

First Methodist Church Pontotoc

First Methodist Church Pontotoc is looking to grow by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit by designing creative and authentic worship services, offering mission and ministry opportunities, and developing church technology.

Our Church

First Methodist Church Pontotoc was the first church established in Pontotoc in 1836. Nestled downtown next to the Historic Court Square, the church has been and continues to be a staple in our community. Beginning July 1, 2025, this church will be an independent traditional Methodist Church. First Methodist Church Pontotoc offers a traditional Methodist worship service and provides Sunday School and ministries to adults, youth, and children. First Methodist Church Pontotoc also offers a vibrant pre-school program for three and four-year-olds that has been in operation for almost 40 years.

Other outreach programs the church is involved with or sponsors include our Backpack Ministry for local schools, Lenten Luncheons that serve and welcome all denominations, the local Pontotoc Food Bank, and collaboration efforts with churches throughout Pontotoc County.

Community

Pontotoc, Mississippi, a community of nearly 6,000 residents, is deeply rooted in Christian values and offers a welcoming atmosphere for families. The town is proud of its excellent public school system, which has consistently earned an "A" rating from the Mississippi Department of Education and received numerous national awards. In 2011, Bloomberg Business Review named Pontotoc the best place in the state to raise children. In addition to its strong educational and family focus, Pontotoc offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including The Tanglefoot Trail—a scenic 44-mile trail perfect for biking and walking. The Pontotoc Hospital, located on Main Street and affiliated with North Mississippi Medical Center, ensures convenient healthcare access for residents.

Application Criteria

First Methodist Church Pontotoc is seeking leadership in the form of:

- A person called by God to preach the Word of God, lead worship, and teach Scripture, focusing on practical, daily application for the congregation.
- A person committed to a life of prayer and attentively listening to the Holy Spirit to meet the congregation's spiritual needs.
- A person who can design and lead creative, authentic worship experiences that engage and inspire.
- A person who is evangelistic-minded, offering invitations to worship and encouraging personal commitments to Christ.
- A person willing to provide guidance for the church's educational programs, fostering the growth of mature disciples through Sunday School, Bible studies, and new group formats.
- A person to oversee church administration, collaborating with church leaders and committees in areas such as mission opportunities, facility needs, financial stewardship, and ministries for youth, children, and pre-school.
- A person excited to actively engage and network within the community to build relationships and share the love of Christ.
- A person eager to lead the development and implementation of church technology and communication strategies to reach and engage the congregation effectively.

Application Process

First Methodist Church Pontotoc is seeking a full-time pastor as it becomes an independent congregation in the summer of 2025. The successful candidate will assume leadership of the Church on July 1, 2025.

Applications will be accepted March 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.

Email resumes to Mickey Mapp at mickeymapp@gmail.com.

Please provide relevant background information on your resume, including your education and work history.