



Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service



“St. Paul Preaching in Athens”
by Raphael, Italian painter, sculptor, and architect (1483-1520)
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England

Our Vision: Maturity in Christ
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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

Gathering Music
Appalachian Sunrise
Like a River Glorious
We're Marching to Zion

Jennifer St. Clair
Wayne Gratz
arr. Larry Shackley
arr. Joel Raney

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

Hymn Prelude on Laudes Domini

arr. Peter Stearns

***Hymn 64**

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Invocation & Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your judgment. For our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. Amen. (Time for Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon & *Gloria Patri

*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.*

***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.

Call to Prayer

Neno lake Mungu (Listen, God is Calling)

Swahili Hymn

Pastoral 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 Insert**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Paul Mickelson

***Doxology & Prayer for the Nation**

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem

I Heard the Song...Amazing Love

arr. Tom Eggleston

*I heard the song that set me free, "Amazing love!" covered me.
When love came down to dwell within, His grace forgave all my sin.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, should die for me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God it reaches me!*

*I feel His peace through every prayer, because of love, no despair.
I'm not afraid, I will not fear. For Christ will hold me so near.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, should die for me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God it reaches me!*

*How deep the love for Christ for me, He sees my wants, fills my needs.
How vast, how measureless, how pure, His love will ever endure.*

*I hear His song calling to me, I hear His sweet melody.
I hear Him singing in my ear, I know that Jesus is here!
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou O God, should die for me!
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, should die for me!
Verses by Tom Eggleston, Chorus by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:28-29

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

Sermon

Our Vision: Maturity in Christ

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*Hymn 695

As We Gather at Your Table v.1

BEACH SPRING

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus (sung)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All (sung): Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.



Words of Institution

Words of Administration & Distribution

*Hymn 695

As We Gather at Your Table v. 2 & 3

BEACH SPRING

Organ Postlude

March in D

Handel/Rick Parks

Healing Prayers

[You may come to the side altar to receive a prayer for healing or other special needs](#)

*Benediction

*Going Forth

O Christ, the Way the Truth, the Life

ST. PETER

*O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now we pray;
Direct our steps as we go forth to do your will this day.*

Worship Notes

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, a Sunday in Ordinary time.

Ordinary here does not mean usual or common.
It stems from the word "ordinal," related to the concept of ordering or counting time.
Ordinary time refers to that part of the church year which does not fall within one of the major liturgical seasons. It consists of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks each year and emphasizes personal faith development nurture and growth, and enhancement of the Church.

The color for Ordinary time is green, symbolizing growth and development.



I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

(an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

Jesus Our First Love

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is our First Love. We love the Triune God because He first loved us. We proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Our joy is knowing Jesus personally and following Him always for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). Jesus is our perfect Prophet, Priest, and King who shed His precious blood for us on the Cross and is the Risen One who is coming again in glory!

Bible Engagement

Each person has a daily practice of personal prayer (Mark 1:35) and reading of the Word of God (Psalm 1:2) in order to experience a time of intimate devotions with the Lord (Proverbs 8:34). Living in light of our identity in Christ as new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17) who are accepted in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6), listening to the Word of God preached in worship and taught in Bible studies. Becoming more like Christ by growing in the Grace and Truth of our Lord Jesus through Faith, Hope, and Love.

Seeking God in Christ

The Chapel is dedicated to the glory of God so we treasure worshiping with God's gathered people and being edified by Biblical Fellowship at the Chapel each Sunday; daily seeking God through prayer and thanksgiving, while living in a way that pleases God by "each contributing our time, talents, and treasures" to Him.

Great Commandment Church

We love the Lord and we love our neighbors. Putting our spiritual gift(s) to use in worshiping the Kingly Trinity and serving others for the Kingdom of God consists of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Great Commission Church

Equipped to share the Gospel with all. Our God is a missionary God, so "each a minister; each a missionary." Inviting an unchurched person to attend a church service/program because the church exists for the benefit of its non-members, so everything we do is about joyfully helping people discover the light and love of Jesus Christ.

Following Jesus and Denying Self

Joyful to celebrate Christ's life throughout the church year from Advent to Pentecost, so He gets the glory as we follow in His footsteps. Obeying God, repenting of negative attitudes; demonstrating a humble, teachable spirit with a demeanor of sweet reasonableness. Dedicated to finishing life well-aligned with God's glory, gospel and plan.

Exercising Faith

Trusting God in difficult circumstances; believing God has a purpose for one's life. Desperately dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit to live a life worthy of our heavenly call. Believing that authentic biblical Christianity will be blessed by God.

Integrity In Relationships

Dedicated to Shepherding hearts to the green pastures of God's Word. Getting together with other Christians by participating in biblical fellowship. Praying for others, loving others, mentoring others, living ethically, and sharing our story of how Christ saved us. Committed to not being narrow, nasty, and negative. Rather, communicating truth in love while protecting the church's peace, purity, and unity.

Interdenominational Family

Respecting all Christian denominations, yet rejoicing in being a "Christ-Centered, Bible-Based, and Ministry-Focused Chapel Family." Committed to balanced Christianity as expressed in the motto, "In-Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All-Things, Love." Acknowledging that we do not have it all together; but together in Christ, we have it all.

Guardians of the Gospel

On the authority of God's Word alone, we believe that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone to the glory of God alone. Together, these truths form the foundation of and the guardrails for God's household of faith. We will guard the Gospel and hold forth the Word of Life to all (Philippians 2:16).

Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Today, September 7

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

Tuesday, September 9

10:30 am: Mens & Womens Bible Study

Wednesday, September 10

3:00 pm: Choir Practice

Next Sunday, September 14

8:30 am: Choir Practice (Choir Room)
9:00 am: Worship Service
10:00 - 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:15 am: *Peter's Epistles* (Meeting Room)
10:15 am: Fellowship of Bible Investigators-
Children's Sunday School (Upper Room)
11:15 am: Worship Service

Bible Study Classes

- Sundays at 10:15 am:
Sojourners & Exiles, led by Richard Doster (held in the Meeting Room.)
- Mondays at 10:00 am:
Coed Bible Study on *the Book of John*, led by Jan Smith (held in the Meeting Room.)
- Tuesdays at 10:30 am:
Women will study *Women of the New Testament*. Men will study *John Stott's Revelation: The Triumph of God*. Books are available in the Chapel office.

Flower Calendar

Thank you to all who have donated the beautiful flowers for our worship services. There are several openings available from September through December.

Men's Breakfast

Date: Friday, September 12 | Time: 7:30 am
Speaker: Dr. Ken Jones
Topic: Each one; Reach one

Fellowship of Bible Investigators

Join us for an exciting Children's Sunday School in the Upper Room for Grades K-5! Starting September 14th, children are invited to gather every Sunday morning from 10:15 to 11:00 am to Study God's Word, Explore God's World, and Interview God's People as we uncover the rich theological truths in Part 1 of the New City Catechism. Children who complete the inaugural class will receive special prizes and a custom Amelia Chapel Detective Badge.

Pastor Pop-Up

Date: Thursday, September 25
Time: 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm
"Each One; Reach One" Training that is designed to equip you to share the hope of Jesus to a hurting world by discovering 5 Bible-based methods of evangelism. This class will last an hour and be offered at two separate times to accommodate schedules.

Welcome Back Oyster Roast

Date: Sunday, October 19 | Time: 5:00 PM

35th Anniversary Service

Date: Sunday October 19 | Time: 10:00am

Chapel Tables Update

We will be postponing Chapel Tables until January as we take this time to thoughtfully reimagine and revamp the experience. We're excited about what's ahead and look forward to sharing a renewed vision with everyone in the new year. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

We are still accepting pledges for 2025 Offerings

Budgeted Offerings for 2025:	\$1,623,870
Received Year to Date:	\$1,120,094
Needed by December 31:	\$503,776

Stewardship Estimate of Giving

Estimate of Giving Cards to Date:	189
Estimate of Giving Amount to Date:	\$1,288,210

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.

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Today We Pray For

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Maggie Bruce
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Henry Turner
Claudia Smith
Gertrude Bumgardner
Don Kauer
Spence Turner

Relatives

Dave Drissel,
brother of Dianne Gruber
Morgan DeNoers,
son of Harry DeNoers
Gillian Tabler,
daughter of Bryan &
Karen Tabler

Flowers

"In gratitude to a wise
and gifted pastoral leader
-Ken & Pam Jones &
family"

"In memory of our
parents Eleanor Collier &
Gus Heatwole"
-Mark & Sarah Heatwole

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