

Celebration of Worship
Alexander Chapel UMC
August 31, 2025 at 11 a.m.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude	Joyceline Huennekens
Welcome and Announcements	Gina Elrod
Invocation	Gibson

***Call to Worship** Gibson

Leader: Come, people of God, let mutual love continue.

People: We will welcome the stranger, for in doing so we may welcome angels.

Leader: Remember those who suffer, as if you were suffering with them.

People: We will stand with the imprisoned and the hurting, for Christ stands with us.

Leader: Be content with what you have, for God has said, *"I will never leave you or forsake you."*

People: The Lord is our helper; we will not be afraid.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

People: Through him we will offer our sacrifice of praise, doing good and sharing what we have.

Leader: Come, let us worship the living God!

People: With grateful hearts and willing hands, we come to praise the Lord!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Opening Hymn Christ for the World We Sing	UMH 568
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Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Gibson
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Special Music	Victoria and Anastasia Pasechnik
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Message	Gibson
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Apostles Creed (UMH 881)	Sheri King
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Glory Be to the Father	UMH 71
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Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer	Gibson
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Offering Special Music	Victoria and Anastasia Pasechnik
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Doxology	UMH 94
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*Closing Hymn All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine	UMH 166
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*Benediction	Gibson
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Postlude	Joyceline Huennekens
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October 4, 2025

Blessing of the Animals

Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church invites the community to a special Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 880 Aiken Road, Asheville, NC. Pastor Phillip Gibson of Alexander Chapel UMC in Asheville, NC, and Reverend Julia Gibson of Snow Hill UMC and Memorial UMC in Franklin, NC, will share blessings over pets and their human companions. All are welcome to bring their animals for a personal blessing, whether they bark, purr, chirp, hop, or swim.

December 6, 2025

Lessons and Carols for Christmastide

Join us at Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. for a special service of *Lessons and Carols for Christmastide*, led by the Asheville Vocal Ensemble. This beloved service weaves together nine short scripture readings that tell the story of God's promise and the birth of Christ, each paired with beautiful carols sung by choir and congregation. Originating in England more than a century ago, this tradition has become a cherished way for Christians around the world to prepare their hearts for Christmas. All are welcome—bring a friend!

Community Need

We are collecting items for our donation to ABCCM. The donations basket is located inside the front door of the Chapel. We dedicate our gifts on Communion First Sundays.

Suggested Items include:

Canned Items: Chicken, Tuna, Salmon, Fruits, Meats, Hearty Soups, Vegetables

Other Items: Cooking Oil, Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Hot & Cold Cereal, Jelly, Juices, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Self-rising Flour, Sugar

Hygiene: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap



Alexander Chapel

United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone

Sunday Worship – 11:00 am
August 31, 2025

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Lay Leader: Phillip Hawkins
Pianist: Steve Hawkins
Praise Leader: Pam Williams