

Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church
Celebration of Worship

Prelude Steve Hawkins
Welcome and Announcements Gina Elrod
Invocation Phillip Gibson

Call to Worship 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.
People: *I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.*

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.
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Leader: This is the season of Epiphany, when God is made known to all people, when barriers fall, and grace shines beyond every boundary.
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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.
People: *I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.*

Leader: Let us worship God, the Light of the world.
All: Amen.

Hymn TFWS 2130
The Summons

Scripture Reading Donna Garvin
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Special Music Steve Hawkins

Message Phillip Gibson

Apostles Creed, UMH 881 Sheri King
Glory Be to the Father UMH 71

Hymn UMH 156
I Love to Tell the Story

Prayers of the People Phillip Gibson

Offertory Music Steve Hawkins
Offertory Prayer
Doxology UMH 94

Hymn UMH 585
This Little Light of Mine

Benediction Phillip Gibson

Postlude 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. 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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