

**Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church  
Celebration of Worship**

<b>Prelude</b>	Steve Hawkins
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Gina Elrod
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Peggy Anders
<b>Leader:</b> The Lord our God gathers His people from the ends of the earth.	
<b>People:</b> The Shepherd calls us home with mercy and love.	
<b>Leader:</b> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when justice and righteousness will reign.	
<b>People:</b> We come to worship the God who keeps promises and restores hope.	
<b>Leader:</b> Come, let us rejoice in the Shepherd who gathers, heals, and leads us.	
<b>People:</b> We will sing of God's goodness and follow wherever He leads.	
<b>All:</b> Praise be to God, our Shepherd and our King!	
<b>Opening Hymn</b> Savior, like a shepherd lead us, UMH 381	Steve Hawkins
<b>Scripture Reading</b> Jeremiah 23:1–6	Marcia Smith
<b>Special Music</b>	Steve Hawkins
<b>Message</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Apostles Creed</b> United Methodist Hymnal 881	Sheri King

**Glory Be to the Father**  
United Methodist Hymnal 71

<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Steve Hawkins
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Doxology</b> United Methodist Hymnal 94	Steve Hawkins
<b>Closing Hymn</b> A Mighty Fortress is Our God, UMH 110	Steve Hawkins
<b>Benediction</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Postlude</b>	Steve Hawkins

**Jeremiah 23:1–6 (NRSV)**

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.  
2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.  
3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.  
4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.  
5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, November 23, 2025:** We will have a Thanksgiving meal today after church!! Everyone is welcome!!

**Sunday, November 30 @ 11 a.m. First Sunday of Advent!!**

**Saturday, December 6th, from 5 to 6 p.m.,** we are honored to welcome the **Asheville Vocal Ensemble** for a **Service of Lessons and Carols**. If you've ever heard this incredible professional group perform, you know just how breathtaking they are — their harmonies are rich, moving, and absolutely angelic. As their voices fill the sanctuary, we'll journey through Scripture and song, telling the story of God's love coming into the world. It's an hour of music and meaning that will lift your spirit and open your heart to the beauty of Christmas.

**Sunday, December 21st, from 5 to 6 p.m.,** we invite you to our **Candlelight Christmas Service**. This is one of our most beloved traditions — a quiet, sacred evening filled with Scripture, carols, and the soft glow of candlelight. It's a time to breathe deeply, reflect, and remember that the light of Christ still shines bright — even in the darkest nights.



# Alexander Chapel

**United Methodist Church**

*A Church for Everyone*

**Sunday Worship, 11:00 am**

**November 23, 2025**

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**Pastor: Phillip Gibson**

**Lay Leader: Phillip Hawkins**

**Pianist: Steve Hawkins**

**Praise Leader: Pam Williams**

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