



Amelia Plantation Chapel

An Interdenominational Community Church

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

9:00 am Service



“Saint Gabriel the Archangel sent by the Trinity to the Virgin Mary “
by Italian painter Pietro Novelli (1603-1647) Capodimonte Museum Naples, Italy

Worship the Trinity of God
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 3: 5-8, 6:63; 15:26; 16:7; 1 Pet 1:21; Eph 3:5; 2 Cor 3:7, 17-18; Rom 8:10-11)*

- **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

Praise and Thanksgiving

Dale Wood

***Hymn 136**

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

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.

Vocal Solo

*Seek the Lord
John Tibbetts, baritone*

John Carter

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 137**

Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

Offertory

O for a Closer Walk with God

Gordon Young

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

Hymn to the Trinity

arr. John Leavitt

*Lord, God Creator, merciful and loving, Jesus redeemer, ever to be worshipped,
Life giving Spirit, Comforter most gracious, God everlasting.*

*Three is a wondrous Unity unbroken, one Perfect Godhead, love that never fails,
Light of the angels, helper of the needy, hope of all living.*

*Lord God Almighty, unto you be glory, One of Three Persons, over all exalted.
We sing you psalms of honor, praise and blessing, now and forever, glory hallelujah!
Words: "O Pater Sancte," Latin, 10 th c. Tr. Alfred Edward Alston.*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:17-22

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

Sermon

Worship the Trinity of God

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 547**

We are God's People

SYMPHONY

***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

Recessional from 'The Redemption' Charles Gounod arr. Harold Marks

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

Trinity Sunday

Today is Trinity Sunday, one of the six principle festivals of the church year. It is celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Pentecost. This festival is intended to celebrate the unique mystery of God and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three persons of God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The liturgical color for Trinity Sunday is white, symbolizing purity and victory.

The Theological Outline of the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed may be understood as a concise work of systematic theology, traditionally expressed in twelve articles of faith—often associated with the twelve apostles as a sign of its grounding in the witness of the New Testament.

As a theological system, the creed is thoroughly Trinitarian in structure. Its opening section confesses faith in God the Father; the second centers on God the Son; and the third affirms God the Holy Spirit. A final movement reflects on the life of the Church and the believer, calling us to live in light of the Triune God “in whom we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

At the heart of this theological vision stands the one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The creed presents Christ in a twofold manner: first, in terms of His Person—who He is as fully God and fully man—and second, in terms of His work—what He has accomplished for our salvation.

This saving work is often described in two phases: the humiliation of Christ, culminating in His death on the cross, and the exaltation of Christ, revealed in His resurrection, ascension, and present reign in glory.

The Purpose of the Nicene Creed

The sacred cadence of the Nicene Creed is part of what renders it so enduringly precious to Christians. It moves with a dual purpose: at once a solemn proclamation of the faith and a reverent prayer of praise.

As a hymn of adoration, its words rise Godward: God is exalted as “the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.” The Son is glorified as “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.” The Holy Spirit is worshiped as “the Lord, the giver of life.”

Yet even as it ascends in praise, it speaks with clarity as a confession of belief: “I believe in one God.” “I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ.” “I believe in the Holy Spirit.” “I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.”

In this way, the creed becomes both doxology and declaration—lifting the heart in worship while anchoring the soul in truth.

The Nicene Creed for Today

The Nicene Creed offers a comprehensive vision of the Christian life and shapes a coherent worldview for believers. It reflects a time-honored approach to theology that may be summarized in the B.E.S.T. principle. As Thomas Oden once observed, “Watching a good Christian theologian at work is like watching Willie Mays play center field—it’s thrilling.” The theologians behind the creed were masters of their craft, deeply devoted to both rigorous thought and the worship of Jesus Christ. Their approach may be described as follows:

B = Biblically Derived

The creed is deeply grounded in Scripture. Much of its language emerges directly from the Bible, with several clauses closely reflecting the Greek of the New Testament—the language in which the creed was originally composed in 325 A.D. Martin Luther described the creeds in this way: “This confession of faith we did not make or invent... but, as the bee gathers honey from many a beautiful and delectable flower, so this creed has been collected in commendable brevity from the books of the prophets and apostles—that is, from the entire Holy Scriptures.”

E = Evangelical Message

The creed proclaims the evangel—the good news of Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. R. C. Sproul highlighted one of its most powerful lines: “For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.” This statement captures the heart of the Christian message: that God the Son entered history for the sake of human redemption.

S.T. = Systematic Theology

The creed reflects a deeply integrated theological vision. C. S. Lewis famously wrote, “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” In a similar way, the creed presents Christ as the illuminating center of all reality. Jesus Christ, the risen Son of God, is not only the Light of the World (John 8:12) but also the lens through which all truth is understood.

This Christ-centered vision is expressed with remarkable coherence. The creed touches on the full scope of classical Christian doctrine, including Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Soteriology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Angelology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Together, these form a comprehensive and unified account of faith and life.

In sum, the creed is not merely a historical statement but a living framework—biblical in origin, centered on the gospel, and systematic in scope. It invites readers into a rich, coherent, and deeply profound understanding of the Christian faith.

The Doctrinal Scope of the Nicene Creed

This Christ-centered vision engages the full range of classical Christian doctrine. Though concise in form, the Nicene Creed reflects a remarkably comprehensive theological framework, touching on the major focal points of systematic theology and integrating them into a unified confession of faith:

Bibliology (the Doctrine of Scripture)

While the creed does not present a formal doctrine of Scripture, it is deeply grounded in the biblical witness. Its language is drawn from both the Old and New Testaments, and its authority rests upon the apostolic testimony preserved in Scripture. It affirms divine inspiration in its declaration that the Holy Spirit “spoke through the prophets,” echoing 2 Peter 1:21. It also upholds prophetic fulfillment in its confession of the Messiah “in accordance with the Scriptures.”

Theology Proper (the Doctrine of God)

The creed begins with a confession of one God, the Father Almighty, and unfolds a distinctly Trinitarian understanding of God's being—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons sharing one divine essence.

Christology (the Doctrine of Christ)

At its center, the creed offers a rich and precise account of Jesus Christ, proclaiming Him as the eternal Son of God, “begotten, not made,” fully divine and of one substance with the Father, and affirming His true humanity in the incarnation.

Soteriology (the Doctrine of Salvation)

The creed clearly presents the saving work of Christ: “For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven.” It traces His redemptive mission through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, echoing the apostolic proclamation of 1 Corinthians 15:1–8.

Pneumatology (the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit)

The creed confesses faith in the Holy Spirit as “the Lord and giver of life,” who proceeds from the Father and the Son, fully divine and active in creation, revelation, redemption, and the life of the Church.

Anthropology and Hamartiology (Humanity and Sin)

Humanity is presented as the object of God's saving work—created by God, yet in need of redemption. The phrase “for us” underscores both human dignity and dependence upon divine grace, while the creed presupposes humanity's fallen condition and need for the remission of sins.

Angelology (the Doctrine of Angels)

By affirming God as “maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible,” the creed encompasses both the material and angelic realms, acknowledging the full scope of creation under God's sovereignty.

Ecclesiology (the Doctrine of the Church)

The creed concludes with a confession of “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,” affirming its unity, sanctity, universality, and apostolic foundation, along with the importance of baptism and the communal life of faith.

Eschatology (the Doctrine of Last Things)

Finally, the creed directs attention to the future, proclaiming “the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come,” affirming the ultimate hope of believers in the return of Christ and the renewal of all things.

In this way, the Nicene Creed stands as a masterful synthesis of Christian doctrine—Christ-centered, biblically established, and theologically complete. It provides not only a confession to be recited, but a framework through which to understand life, worship, and ultimate hope.

The Nicene Creed and the Central Themes of the Christian Year

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

- A. Creation & Providence
- B. Thanksgiving

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,

- C. Advent
- D. Christmas
- E. Epiphany
- F. Baptism of Our Lord
- G. Transfiguration

and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried,

- H. Ash Wednesday
- I. Lent
- J. Palm/Passion Sunday
- K. Maundy Thursday
- L. Good Friday

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.

- M. Easter
- N. Ascension of Our Lord
- O. Christ the King

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.

- P. Pentecost
- Q. Trinity Sunday

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.

- R. World Communion Sunday – *Unity of the Church*
- S. Reformation Sunday – *Christ Alone*
- T. All Saints Sunday – *Communion of the Saints*

Get Connected With Amelia Plantation Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Today, May 31

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, June 1

10:30: Coed Bible Study

Wednesday, June 3

3:00 pm: Choir practice

Next Sunday, June 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 (Meeting Room)
- Mondays at 10:00 am: Jan Smith's Coed Study of John's Gospel.
- Tuesdays at 10:30 am: Summer Coed Bible Study will begin June 9 in the Meeting Room
- Tuesdays Men's and Women's study will resume in the fall

Tuesday Summer Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, June 9-July 28 | Time: 10:30 am
We will use a DVD study by Dr. Derek Thomas, "Imprisoned-Faith in All Circumstances". No suffering goes to waste in the good plans of our sovereign God. We see glimpses of the truth through the surprising number of prison stories recorded in the Bible. Throughout the bible, God's people are thrown into dark dungeons, locked behind closed doors, and exiled to remote lands. Some of these individuals endured by trusting the Lord; others wavered in their faith. All of them leave valuable lessons about God's purposes for the trials that we face in this life (how did they cope? What did they learn? How did they respond?) This is open to both men and women. This will be held in the Meeting Room. Study guides will be provided. Questions? email Sally Ericksen at ericksenw@bellsouth.net

Baby Bottle Blessings

We kindly ask that all bottles be returned to the Chapel by **TODAY** May 31. Alternatively, each bottle includes a tag with instructions for mailing your donation directly to The NEST, along with a QR code for convenient online giving. If you choose to donate online, please indicate your affiliation with APC

New Organ Fund

We invite you to consider contributing to our New Organ Fund. Your generosity will help preserve this important part of our worship tradition and ensure that future generations can experience the beauty of sacred music. No gift is too small, and every donation makes a meaningful difference. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering "New Chapel Organ" or contact our financial administrator.

Stewardship Figures

Budgeted Offerings for 2026:	\$1,643,042
Received Year to Date:	\$938,488
Needed by December 31:	\$,704,554

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
Barbara Patton

Relatives

Darryl Frick, brother of
Laura June McDuffie
Dave Drissel,
brother of Dianne Gruber
Bobby Phillips,
step-father of Tammy Beall

Flowers

"In honor and memory
of the life of Ed Sproat"
-Sandy Sproat

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