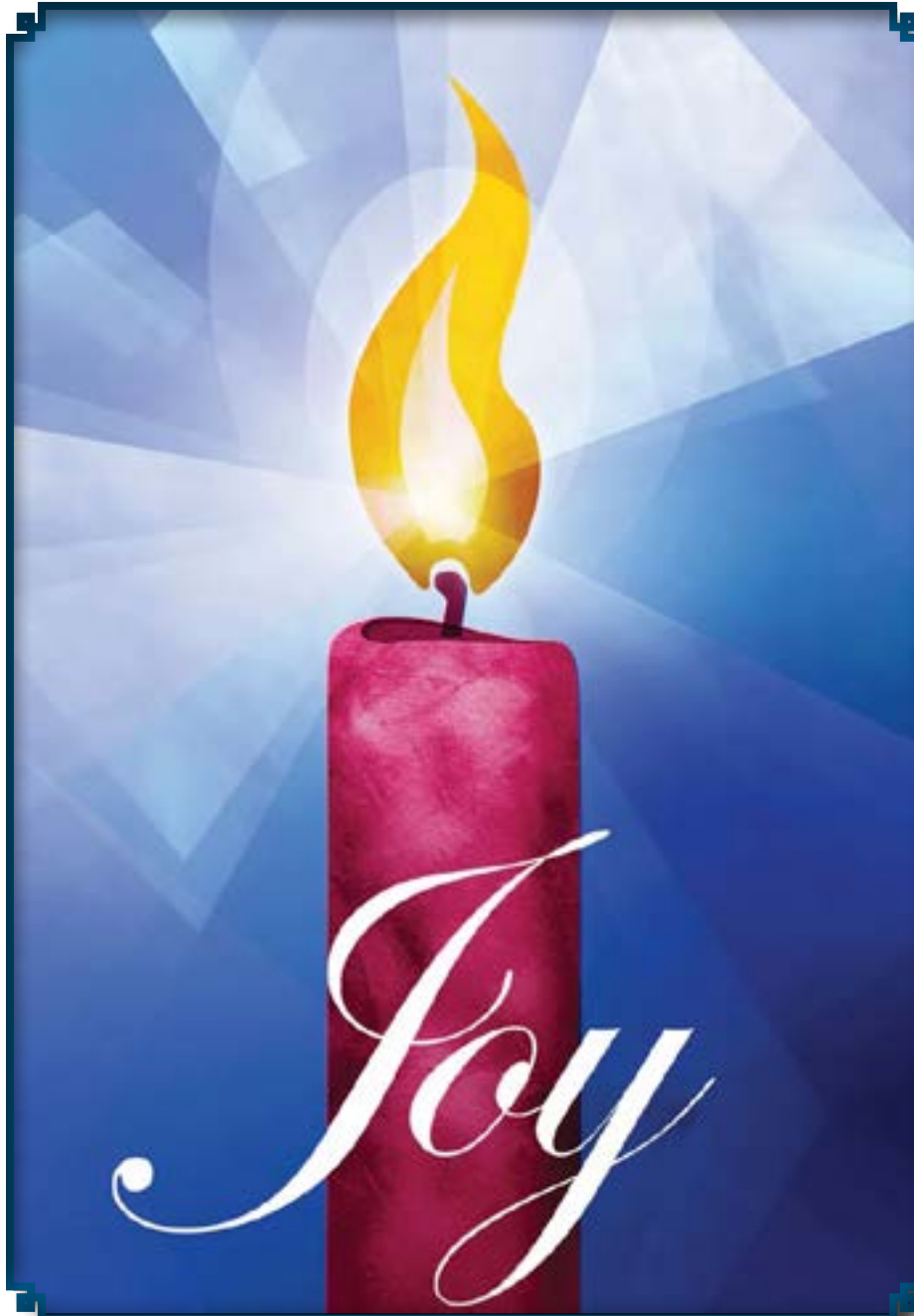




Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Service



The Way of Holiness
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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

GOD THE SON

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Unison

Hope, peace, joy, and love!

These are gifts You bring from a - bove.

Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, come to be

light of Your hope, peace, joy, love, re - flect - ed in me.

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BAUGH
Irregular

Gathering Music

Joy to the World
O Holy Night
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Jennifer St. Clair
arr. Jim Brickman
arr. Mary McDonald
Dick Torrans

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Dick Torrans

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Barbara & Jim Tucker

Response

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

BAUGH

Advent Prayer

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to receive your joy as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 153

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Invocation & Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Holy Father, in this Advent time, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. In him was life and that life was the light of men. Light has come into the world, but too often we have loved the darkness rather than the light. Forgive us our failure to respond as we should. In humble repentance we come into the light to receive Christ and believe in his name afresh. Come to us anew by the power of the Holy Spirit, and by Your grace; transform us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with obedience, as Mary; and with love, as You first loved us. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

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 Duet

A Carol for Advent
Joe Lowery & Joseph Mayes

arr. Don Besig

KEY: (*) Indicates standing if able.



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 191

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. James Mansfield

Advent Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

*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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem

Like a Rose

Ruth Elaine Schram

*When the winter is dreary and the trees are all bare.
When our spirits are weary, and filled with despair,
We will long for a new day when a warmer wind blows,
When the blossoms appearing and the desert will blossom like a rose.
In the wilderness streams will break forth, and all flesh shall see it together*

*For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
Then blind eyes will see Him, and deaf ears will hear!
The lame and the cripple will leap like the deer.
O, how we are longing; our hope every grows
For the day of His coming when the desert will blossom like a rose.
Text adapted Isaiah 35:1-6 & 40:4-5. Ruth Elaine Schram.*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

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

Sermon

The Way of Holiness

Dr. Ken Jones

*Hymn 161

People, Look East

BESANÇON

*Benediction

*Going Forth

O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 4

ST. LOUIS

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

Organ Postlude

Angels We Have Heard On High

arr. Humphrey Turner

Healing Prayers

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





Advent

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Advent is also the beginning of the church year. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown.

The color for the season of Advent is blue. Symbolizing royalty, this color has a long tradition in the history of the Church. Reflecting the seasonal images of hope and anticipation, and relating to Mary, the mother of our Lord, blue is once more being used by many churches. Others continue to use purple, but because of its strongly penitential themes, themes that are more characteristic of Lent, the use of blue is most appropriate for conveying the celebratory nature of the Advent season.


New Paraments

This Advent season, our sanctuary is adorned with beautiful new blue paraments—made especially for our church! These new paraments, lovingly designed and crafted by a talented artist, will help us enter this sacred season with fresh beauty and meaning.

Traditionally, the color blue is used during Advent to symbolize hope, expectation, and the dawning light of Christ's coming. It reminds us of the night sky before the sunrise—a symbol of anticipation as we await the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. The new blue paraments will visually mark this time of hopeful waiting and will help prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas.

Each piece was created specifically for our sanctuary, reflecting both our church's identity and the spirit of the Advent season. Their beauty will enhance our Advent worship and focus our hearts on the promise of Christ's coming.

As we gather for worship this Advent, may these new paraments remind us of the hope we share and the light that is already breaking into our world.



Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Today, December 14

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, December 15

10:00 am: Petal Pushers

Wednesday, December 17

1:45 pm: Osprey Village Communion
3:00 pm: Choir Practice

Next Sunday, December 21

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
4:00 pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Bible Study Classes

- Sundays at 10:15 am (Meeting Room)
 - Mondays at 10:00 am: Resuming Jan. 5
 - Tuesdays at 10:30 am: Resuming Jan. 6
- Books are available for purchase in the Chapel office.

Poinsettia Envelopes Now Available

Envelopes to order poinsettias are available in the Narthex & Chapel office. (These poinsettias are used to decorate the Chapel during the advent season)

Deadline: TODAY

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) as soon as possible.

Men's Breakfast

Date: Jan 9 | Time: 7:30 am

Speaker: Ham Gadd

Sign up will be available in the Narthex & Chapel office.

Year-End Giving:

For your donations to count toward your 2025 taxes, please remember that contributions must be postmarked or given by December 31, 2025. We will close at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31, but contributions may be left in the drop box outside the office. Donations of stock are received in our investment account without reference to the giver. Each time you donate stock, please notify the financial administrator of your donation, along with the name of the stock and the number of shares. This helps us match the gifts with the contributor. Email Tina at financial@ameliachapel.com or by calling the office at 904-277-4414. Thank you for your generous support of the Chapel!

Stewardship Figures

Current number of pledges for 2026:	167
Current amount pledged for 2026:	\$1,321,630
Total number of pledges made for 2026:	189
Total amount pledged for 2025:	\$1,290,010

Preservation Fund Update

Preservation Fund Goal	500,000
Member & Dollar Match Donations	326,000
Remaining Dollar Match Available	87,000

Chapel Member Donation Needed	87,000
Preservation Fund Goal Reached	500,000

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

Chapel Members

Henry Turner
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Dootsie Krenach
Spence Turner

Relatives

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

Flowers

"In gratitude to our worship team
for their healing and beautiful
music ministry"
-A Grateful Member

**2026 Flower Calendar is now
available**

Scan code to give online



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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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