

## Celebration of Worship

### Alexander Chapel

October 5, 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:** By the rivers of Babylon, God's people wept

**People:** And still we bring our tears before the Lord.

**Leader:** In a strange land, they longed for home.

**People:** And still we long for God's kingdom to come.

**Leader:** They remembered Zion and would not forget God's song.

**People:** And still we lift our voices in hope and faith.

**Leader:** Come, people of God, even in sorrow, even in exile

**People:** We will worship the Lord who remembers us, redeems us, and gives us strength.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 352

It's Me O Lord

**Scripture Reading** Buck Buchanan  
**Psalm 137**

**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. Naomi King

**Offering**

**Doxology** UMH 94

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH 374

Standing on the Promises

**\*Benediction** Gibson

**Postlude** Steve Hawkins

**October 19, 2025**

Reverend Jimmy Galloway will be preaching on October 19, 2025. Pastor Gibson will be away serving as volunteer clergy in a Kairos prison ministry at Mountain View Prison in Spruce Pine, NC.

**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.

**Alexander Chapel  
United Methodist Church**

*A Church for Everyone*

**Sunday Worship – 11:00 am  
October 5, 2025**

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Pianist: Steve Hawkins  
Praise Leader: Pam Williams**