

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Steve Hawkins
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Gina Elrod
<b>Invocation</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Pam Hawkins
Leader: Arise, people of God! The light of Christ has come into the world. The star still shines, guiding all who seek toward hope, truth, and love revealed.	
<b>People: <i>I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.</i></b>	
Leader: We come like the magi—drawn by a light we do not fully understand, trusting that God is at work in places both ordinary and holy.	
<b>People: <i>I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.</i></b>	
Leader: This is the season of Epiphany, when God is made known to all people, when barriers fall, and grace shines beyond every boundary.	
<b>People: <i>I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.</i></b>	
Leader: Come and see the light of Christ. Come and rejoice in what God has revealed. Come and worship the One who turns darkness into dawn.	
<b>People: <i>I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.</i></b>	
Leader: Let us worship God, the Light of the world.	
<b>All: Amen.</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	TFWS 2130
The Summons	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Donna Garvin
1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
<b>Special Music</b>	Steve Hawkins

<b>Message</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Apostles Creed, UMH 881</b>	Sheri King
<b>Glory Be to the Father</b>	UMH 71
<b>Hymn</b>	UMH 156
I Love to Tell the Story	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Steve Hawkins
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	
<b>Doxology</b>	UMH 94
<b>Hymn</b>	UMH 585
This Little Light of Mine	
<b>Benediction</b>	Phillip Gibson
<b>Postlude</b>	Steve Hawkins

**Upcoming Events**

**January 25, 2026**  
Equip and Connect District Gathering at Lake Junaluska 2:30 to 5:30. <https://www.wnccumc.org/ec2026jan>

**February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday,**  
12 p.m. at Pleasant Gap UMC  
1753 Holcombe Branch Road  
Weaverville, NC 28787  
6:30 p.m. at Salem UMC  
9 Salem Church Road  
Weaverville, NC 28787

**March 13-15, 2026 – Peace Conference at Lake Junaluska**  
<https://www.wnccumc.org/peace-conference-2026>

**April 2, 2026, Maundy Thursday**

6:30 p.m. Christ UMC

81 Garrison Branch Road  
Weaverville, NC 28787

**April 3, 2026, Good Friday Service of Tenebrae**

6:30 pm. Alexander Chapel UMC

**April 22, 2026, from 6:30 to 7:30**

Concert/Fundraiser Performance by Murphy Campbell  
Remembrance: Honoring Creation, Land, and Community.

***Appeal for Food Donations to Support Asheville***

***Buncombe Community Charity Ministries***

Alexander Chapel collects and delivers donations to ABCCM on the first Sunday of every month. We ask that you please consider helping in this way to support our neighbors in need.

***Medical Equipment Lending Closet***

Alexander Chapel partners with Clarks Chapel to staff the Medical Equipment Lending Closet. This is a resource for residents of the Weaverville, NC area seeking to borrow medical equipment.

**Prayer Requests:** Please share your prayer requests by

emailing them to Pastor Gibson at

[prayer@alexanderchapel.org](mailto:prayer@alexanderchapel.org). You may also call or text him at 828-712-0972.



# Alexander Chapel

**United Methodist Church**

*A Church for Everyone*

**Sunday Worship, 11:00 am**

**January 18, 2026**

**Physical address:**

880 Aiken Road  
Asheville, NC 28804  
828-658-3015

**Mailing address:**

5 Sawyer Cove Rd  
Weaverville, NC 28787

**Pastor: Phillip Gibson**

**Lay Leader: Phillip Hawkins**

**Pianist: Steve Hawkins**

**Praise Leader: Pam Williams**

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