



Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service



The illustration by American illustrator Norman Rockwell (1894–1978) hangs in the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. One of the artist's celebrated Four Freedoms paintings, it was published in the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1943, accompanied by an essay by philosopher and historian Will Durant. Moved by Durant's words, the Rev. Barkley Thompson reflected, "May the poetry of our gathered worship redeem our daily toil and summon us to our better selves. Thank you for reminding us."

Praying to God for Our Nation
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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

Responsive Prayer for the 250th Birthday of America



Minister: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1) Let us give thanks to the Lord for His providence over this land through every generation.

People: We praise You, O Lord, for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” (Psalm 33:12) We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us, who sought liberty and justice for all.

People: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)

Minister: We give You special thanks for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Grant Your protection to those who stand in harm’s way at home and abroad. As a Grateful Nation, we ask you to encourage them and their families.

People: Lord, protect those who serve. Be their shield in battle, their strength in weakness, and their peace in every storm. Bring them safely home, and surround them with Your presence wherever they are stationed.

Minister: “Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you.” (Jeremiah 29:7) We pray for our nation, that we may seek peace, justice, and the good of all people.

People: Lord, make us instruments of Your peace as we follow Jesus as the Prince of Peace who is the One Mediator (Isaiah 9:6; 1 Timothy 2:1-7).

Minister: “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

People: We confess our failures to live by Your Word and ask for Your mercy and healing. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. (Psalm 51:10)

Minister: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34) We pray for all who lead, that they may govern with wisdom, integrity, and courage.

People: Give wisdom to those who govern, O Lord.

Minister: As we mark 250 years of this nation’s history, we turn again to You, as One Nation Under God.

People: The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Minister: May Your kingdom come, and Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:8)

Gathering Music

Jennifer St. Clair

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

How Firm a Foundation American Melody arr. Terry L. Baldrige

*Hymn 569

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Invocation & Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; That we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy faith; And give us grace to amend our lives according to Your Word; For the glory of Your name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Vocal Solo

Peace
Joseph Mayes

arr. Richard A. Nichols

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 626

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Faith of Our Fathers

arr. Gordon Young

KEY: (*) Indicates standing if able.

***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

The Truth Will Make You Free

Anna Krentz Organ

*If you continue, continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*

Words: John 8:31-32, alt.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

Sermon

Praying to God for Our Nation

Dr. Ken Jones

***Hymn 690**

We Remember You

EUCCHARIST

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 727

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

*Benediction

*Going Forth

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day.
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives might be our gift to You.*

Organ Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Terry L. Baldrige

Healing Prayers

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

After the service, please join us in the Fellowship hall for refreshments and conversation.
The first 50 people to come to Fellowship this Sunday will get ice cream in
celebration of the 4th of July.

Please remember the library is conveniently open on Sundays, making it easy to stop in
and find the perfect Christian book to encourage you in your faith walk.

Worship Notes

Today is the Sixth 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.





Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Today, July 5

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, July 6 (Office is Closed)

10:00 am: Coed Bible Study

Tuesday, July 7

10:30 am: Coed Summer Bible Study

Wednesday, July 8

3:00 pm: Choir Practice

Next Sunday, July 12

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 Coed Study of John's Gospel.
- Tuesdays at 10:30 am: Summer Coed Bible Study (Meeting Room)
- Tuesdays Coed Summer Bible Study at 10:30 am (Meeting Room) Men's and Women's study will resume in the fall

Tuesday Summer Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, June 9-July 28 | Time: 10:30 am
Join us for "Imprisoned Faith in All Circumstances" by Dr. Derek Thomas, a DVD study exploring faith and perseverance through the Bible's prison stories. Open to all; meets in the Meeting Room. Study guides provided. Questions? email Sally Ericksen, ericksenw@bellsouth.net.

New Organ Fund Donations Needed

Help support our New Organ Fund and preserve the beauty of sacred music for future generations. Every gift makes a difference. Please mark your offering "New Chapel Organ" or contact the financial administrator.

Baby Bottle Blessings

We are still collecting baby bottles. You can drop them off in the Chapel office Monday-Thursday.

Christmas in July VBS

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, July 13-17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM! Children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to join us for a fun-filled week of Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, and holiday-themed activities as we celebrate Christmas in July and learn about the love of Jesus.

Registration is required and may be completed online at ameliachapel.com or by scanning the QR code on our sandwich board. We hope you'll join us for this exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

9/11 Commemorative Service

Join us on Thursday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary for a special commemorative service as we pause to remember those whose lives were lost and honor the courage and sacrifice shown in the wake of that day. The service will include the ringing of the chapel chimes in remembrance of those we lost. Following the service, a moderated panel discussion, led by a professional counselor, featuring personal reflections and firsthand accounts from individuals whose lives were directly connected to the events of September 11.

Stewardship Figures

Budgeted Offerings for 2026:	\$1,643,042
Received Year to Date:	\$847,626
Needed by December 31:	\$795,416

Stewardship Estimate of Giving

Estimate of Giving Cards to Date:	171
Estimate of Giving Amount to Date:	\$1,348,170

You Are Welcome Here!

Flower Calendar

The 2026 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

Chapel Members

Henry Turner
Dootsie Krenach
Dick Devoe
Tom Jordan
Shirley Hargreaves
Harry DeNoers
Sandy Karlovec

In Sympathy to

Mary Lee Garrett
for the passing of her husband

Relatives

Darryl Frick, brother of
Laura June McDuffie
Dave Drissel,
brother of Dianne Gruber
Bobby Phillips,
step-father of Tammy Beall

Flowers

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

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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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