



# Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

9:00 am Service



Christ is Risen Today!  
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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



# Easter Sunday

## Gathering Music

### Easter Greeting

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

### Prelude

*Fanfare for Easter*

*Zack Richards*

### \*Hymn 288

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*EASTER 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.*

### \*The Affirmation of Faith

### 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.

## Choral Anthem

*An Easter Hodie*

*arr. Donald Hustad*

*Now is Christ risen from the dead! Now are the powers of darkness fled! Alleluia!  
Gone is the night of sin and gloom, Jesus is risen from the tomb. Alleluia!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead, empty there lies His narrow bed. Alleluia!  
Christ and His cross have won the day; Come, see the grave in which He lay. Alleluia!*

*Now is Christ risen from the dead, He, who His blood for sinners shed. Alleluia!  
In Him who died to bear our sins our resurrections life begins. Alleluia!  
Now is Christ risen from the dead, risen and reigning as He said. Alleluia!  
Praise Him who light and life restored. Praise Him our everlasting Lord! Alleluia!*  
*Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith. ©1993 Hope Publishing Co.*

## 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.

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**Choral Anthem**

*Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb  
The Chapel Ensemble*

Victor C. Johnson

*Shout hallelujah to the risen Lamb! Shout and give thanks unto the great I AM!  
Shout hallelujah rejoice and sing hallelujah to the risen King!*

*King Jesus hung on the cruel tree, Shout hallelujah to the risen Lamb!  
He gave His life for you and me. Shout hallelujah to the risen Lamb!  
The women came at the break of day. Shout hallelujah to the risen Lamb!  
The angel rolled that old stone away. Shout hallelujah to the risen Lamb!*

*My Savior rose up from the grave, in His hands was all power to save!  
The Lord reigns in victory, He has risen, risen indeed!*

*Shout hallelujah to the risen Lamb! Shout and give thanks unto the great I AM!  
Shout hallelujah rejoice and sing hallelujah to the risen King!  
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**Invitation to Christian Stewardship**

**Offertory**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G. F. Handel

**\*Easter Doxology**

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*Let trumpet sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises bring! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death, and given life eternal breath!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

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.

**Choral Anthem**

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

arr. Michael Larkin

*O sons and daughters let us sing with heavenly host to Christ our King:  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!  
That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!  
That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,*

*And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!  
On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise! Alleluia! Amen!  
Attr. Jean Tissermand (1492) tr. John Neale (1818-1866)*

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## Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

Christ is Risen Today!

Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

### \*Hymn Insert

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

*arr. Patrick Liebergen*

### \*Benediction

### \*Going Forth

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today v. 4*

*EASTER HYMN*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise! Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Alleluia!*

### Organ Postlude

*We Know that Christ is Raised*

*arr. Dale Wood*

### Healing Prayers

## Worship Notes

### Welcome to Worship on this Easter Sunday!

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead and is the oldest and most sacred of all Christian festivals. After walking with Christ toward the cross during the forty days of Lent, on Easter we give thanks for the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and for the truth that "because He lives, we shall live also."

Also known as "The Day of Resurrection," Easter begins a celebration that lasts "fifty great days" from Easter to Pentecost. The season of Easter is marked by the colors white and gold, representing majesty, joy and celebration, and reminding us of Jesus' victory over death on the cross and his glorious Resurrection.

### Our guest musicians today are:

Miranda Whiteman, oboe  
Holden Winslow & Michael Nutter, trumpets  
Dr. Anita Renfroe, organ

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# Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

for Four-part Chorus of Mixed Voices, Optional B $\flat$  Trumpet, and  
Congregational Refrain with Keyboard

## Congregational Part

Words and Music by  
**PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN**

(Choir only)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Celebrate! He comes to save!  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the grave!

Alleluia! Shout, be joyful!  
To the Lord we sing on high!  
Alleluia! Shout, be joyful!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hear the song we gladly cry!

On the cross he shed his blood, crucified at Calvary;  
Crown of thorns he wore for us, now he reigns in victory!  
We behold with joyful hearts Christ, who came to set us free;  
Come, adore the Son of God!  
He reigns! He reigns for all eternity!

## Refrain:

Choir and congregation

Joyously and rhythmically



\*Christ lives to - day! Re - joice with praise! To  
Sing out with joy! The day is done! Give



God with grate - ful - - - - - songs we raise! The  
thanks and praise - - - - - the Ho - ly One. Let



Lord is ris - en from - - - - - the - - - - - grave, the  
all cre - a - - - - - tion lift - - - - - on - - - - - high the



Son of God - - - - - now - - - - - lives to save.  
Lord who lives, - - - - - no - - - - - more to die!

(Choir only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing for the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

\*Melody by Thomas Williams found in his *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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## CHAPEL SYMBOLISM

*In the original design of Amelia Plantation Chapel, 1990*

### Light

Light is the theme of the Chapel. The word *light* appears in the Old Testament more than 140 times and in the New Testament more than 70 times. Whether it is the Psalmist professing “The Lord is my light and my salvation,” or our Lord declaring, “I am the light of the world,” *light* is an important word and symbol throughout the scriptures and in our Christian faith. This theme of light is symbolized throughout the Chapel building.



### Entrance Doors

Upon approaching the Chapel, the first sight is that of the hand-carved mahogany entrance doors, which depict the light of that first resurrection morn. In front of the resurrection scene is a highly stylized copper cross that is to symbolize the fact that only through the darkness of the cross of Christ can we partake of the light of the resurrection. The entrance doors are a constant reminder to all who enter that as Christians we are the risen ones who come into the sanctuary, through the cross of Christ, as forgiven sinners in the hope of the resurrection.



### Stained Glass Windows and Chapel Spire

The stained-glass windows and chapel spire depict the light of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first person in the Trinity, God the Father, is symbolized in the Chapel spire which lifts one's eyes toward heaven. God the Son is symbolized in the stained-glass cross. In a stroke of genius, the artist included at the base of the cross “sea oats,” symbolizing that only through death does new life arise. The third person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit, is symbolized in the form of a dove. Rather than showing the dove descending, the artist chose to display the dove hovering over the world to symbolize that the Holy Spirit is active in the world today through the church.



### **Chancel Window and Cross**

The twenty-eight-foot chancel window is another of the striking features of the Chapel. In the middle of the clear window is a ten-foot beveled glass cross. Because of its beveled texture, the prisms of light that shine through the cross are a constant reminder of the love God radiates to the world through his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



### **Large Side Windows**

These windows symbolize the light of opportunity. Light is not simply to shine in but to allow us to see out and to see the needs of those around us who are hurting, bruised and bleeding, and to bring God's healing light to them. God's light is not to be hoarded, but to be shared.



### **Chancel Furniture**

The pulpit symbolizes the light of God's word proclaimed. The communion table symbolizes the light of God's word made visible through the bread and the wine. The baptismal font symbolizes the light of God's word to cleanse us from our sins and to make us a part of His church.



### **Positioning of the Congregation**

The congregation is ideally positioned with respect to the chancel and music areas so the gathered people of God may sing, hear, and pray that the light of the world might be revealed and reflected in their lives.



# *Easter Flowers 2026*

<b>Gertrude Baumgaertner</b>	<b>To honor my children Thank you for the Chapel's support during my recovery</b>
<b>The Bender Family</b>	<b>In memory of Dr. Jim Jones, Barbara Jones, and Bruce Jones</b>
<b>Paul Bosland</b>	<b>In memory of Kathy In memory of Nicky</b>
<b>Sue Braddock</b>	<b>In memory of Steve Braddock</b>
<b>Bruce and Regina Comrie</b>	<b>In memory of Allan and Margaret Comrie In memory of Didimo and Maria Vange Aguiart</b>
<b>Kathie Davis</b>	<b>In memory of Jane and Bill Wetzel</b>
<b>Cheryl Donaldson</b>	<b>In memory of my husband Tom Donaldson To honor my children and grandchildren</b>
<b>Bo and Diane Duffy</b>	<b>In memory of Ruby S. Duffy In memory of Wanda Helwig</b>
<b>Keith and Marilyn Erdahl</b>	<b>In memory of our parents</b>
<b>Carole Faussemagne</b>	<b>In memory of Michael Pasko</b>
<b>Ross and Jayne Hare</b>	<b>To honor our children and grandchildren In memory of our parents</b>
<b>Bill Higginbotham</b>	<b>To honor Dolores Higginbotham</b>
<b>Carolyn Hopkins</b>	<b>In memory of Walter Hopkins In memory of our daughter Ruth Hopkins To honor the Bailey Family To honor the Franklin Family</b>

# *Easter Flowers 2026*

**Gayle Howard**

**In memory of John Harlan Howard  
In memory of Justin Boyd Howard**

**Bill and Dorothy Little**

**In memory of Dan and Mildred VanSant  
In memory of Walter and Evelyn Little**

**Donna McElroy**

**In loving memory of Brooks Palmer**

**Len and Lynne Peltiere**

**In memory of Christ's death and resurrection**

**Charles and Judy Pillans**

**To honor the Choir  
In memory of loved ones**

**Lorraine Roberts**

**In memory of John**

**Pat and Bob Stichweh**

**In honor of our grandchildren: Lilly, Rosemary,  
Amelia, Campbell and Reese**

**Bob and Martha Timothy**

**To honor our parents**

**Julie Wood**

**In memory of Tom**

# Get Connected @ Amelia Plantation Chapel

## THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

### Today, April 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, April 6

10:00 am: Coed Bible Study class

### Tuesday, April 7

10:30 am: Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 8

3:00 pm: Choir practice

### Next Sunday, April 12

7:00 am: Sunrise Worship Service at the Omni  
8:00 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

**Please join us on April 12th from 10:00-11:00 am as we come together to celebrate the Sharps and wish them well on their next chapter as they move closer to family.**

### 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. 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.
- Sundays at 10:15 am childrens Bible study (Fellowship of Bible investigators) in the Upper room.

### Easter - Flowering of the Cross

The Flowering of the Cross is a tradition that dates back to the 6th century. On Easter Sunday, members of the Chapel and all guests are invited to bring a fresh flower to place on the bare wooden cross at the front of the Chapel. The Flowering of the Cross is incredibly meaningful for our interdenominational church because it creates a beautiful illustration of Christ's resurrection, and makes for an amazing back drop for Easter photos. We invite all to participate in this wonderful Easter tradition.

### Shepherd Meeting

Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 PM in the meeting room, Dana McCoy will share about her role at the chapel, the services available to support you and your flock, and the vital importance of having a medical advocate.

Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 PM in the meeting room, Pastor Ken will lead a continuing education session for Shepherds, offering valuable insights and guidance to strengthen your work.

### Did you know you can support our Chapel in a tax-smart way?

If you're required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can give directly to qualified charities--like our Chapel--through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This type of gift can count toward your RMD without increasing your taxable income, making it a simple and meaningful way to give. If you're interested in this tax-free giving option, speak to your tax advisor to see if a QCD is right for you.

### Preservation Fund Update

Chapel Member Donations and Dollar Match  
Funds Received as of March: \$386,196  
Donor Match Funds Still Available: \$56,902  
Donations Needed: \$56,902  
Preservation Fund Goal For 2026: \$500,000

### Stewardship Figures

Budgeted Offerings for 2026: \$1,643,042  
Received Year to Date: \$457,092  
Needed by December 31: \$1,185,950

### Stewardship Estimate of Giving

Estimate of Giving Cards to Date: 172  
Estimate of Giving Amount to Date: \$1,348,430

# 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](http://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  
Marlene Strobach

### Relatives

Hayley Brammer, daughter  
in-law of The Brammers  
Hilary Bayer, daughter of Jerry  
& Beverly Wilkinson  
Darryl Frick, brother of  
Laura June McDuffie  
Ashley Flynn, daughter of  
William & Debbie Hyde  
Gary Worley, father of  
Jordan Worley  
Dave Drissel, brother of  
Dianne Gruber

### Flowers

"In honor of our  
50th anniversary"  
-Jim & Nancy Williams

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