



# Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Service



“Moses and the Ten Commandments”

by French artist James Tissot located in The Jewish Museum in New York City

The Ten Commandments  
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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



**Gathering Music**  
*In the Morning Light*  
*At Sunrise*  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies/I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Jennifer St. Clair  
Yanni  
Wayne Gratz  
arr. Cindy Berry

**Welcome & Call To Worship**

**Organ Prelude**

*My Song Will Wake the Dawn*

Eugene Englertr

**\*Hymn 31**

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

**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*

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**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**

*The Lord is God*

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**Invitation to Christian Stewardship**

**Offertory**

*Meditation on a Scottish Hymn*

Stewart Landon

**\*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

Psalm 84

arr. Hal Hopson

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place,  
My soul is longing, fainting to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

*In your blest courts to worship, O God a single day  
Is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord  
Than revel in the riches the way of sin afford.*

*A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord most high;  
You shower us with blessings; no good will you deny;  
The saints your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,  
And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.*  
*Text by Arlo D. Duba, based on Psalm 84. ©1986.*

## Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-21

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

### Sermon

The Ten Commandments

Dr. Ken Jones

### \*Hymn 411

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

### \*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

*Jubilation*

Jason D. Payne

### Healing Prayers

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

## Worship Notes

**Today is the Twelfth 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.

Today's Guest Organist for the Postlude is Peter Deane

# The Lord Is God

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38 / Mark 12:28–29 / Luke 10:26–28).

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### **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 31 (Labor day Sunday)

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, September 1 (Labor day)

OFFICE IS CLOSED

### Wednesday, September 3

3:00 pm: Choir Practice

### Thursday, September 4

1:00 pm: Shepherd Meeting

### Next Sunday, September 7

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.)
- Starting Tuesday September 9 at 10:30 am

### Fall Bible study

Starting 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.

### Flower Calendar

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

### Mens Breakfast

Date: Friday, September 12 | Time: 7:30 am  
Speaker: Dr. Ken Jones  
Topic: Each one; Reach one

### 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.

### Pastor Pop-Up

Date: Thursday, September 25  
Time: 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm  
"Each One; Reach One" Training that is designed to equip you to share the hope of Jesus to a hurting world by discovering 5 Bible-based methods of evangelism. This class will last an hour and be offered at two separate times to accommodate schedules.

### Welcome Back Oyster Roast

Date: Sunday, October 19 | Time: 5:00 PM

### 35th Anniversary Service

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

### Chapel Tables Update

We will be postponing Chapel Tables until January as we take this time to thoughtfully reimagine and revamp the experience. We're excited about what's ahead and look forward to sharing a renewed vision with everyone in the new year. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

### We are still accepting pledges for 2025 Offerings

Budgeted Offerings for 2025:	\$1,623,870
Received Year to Date:	\$1,104,907
Needed by December 31:	\$518,963

### 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. \$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**

Maggie Bruce  
Janet McGugan  
Henry Turner  
Claudia Smith  
Gertrude Bumgardner  
Don Kauer  
Spence Turner

### **Relatives**

Dave Drissel,  
brother of Dianne Gruber  
Morgan DeNoers,  
son of Harry DeNoers

### **Flowers**

"To the Glory of God"

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