



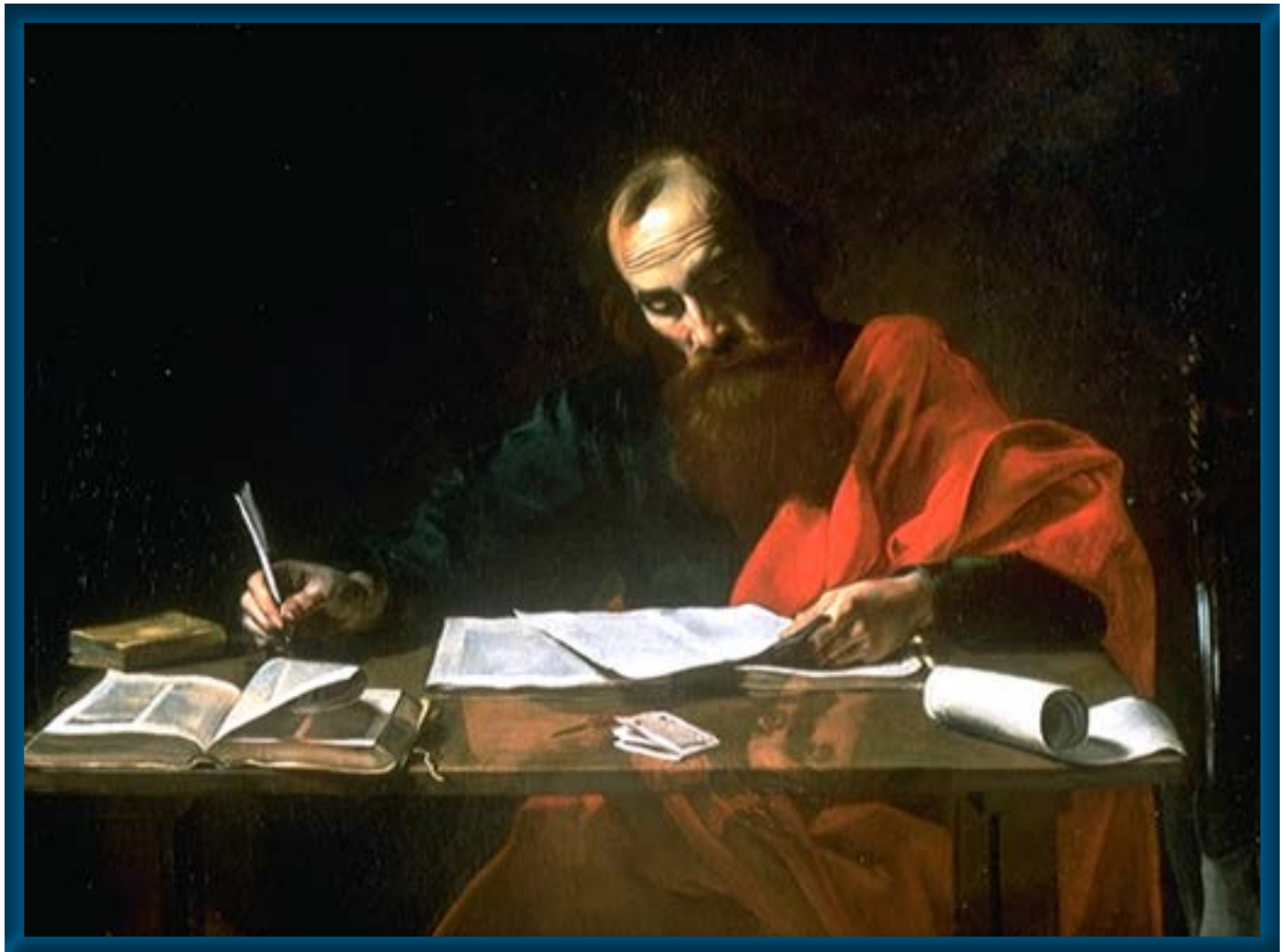
Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service



“St. Paul Writing His Epistles”

by French painter Valentin de Boulogne (1592-1632) Museum of Fine Art Houston, Texas

Great Examples of the Faith
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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

Gathering Music
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Moment By Moment
I Surrender All

Jennifer St. Clair
arr. Joel Raney
arr. Paul Johnson
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Roy Brunner

***Hymn 112**

You Servants of God

HANOVER

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.

Vocal Solo

This Little Light of Mine
Victoria Isernia

arr. Howard Helvey

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**

Faith Begins By Letting Go

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Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Terry Baldrige

***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

Rock of Ages

arr. Steven Strite

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

*Not the labors of my hands can. Fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow.
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savoir, or I die!*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to world's unknown, see Thee on Thy judgement throne.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Text by Augustus M. Toplady (1740-1778)*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:17-30

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

Sermon

Great Examples of the Faith

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*Hymn 391

The Servant Song

THE SERVANT SONG

*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

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Roy Brunner

Healing Prayers

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

Worship Notes

Today is the Eleventh 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.


Faith Begins by Letting Go




1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, on -




had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure; pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the




right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness,
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.



This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hands: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

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, August 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

Monday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 27

1:30 pm: Lakeside Communion
3:00 pm: Choir Practice

Next Sunday, August 31

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)
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.)

Flower Calendar

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

Devotional Books

If you are looking for any of the three devotional books the Chapel offers, you may pick them up in the Chapel office.

Live Streaming Volunteers Needed:

We're looking for new team members to join our Live Stream Outreach Program.

No experience is necessary-training will be starting soon. **Commitment: Just one Sunday a month for one service.**

For additional information, please contact Bob Stichweh at restichweh@gmail.com.

Save The Date:

Fall Bible study will begin on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 AM.

• Women will study *Women of the New Testament*.

• Men will study *John Stott's Revelation: The Triumph of God*.

Books will be available starting August 3 in the Chapel office.

Save The Date:

Our Annual Welcome Back Oyster Roast!

Date: Sunday, October 19

Time: 5:00 PM

Save The Date:

Shepherd Meeting with Mark Edwards

Date: September 4

Time: 1:00 pm

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.

We are still accepting pledges for 2025 Offerings

Budgeted Offerings for 2025: \$1,623,870

Received Year to Date: \$1,090,926

Needed by December 31: \$532,944

Stewardship Estimate of Giving

Estimate of Giving Cards to Date: 188

Estimate of Giving Amount to Date: \$1,283,710

You Are Welcome Here!

Flower Calendar

The 2025 calendar is in the Narthex. You may also call the Chapel office to reserve a date. \$65 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
Janet McGugan
Henry Turner
Claudia Smith
Gertrude Bumgardner
Don Kauer

Relatives

Dave Drissel,
brother of Dianne Gruber
Morgan DeNoers,
son of Harry DeNoers
Meredeth & Molly Austin,
daughters of Jennifer St. Clair
Matt Cardinal, son in law of
Jean & Paul Worley
Amanda DeHaven,
daughter of Cheryl Donaldson

Flowers

"In memory of our fathers,
Richard Bryant, Richard Beall,
and Tom Mock"
- Jon & Tammy Beall

"In honor of Frank Kruse's 90th
birthday"
-Linda Kurtz

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