

## Celebration of Worship

### Alexander Chapel

September 7, 2025 at 11 a.m.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able*

**Prelude** Steve Hawkins

**Welcome and Announcements** Gina Elrod

**Invocation** Gibson

**\*Call to Worship** Gibson

**Leader:** O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**People:** You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**Leader:** You search out my path and my lying down, and  
are acquainted with all my ways.

**People:** Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
you know it completely.

**Leader:** Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In  
your book were written all the days that were formed for  
me, when none of them as yet existed.

**People:** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**Leader:** I try to count them—they are more than the  
sand; I come to the end—

**All:** And I am still with you. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 549

**Scripture Reading** Gary Seiler  
**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**Special Music** Steve Hawkins

**Message** Gibson

**Apostles Creed (UMH 881)** Gibson

**Glory Be to the Father** UMH 71

**Prayers of the People** Gibson

**Holy Communion** Rev. Jimmy  
Galloway

**Offering**  
**Doxology** UMH 94

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH 159

**\*Benediction** Gibson

**Postlude** Steve Hawkins

**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 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**  
**September 7, 2025**

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**Mailing address:**

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**Pastor: Phillip Gibson**

**Lay Leader: Phillip Hawkins**

**Pianist: Steve Hawkins**

**Praise Leader: Pam Williams**