



# Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

January 4, 2026 Epiphany Sunday 9:00 am Service



"The Adoration of the Magi" 1904  
Edward Burne-Jones

Beauty is Missional  
Mr. Richard Doster

Our Vision:  
To develop mature Christian disciples who  
compassionately respond to the needs of others.



**Gathering Music**  
*A Star Shines Brightly*  
*A Time For Peace*  
*He Is Lord/O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Jennifer St. Clair  
*arr. Franklin Ritter*  
David T. Clydesdale  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

**Welcome & Call To Worship**

Rev. Joseph Mayes

**Organ Prelude**

*We Three Kings*

*arr. Lani Smith*

**\*Hymn 229**

*The First Noel v. 1,2,3,5, & 6*

*THE FIRST NOEL*

**Invocation**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen. (silent confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Lift your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.

**People: The light of God shines through the darkness.**

**Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son. Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever One! Mighty kings bow down before Him, hail the long-awaited birth; shepherds worship and adore Him, King of Heav'n and Lord of earth. With the angels let us sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

**\*Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 210

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

WHITNEY

**Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

\*Hymn 233

*We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

**Invitation to Christian Stewardship**

Offertory

*What Star Is This?*

Franklin Ritter

**\*Christmas Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Anthem

*Star of Fire and Flame*

Mary Kay Beall

*Star of fire and flame, from on high proclaim  
Word made flesh and come to earth in a humble birth.  
Star of glory bright, one eternal light,  
Radiant from on high you see His nativity.*

*Star of beauty rare, show the seeker where  
Christ awaits in manger bed, no crown for His head.  
Star now lead us on, beckoning the dawn,  
Joyful these our gifts we bring to our promised King.  
Words by Mary Kay Beall. ©2020*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19: 1-4

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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\*Hymn 40

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX



**\*Benediction**

**\*Going Forth**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.  
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

**Organ Postlude**

*Joy to the World from Nativity Suite*

*Wilbur Held*

**Healing Prayers**

You may come to the side altar to receive a prayer for healing or other special needs





## **Today is Epiphany Sunday.**

Observed on or near January 6, Epiphany Sunday celebrates the revelation of Christ to the world, commemorating the visit of the Magi who followed the star to Bethlehem and recognized Jesus as King, God, and Savior for all nations.

The liturgical colors of this day are white and gold, used to express joy, purity, and triumph, reflecting the splendor of Christ revealed to the Gentiles and the radiant light that continues to shine into the world through him.

# Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

## THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

### Today, January 4

8:30 am: Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
9:00 am: Worship Service  
10:00 am: Coffee Fellowship (FH)  
10:15 am: Bible Study (Meeting Room)  
11:15 am: Worship Service

### Monday, January 5

10:00 am: Jan Smith's Bible Study class

### Tuesday, January 6

10:30 am: Men's & Womens Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 7

3:00 pm: Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 8

8:55 am: Adventures in Prayer

### Friday, January 9

7:30 am: Men's Breakfast

### Next Sunday, January 11

8:30 am: Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
9:00 am: Worship Service  
10:00 am: Coffee Fellowship (FH)  
10:15 am: Bible Study (Meeting Room)  
11:15 am: Worship Service

### Bible Study Classes

- Sundays at 10:15 am (Meeting Room)
- Mondays at 10:00 am: Jan Smith's Bible Study class
- Tuesdays at 10:30 am: Men's & Women's Bible study class. Books are available for purchase in the Chapel office.

## Chapel Tables- Spring 2026

Chapel Tables is a social activity of informal dinners (in homes or restaurants) with groups of four to eight. Group members rotate responsibility each month for hosting in homes (a different home each month) or making reservations in restaurants. All adults members and non members in our congregation are invited to participate. We want to get to know you; come dine with fellow Chapel members and grow closer to others in the Chapel family. Sign up on your own or with a friend. We mix singles and couples. It's a perfect fit! Everyone registered by Monday, January 19, 2026 will be assigned a group and contacted by a group leader. Groups will meet for the first time in February. Assignments to groups will be made according to individuals' preferences. Sign up sheets will be located in the Chapel office and Narthex. Questions? Email Kathie Davis at [kathiewd@gmail.com](mailto:kathiewd@gmail.com)

## Lenten Meditation Writers

We're in search of 40 writers for the 2026 Lenten Meditation Booklet; with a warm welcome to our newer Chapel members, whom we'd love have share a meditation contribution. Guidelines are available from Sandy Sproat 491-0390 and if you'd like to read past meditations, contact Beth in the Chapel Office, 904-277-4414. The WRITER'S DEADLINE IS JAN 10th so you still have lots of time! Please help by sending your meditation to Sandy Sproat ([ssproat43@aol.com](mailto:ssproat43@aol.com)) as soon as possible.

## Stewardship Figures

Current number of pledges for 2026: 169  
Current amount pledged for 2026: \$1,325,230  
Total number of pledges made for 2026: 189

# You Are Welcome Here!

## Flower Calendar

The 2025 calendar is in the Narthex. You may also call the Chapel office to reserve a date. \$75 suggested donation in honor of a special occasion.

## Plant A Seed

Please share this bulletin with someone you know to personally invite them to join us in worship on any Sunday at 9:00 or 11:15 am. Romans 10:17: So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## God Calls You By Name

And we will too if you wear your name badge! If you don't have one, order by calling the Chapel office.

Please wear your name badge to all Chapel functions.

## Hearing Assistance Devices

Ask any usher for a wireless hearing device, which permits you to sit anywhere and hear the service clearly.

## Chapel Nursery

The nursery is available for all children under the age of 5. Please keep any child with cold symptoms out of the nursery to avoid spreading germs. Thank you. Children's worship bags are also available to take into the Sanctuary during the service.

## Holy Communion Matters

As we remember Christ's sacrifice as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, please be aware that if you need gluten-free Holy Communion wafers or would like to have the communion elements with you in the pew (rather than walking up front), please pick up a "communion packet" in the Chapel Narthex as you arrive to our worship service. Also know that the "wine" in both the gluten-free packets and served from the Lord's Table in the sanctuary is really grape juice.

## Live Streaming Available

For those unable to attend service live streaming is available on our website at [www.ameliachapel.com](http://www.ameliachapel.com).

## 2026 Governing Board/Committees

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## Today We Pray For

### Chapel Members

Henry Turner  
Walt Petersen  
Dootsie Krenach  
Spence Turner  
Maggie Bruce

### Relatives

Dave Drissel,  
brother of Dianne Gruber  
Morgan DeNoers,  
son of Harry DeNoers  
Hayley Brammer, daughter  
in-law of The Brammers

### Flowers

"In memory of Marion Biallot's  
birthday"  
-Peter & Suzanne Siebert

"In memory of Delburt R.  
Westbrook - Jan 8, 1928"  
-Friend of George & Claudia  
Watts

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If you would like to become a member, please pick up a membership packet in the main entry. Full or associate membership is available. Associate membership is for those who wish to retain membership in their home church yet enjoy full privileges of Chapel members.

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