaiah 43:2; the fourth on 2 Corinthians 12:9; and the fifth on Hebrews 13:5, which concludes "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." The final lines of this hymn are among the most memorable in the hymnal: "That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, / I'll never, no never, no, never forsake!"

[The Complete Book of Hymns](#)

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany February 27, 2011

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE **It Is Well with My Soul**
ALPHA HANDBELLS (8:30)
Lord I Lift Your Name On High
CHOIR 56 (11:00)

During the Prelude let us prepare for worship through silent meditation.

✠GREETING

Leader: There are worries, troubles, and rumor of more troubles:

People: We put our trust in You, O Lord, our God.

Leader: Who shall lead us to springs of living water?

People: Let us worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

✠HYMN NO. 529 **How Firm a Foundation** FOUNDATION

✠OPENING PRAYER

We confess to You, O Lord, that we have put our energy into worry, into trying to fix life, in spreading the gloom and doom of rumors...and it is taking the life out of us. We want to fix our part of the world. Help us control the master called "self" and lose our life in You, O Lord! You have promised us, from the day of our baptism, the Holy Spirit will be at work in our lives making us new creations. Help us live in that promise and always "consider the lilies." AMEN.

✠GREETING

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn and greet those around you in the name of Christ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30) No. 33

We present Camille Crawford Minor for Baptism

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:8-16a

OFFERTORY **Behold the Lamb**
SANCTUARY CHOIR (8:30)
You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul
LADIES' ENSEMBLE (11:00)

✠DEDICATION **Doxology** No. 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

America (stanza 4) No. 697

Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Luann Williams

(Dismissal of 4-7 year olds for Children's Church to EPW 113)

✠GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 6:24-34**

✠HYMN NO. 128 **He Leadeth Me** HE LEADETH ME

SERMON **"The Compassionate God"** Bill Elwell

✠RESPONSE TO THE WORD - Apostles' Creed (11:00) No.881

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠HYMN NO. 140 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** FAITHFULNESS

✠THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

✠BENEDICTION **Eagles Wings**

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

✠POSTLUDE **Postlude**
GERALD CARMICHAEL

✠Please Stand as you are able.

TO OUR GUESTS...welcome to church today. We are honored you came to worship with us. Please assist us by filling out the attendance pads with contact information. And if you want more information about membership, please contact our Associate Pastor, olivia@prattvillemethodist.org

THIS MORNING... Coffee Fellowship Pratt Hall after 8:30 a.m. worship & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US & CONNECT TO A MINISTRY ...check us out at prattvillemethodist.org...for information, check the calendar, and find your place in ministry.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN STEWARDSHIP...Our giving goal for the month of February is \$81,500...given through February 20th, \$50,486.49. Thank you for your generous giving.

TONIGHT AT CHURCH...Genesis Singers @ 4:00 p.m. - Children & Youth @ 5:00 p.m., Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 p.m. & Café 607 @ 6:07 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT UNIVERSITY...5:00 p.m. Dinner: Make your Reservations at rsvp@prattvillemethodist.org or list on attendance pad. Menu: **Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Field Peas w/Snaps, Salad Bar, Yeast Roll & Yellow Cake w/Chocolate Icing;** Classes begin at 6:00 p.m.: **Methodism 101** led by Bill Elwell and Olivia Poole; **Shadow Embroidery** led by Chrystal Strickland; **Knitting** led by Susanne Spurlin; **Sandy's Creative Creations** led by Sandy Sawyer; **Zumba!** led by Tracie Cheeley, **The Synoptic Gospels** led by Ann Taylor & **Couch...to Resurrection Run** led by Barry Franklin.

YOU NEED TO KNOW... Resurrection Run is next Saturday, March 5th. Sign up at www.resrunfumc.com or pick up a brochure in the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ... will be on March 9th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS ... begin Tuesday, March 15th and continue through April 19th. Inspirational speakers and a delicious lunch.