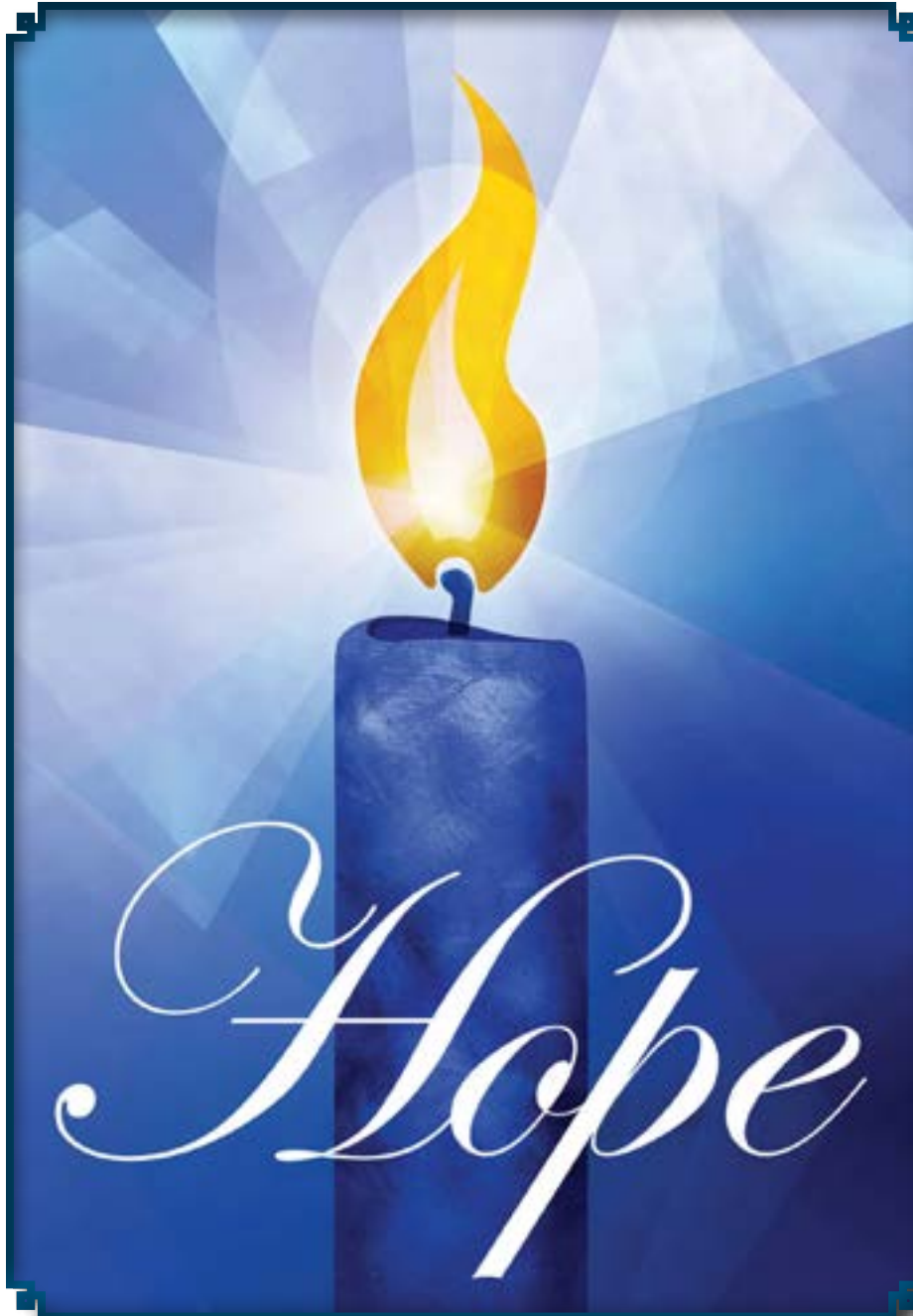




Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Service



Walk in the Light of the Lord
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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings/And the Glory of the Lord
In the Bleak Midwinter*

Jennifer St. Clair
*arr. Mary McDonald
George F. Handel
arr. Mary McDonald*

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Thomas Chesterton

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jon & Erin Schneider

Response

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

BAUGH

Advent Prayer

Let us pray. (Unison)

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, may your light shine upon our lives, removing the darkness around us. Show us the power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn 176

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

TRURO

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.

Call To Prayer

Wait for the Lord

from Taizé

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 158

Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Thomas Chesterton

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

Choral Fantasy on Creator of the Stars of Night

Michael Larkin

*Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
When this old world drew on towards night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch but a child of Mary, blessed mother mild.*

*Come in your holy might, we pray redeem us for eternal day
(Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be.)
All things on earth in one accord like those heaven shall call you Lord.
(He is Alpha and Omega, evermore and evermore.)
Creator of the stars of night, evermore and evermore.
9th century Latin & Aurelius Clemens (348-ca. 413)*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

Sermon

Walk in the Light of the Lord

Dr. Ken Jones

*Hymn 168

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*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

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

arr. Lani Smith

Healing Prayers

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





Advent

Today is the first 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, November 30

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 1

10:00 am: Petal Pushers

Tuesday, December 2

10:30 am: Homeless teen gift wrapping

Wednesday, December 3

3:00 pm: Choir Practice

Thursday, December 4

8:55 am: Adeventures in Prayer

Next Sunday, December 7

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: Sermon on the Mount led by Mark Edwards (Meeting Room)
- Mondays at 10:00 am: Resuming January 5
- Tuesdays at 10:30 am: Resuming in January

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Date: December 14 | Time: 4:00pm

Join us for a captivating worship service featuring our Chapel choir & musicians retelling the story of the fall of humanity in Genesis to the birth of Christ according to St. Luke.

This event will begin with pre-service music at 3:40pm, followed by the service commencing with the chiming of the hour at 4:00pm. Afterward, there will be a reception with light refreshments.

Attention Chapel Bell Ringers!

Due to the closing of Publix and Winn Dixie and the resounding NO to bell ringing from Harris- Teeter Corporate we have a limited number of shifts in front of Keller-Williams (Saturdays only) and Friday December 5 in front of J McLaughlin/ near FiFi's. Please call Bo Duffy for times available! (C) 770-362-6919

Homeless Children Christmas Ministry

On Tuesday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m., we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for gift wrapping. Everyone is welcome to join the fun.

Please bring your own scissors.

Poinsettia Envelopes Now Available

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

Deadline: Sunday, December 14

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!

Offerings

Budgeted Offerings for 2025:	\$1,623,870
Received Year to Date:	\$1,519,279
Needed by December 31:	\$104,591

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

Chapel Members

Maggie Bruce
Henry Turner
Walt Petersen
Shirley Spaniel

Relatives

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

Flowers

To God be the Glory!
"In honor of family & friends"
-Janet & Ron Kolar"

Rose on the the alter in honor of

Charlotte Jane Brockmeir,
Mary Stapleton's new
granddaughter

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