

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

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Gina Elrod  
**Invocation**                                              Phillip Gibson

**Call to Worship**                                      Phillip Gibson

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Today we begin the season of Lent.

**People: We come to return to God with all our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: We come to follow, trusting God's presence.**

Leader: In the wilderness, Jesus faced temptation and did not turn away.

**People: In our own testing, God, keep us faithful.**

Leader: When the world tries to name us by fear, failure, or shame—

**People: God calls us beloved.**

Leader: When the powers of this world try to divide and dehumanize—

**People: God calls us to love our neighbor.**

Leader: When we are tempted to grasp for control and take shortcuts—

**People: Christ leads us in the way of trust.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

**People: And serve God only.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us new.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, and bear Your fruit in us. Amen**

**Hymn**                                                      UMH 395  
Take Time To Be Holy

**Scripture Reading**                                  Phillip Gibson  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Special Music**                                        Steve Hawkins

**Message**                                                Phillip Gibson

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

**Hymn**                                                      TFWS 2112  
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

**Prayers of the People**                              Phillip Gibson

Lord in Your Mercy... **"hear our prayer"**

**Offertory Music**  
**Offertory Prayer**  
**Doxology**                                                UMH 94

**Hymn**                                                      TFWS 2088  
Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

**Benediction**                                            Phillip Gibson



## Announcements

### **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**

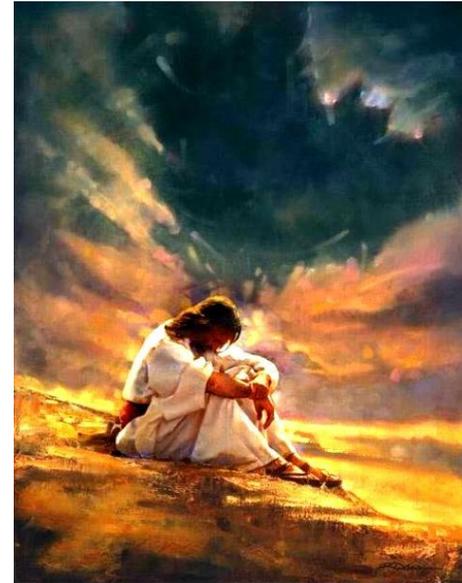
Concert/Fundraiser Performance by Murphy Campbell  
Remembrance: Honoring Creation, Land, and Community.

### ***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.



## **Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church**

*A Church for Everyone*

**Sunday Worship, 11:00 am**

**February 22, 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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