



Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service



“The Rainbow “

by Crimean painter Ivan Aivazovsky (1817-1900) Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, Russia.
Tossed in a turbulent sea these sailors watch from their lifeboats as their ship sinks.

Engaged In Our Calling
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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



Gathering Music

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
The God of Abraham Praise
Satisfied*

Jennifer St. Clair
arr. Heather Sorenson
arr. Larry Shackley
arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

O Divine Redeemer

Gounod/arr. Rick Parks

*Hymn 17

Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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.*

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call To Prayer

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WHELPTON

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

Christian Hearts, in Love United

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Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Andante Cantabile

Rachmaninoff/arr. Rick Parks

*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

Flee as a Bird
Robyn Lamp, soloist

arr. Joseph Martin

*Flee as a bird to the mountain, all who are weary of sin.
Go to the clear, flowing river, where you may wash and be clean.
Fly, for the Lord is near you. Call, and the Savior will hear you.
Christ, in His arms will bear you, all who are weary of sin.*

*He is the bountiful Giver. Now, unto Him draw near.
Peace then shall flow like a river. Jesus will wipe every tear.
Come, for the Lord is near you. Call, and the Savior will hear you.
Christ, in His arms will bear you, all who are weary of sin.*

*He will protect you forever; wipe every falling tear.
He will be with you forever; sheltered so tenderly there.
Call, for the Lord is near you. Call, for the Savior will hear you.
Christ, in His arms will bear you, all who are weary of sin.
Words by Mary S.B. Dana, (1810-1883)*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:14-16

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

Sermon

Engaged In Our Calling

Dr. Ken Jones

*Hymn 593

Lord, Speak to Me

CANONBURY

*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.*

Organ Postlude

Trumpet Dialogue

Alice Jordan

Healing Prayers

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

Worship Notes

Today is the Sixteenth 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.

Christian Hearts, in Love United

1. Chris - tian hearts, in love u - nit - ed, seek a - lone in Je - sus rest;
 2. Come, then, come, O flock of Je - sus, cov - e - nant with Him a - new;
 3. Grant, Lord, that with Thy di - rec - tion, "Love each oth - er," we com - ply,
 4. O that such may be our u - nion as Thine with the Fa - ther is,

has He not your love ex - cit - ed? Then let love in - spire each breast.
 un - to Him who con - quered for us, pledge we love and ser - vice true;
 aim - ing with un - feigned af - fec - tion Thy love to ex - em - pli - fy;
 and not one of our com - mu - nion e'er for - sake the path of bliss;

Mem - bers on our Head de - pend - ing, lights re - flect - ing Him, our Son,
 and should our love's u - nion ho - ly firm - ly linked no more re - main
 let our mu - tual love be glow - ing, so that all will plain - ly see
 may our light shine forth with bright - ness, from Thy light re - flect - ed, shine;

Chris - tians, His com - mands at - tend - ing, we in Him, our Lord, are one.
 wait ye at His foot - stool low - ly, till He draw it close a - gain.
 that we, as on one stem grow - ing, liv - ing branch - es are in Thee.
 thus the world will bear us wit - ness, that we, Lord, are tru - ly Thine.

WORDS: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1725; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1789 (John 15:12-17)
 MUSIC: Erbauender Musicalischer Christen-Schule, 1745

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Discipleship Profile

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 28

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)
10:15 am: Fellowship of Bible Investigators (childrens Bible study held in Upper Room)
11:15 am: Worship Service

Monday, September 29

10:00 am: Petal Pushers
10:00 am: Coed Bible Study (Meeting Room)

Tuesday, September 30

10:30 am: Mens & Womens Bible Study

Wednesday, October 1

12:30 pm: Ladies Craft Group
3:00 pm: Choir Practice

Thursday, October 2

8:55 am: Adventures in Prayer

Next Sunday, October 5

8:30 am: Choir Practice (Choir Room)
9:00 am: Worship Service
10:00 - 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:15 am: Bible Study (Meeting Room)
10:15 am: Fellowship of Bible Investigators (childrens Bible study held in Upper Room)
10:15 am: New Member Q&A
11:15 am: Worship Service

Bible Study Classes

- Sundays at 10:15 am:
The Trinity, led by Jim Cooke (Meeting Room)
Fellowship of Bible investigators (childrens Bible study), led by Caleb Jones (Upper Room)
- Mondays at 10:00 am:
Coed Bible Study on *the Book of John*, led by Jan Smith (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.

Ladies Craft Group

Calling All Crafters!
Join our Ladies Crafting Group every Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of creativity, conversation, and fellowship.

New Member and Guest Q&A

Date: October 5 | Time: 10:15 am in the Library. This brief meeting will cover Next Steps for those interested in becoming Chapel members.

Men's Breakfast

Date: Friday, October 20 | Time: 7:30 am
Speaker: Bill George

Operation Christmas Child

Next Sunday, October 5th, is "Kick Off" Sunday for Operation Christmas Child! Would you prayerfully consider being a part of this incredible ministry opportunity?

Welcome Back Oyster Roast

Join us on Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 pm at Walker's Landing for our annual Welcome Back Oyster Roast! In addition to roasted oysters, we'll be serving a delicious Italian dinner. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex and the Chapel office. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, October 12.

35th Anniversary Service

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

Help Us Grow!

We're working to make our online presence more visible to those in our community who are looking for a place to worship. You can support us by leaving a positive review on Google or Facebook and by sharing your experience. Your feedback helps others discover what makes our church special.

We are still accepting pledges for 2025

Offerings

Budgeted Offerings for 2025:	\$1,623,870
Received Year to Date:	\$1,209,591
Needed by December 31:	\$414,279

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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Henry Turner
Gertrude Baumgaertner
Dianne Cantor

Relatives

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

Flowers

"To the Glory of God"

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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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