



Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

9:00 am Service



“The Ascension “ by American born artist, Benjamin West. (1738-1820)
The painting hangs in the Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado.

The Ascension of Christ
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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

The Nicene Creed with Scriptures

- **Concerning God the Father (Section One)**

Article 1: *I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor 6:18; Gen 1:1, Ps 121:2; Col 1:16)*

- **Concerning God the Son (Section Two)**

The Person of Christ:

Article 2: *And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, (1 Cor 8:6; Eph 4:5; John 3:16, Col 1:15,17; Jude 25)*

Article 3: *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. (John 1:1-4; Heb 1:3)*

The Work of Christ:

***The Humiliation of Christ**

Article 4: *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, (Matt 1:21, Luke 1:34-35, John 1:14, Mark 15:15; Matt 27:50, 59-60; 1 Cor 15:1-8)*

***The Exaltation of Christ**

Article 5: *and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, (Luke 24:45-46)*

Article 6: *and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; (Acts 1:9; Col 3:1)*

Article 7: *and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. (Matt 25:31, 16:27, 2 Tim 4:1, Luke 1:33)*

- **Concerning God the Spirit (Section Three)**

Article 8: *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. (John 6:63; 15:26; 16:7; 1 Pet 1:21; Eph 3:5)*

- **Concerning Our Life in the Trinity (Section Four)**

Article 9: *And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; (Eph 4:4; 1:4, 5:27; Matt 28:19, Eph 2:20, Gal 3:28; Matt 16:18, Matt 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 13:14)*

Article 10: *I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5; Acts 2:38)*

Article 11: *and I look for the resurrection of the dead, (John 5:28-29; 1 Thess 4:16)*

Article 12: *and the life of the world to come. Amen. (Rev 21:1-4; Mar 10:30; 2 Cor 1:20)*

- catholic” in this creed means “universal Christian church”

Gathering Music

Jennifer St. Clair

Welcome & Call To Worship

Rev. Joseph Mayes

Organ Prelude*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**arr. Edward Broughton****Hymn 106***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

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

There is a Higher Throne
Joseph Mayes

*K. Getty, arr. Lloyd Larson***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 318Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending*

REGENT SQUARE

Invitation to Christian Stewardship**Offertory***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**arr. Dale Wood*

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

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Jerry F. Davidson

*God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, fill thy church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.*

*Let Thy people praise Thee, Lord, be by all live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior King.
Let all below, above one in joy, and light, and love.*

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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

Sermon

The Ascension of Christ

Dr. Ken Jones

***Hymn 321**

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

***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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Gordon Young

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.

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

Ascension Sunday

The Solemnity of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' return to heaven forty days after his resurrection. Thus, Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter. In 2026, Ascension Day falls on May 14th . In the tradition of many Protestant churches, we celebrate the Ascension on the Sunday following Ascension Day.

The liturgical color for Ascension Sunday is white. White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the church year.





Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Today, May 17

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, May 18

10:00 am: Coed Bible Study class

Tuesday, May 19

10:30 am: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20

3:00 pm: Choir practice

Thursday, May 21

8:55 am: Adventures in Prayer

Next Sunday, May 24

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: Men's Bible study class (Women's class will resume in the fall). Starting April 7 the men will study the book of Ecclesiastes, focusing on how to live life now in light of the end of life to come. Study guides are available for purchase in the Church office.

Directory Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that you can update your photo in the directory anytime by selecting "Edit My Info." We still have a few members without photos, and we'd love to include everyone. If you need a hand, feel free to stop by the office Monday–Thursday.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our first volunteer meeting for Vacation Bible School. VBS is happening this year in the mornings on the week of July 13, and our theme is "Christmas in July." We anticipate a full group of children, and your help would be greatly appreciated any day or days during that week. Please come to our volunteer meeting and learn more about our plans and how we can make this the best VBS ever.

Baby Bottle Blessings (starts next Sunday)

Please consider taking a baby bottle and filling it with coins, cash, or a check to help fund the free services The NEST provides to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. These services include life-affirming sonograms, Christian counseling, Bible studies, and parenting classes for both mothers and fathers. We kindly ask that all bottles be returned to the Chapel by May 31. Alternatively, each bottle includes a tag with instructions for mailing your donation directly to The NEST, along with a QR code for convenient online giving. If you choose to donate online, please indicate your affiliation with APC

Organ Donations Needed

We invite you to consider contributing to our Organ Fund. Your generosity will help preserve this important part of our worship tradition and ensure that future generations can experience the beauty of sacred music. No gift is too small, and every donation makes a meaningful difference. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering "New Chapel Organ" or contact our financial administrator.

Stewardship Figures

Budgeted Offerings for 2026:	\$1,643,042
Received Year to Date:	\$681,229
Needed by December 31:	\$,961,813

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
Harry DeNoers
Dick Devoe
Tom Jordan
Shirley Hargreaves
Barbara Patton

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 Darryl Crisp"
-Barbara Crisp

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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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