



Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Service



“Christ as the Light of the World “ by Italian painter, Paris Bordone (1500-1571).
The translation of the words on the scroll in Christ’s hand says, “I am the Light of the World.”
His finger points heavenwards toward God the Creator of light. The painting hangs in the
National Gallery of Art, UK, Trafalgar Square, London.

Light of Life
Dr. Ken Jones, Senior Pastor

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

The Nicene Creed with Scriptures

- **Concerning God the Father (Section One)**

Article 1: *I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor 6:18; Gen 1:1, Ps 121:2; Col 1:16)*

- **Concerning God the Son (Section Two)**

The Person of Christ:

Article 2: *And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, (1 Cor 8:6; Eph 4:5; John 3:16, Col 1:15,17; Jude 25)*

Article 3: *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. (John 1:1-4; Heb 1:3)*

The Work of Christ:

***The Humiliation of Christ**

Article 4: *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, (Matt 1:21, Luke 1:34-35, John 1:14, Mark 15:15; Matt 27:50, 59-60; 1 Cor 15:1-8)*

***The Exaltation of Christ**

Article 5: *and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, (Luke 24:45-46)*

Article 6: *and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; (Acts 1:9; Col 3:1)*

Article 7: *and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. (Matt 25:31, 16:27, 2 Tim 4:1, Luke 1:33)*

- **Concerning God the Spirit (Section Three)**

Article 8: *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. (John 6:63; 15:26; 16:7; 1 Pet 1:21; Eph 3:5)*

- **Concerning Our Life in the Trinity (Section Four)**

Article 9: *And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; (Eph 4:4; 1:4, 5:27; Matt 28:19, Eph 2:20, Gal 3:28; Matt 16:18, Matt 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 13:14)*

Article 10: *I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5; Acts 2:38)*

Article 11: *and I look for the resurrection of the dead, (John 5:28-29; 1 Thess 4:16)*

Article 12: *and the life of the world to come. Amen. (Rev 21:1-4; Mar 10:30; 2 Cor 1:20)*

- catholic” in this creed means “universal Christian church”

Gathering Music

Jennifer St. Clair

Welcome & Call To Worship

Organ Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship William Moore arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*Hymn 144

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS

Invocation & Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; That we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy faith; And give us grace to amend our lives according to Your Word; For the glory of Your name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

*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

The Lord is My Light (Psalm 27)

from Taizé

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 453

Christ Be My Leader

SLANE

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

Andante Amabile

Alexander Ilyinsky arr. Rick Parks

KEY: (*) Indicates standing if able.

***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

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

arr. Rachel Aarons

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light.
Sun of righteousness arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Day Spring from on high be near; Day Star in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see.
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief.
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.
Words: Charles Wesley, (1707-1788) Public Domain.*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 8:12, Psalm 27:1

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

Sermon

Light of Life

Dr. Ken Jones

***Hymn 690**

We Remember You

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus (sung)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All (sung): Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Words of Administration & Distribution

*Hymn 248

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*Benediction

*Going Forth

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day.
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives might be our gift to You.*

Organ Postlude

You Shall Go Out With Joy

Homer Nearing

Healing Prayers

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

After the service, please join us in the Fellowship hall for refreshments and conversation.

Please remember the library is conveniently open on Sundays, making it easy to stop in and find the perfect Christian book to encourage you in your faith walk.

Worship Notes

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.



Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Today, May 3

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, May 4

10:00 am: Coed Bible Study class

Tuesday, May 5

10:30 am: Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 6

3:00 pm: Choir practice

Thursday, May 7

8:55 am: Adventures in Prayer

Next Sunday, May 10

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 (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 (Women's class will resume in the fall). 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.

Directory Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that you can update your photo in the directory anytime by selecting "Edit My Info." We still have a few members without photos, and we'd love to include everyone. If you need a hand, feel free to stop by the office Monday–Thursday.

Outreach Committee

There will be an Outreach meeting on May 14 at 1:00pm in the Meeting Room.

Vacation Bible School

We are holding VBS on July 13-17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Kindergarten-5th grade. Sign ups are available on our website for children and volunteers. We will also have a volunteer sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions email info@amelichapel.com or call the Chapel office at 904-277-4414.

Baby Bottle Blessings (starts next Sunday)

The annual Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser will kick off on May 10 in support of The NEST, one of the ministries our Chapel family supports through our Outreach Program. Please consider taking a baby bottle and filling it with coins, cash, or a check to help fund the free services The NEST provides to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. These services include life-affirming sonograms, Christian counseling, Bible studies, and parenting classes for both mothers and fathers. We kindly ask that all bottles be returned to the Chapel by May 31. Alternatively, each bottle includes a tag with instructions for mailing your donation directly to The NEST, as well as a QR code for convenient online giving. If you choose to donate online, please indicate your affiliation with Amelia Plantation Chapel.

Stock Donation Account Change

To better serve our mission and ensure smooth processing of gifts, please note that **our stock donation account has recently changed**. Effective immediately, all stock contributions should be directed to our new brokerage account. For updated account details and transfer instructions, please contact Tina at (904) 277-4414 or financial@amelichapel.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Stewardship Figures

Budgeted Offerings for 2026:	\$1,643,042
Received Year to Date:	\$620,342
Needed by December 31:	\$1,022,700

Stewardship Estimate of Giving

Estimate of Giving Cards to Date:	171
Estimate of Giving Amount to Date:	\$1,348,170

You Are Welcome Here!

Flower Calendar

The 2026 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
Dootsie Krenach
Harry DeNoers
Dick Devoe
Tom Jordan
Shirley Hargreaves

Relatives

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
Amanda Dehaven,
daughter of Cheryl Donaldson
Bobby Phillips,
step-father of Tammy Beall

Flowers

"In honor of our 66th anniversary"
-Keith & Marilyn Erdahl
"In memory of Gus & Phyllis"
-Mark & Sarah Heatwole

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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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