

Tell us about your prayer requests:

Please contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I am ready to take a first step regarding:**

- Adult Bible Study
- Becoming a Church Member
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- College Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Mission Opportunities
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Opportunities for the Week**

**Sunday, December 9**

FirstShine Learning Committee	8:30 a.m.
Silent Reflection	9:00 a.m.
Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship*	11:00 a.m.
Disciple Lunch	Noon
Youth Handbells	2:00 p.m.
AYC Rehearsals	2:30 p.m.
AYC Dinner	4:30 p.m.
AYC Holiday Concert	7:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 10**

Youth Basketball Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 11**

Christian Crafters	1:30 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 12**

Fellowship Meal	4:45 p.m.
Folk Advent Service	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 13**

Lunch at the Crossroads Noon

*\* Preschool Childcare Available*

**FBCA Hearing Loop**

Our Sanctuary has a hearing loop that broadcasts an audio signal of the music, preaching, and other prayers or readings directly to the hearing aid t-coil. This loop signal is effective in the pews on the ground floor of the Sanctuary. We hope this helps as our members and guests worship together.



**Sanctuary Flowers**

Flowers may be placed in honor or in memory of a loved one in the Sanctuary for worship. Please contact the church office at 252.4781 for more details.



For more information visit [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net).

# Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

December 9, 2018

*Caroling, Caroling!*  
a holiday concert

**Sunday, December 9 - 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary**  
*The four ensembles of the Asheville Youth Choirs will be joined by harpist and AFTA faculty member, Lelia Lattimore, in presenting this joyful, festive concert.*

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



O COME LET US  
*Adore*  
HIM

December 12-19- Crouch Chapel

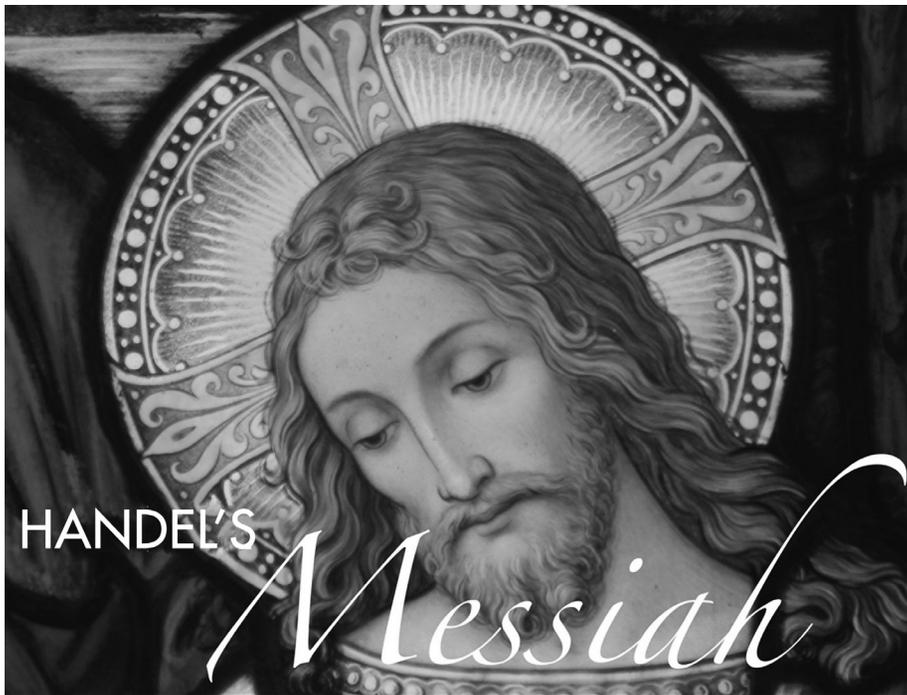
Weekdays: 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Weekend: Noon-6:00 p.m.

**Folk Advent Service: *Comfort and Joy* • December 12 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary**

This year's Folk Advent Service once again celebrates the Advent season with a look back to simpler days and times. Join the set of a live radio variety show featuring folk musicians, Alathea, readers' theater, storytelling, and loads of fun come to life. Invite your friends to join us.

**Called Church Business Meeting • Sunday, December 16**

The church will hold in a called business meeting on Sunday, December 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the Revised 2019 Budget for the First Baptist Church of Asheville. The Board of Deacons approved this budget in their regular meeting on Monday, December 3. The Revised 2019 Budget along with an overview is available to the congregation. A list of listening sessions and opportunities for further conversation are included with the overview. Thanks to all for your faithful giving across 2018. We look forward to a vibrant year of mission and ministry in 2019.



HANDEL'S

*Messiah*

PRESENTED BY

**125-VOICE CHOIR, SOLOISTS,  
AND BAROQUE ORCHESTRA**

**December 16, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**

First Baptist Church of Asheville Sanctuary

Free and Open to the Public.

**Our Desired Future Statements**

During the spring of 2018, almost 300 FBCA members and friends told stories of their most meaningful encounters with faith in our church as well as their dreams for the future. The Center for Congregations helped us discover God's dream for us expressed in these conversations. The results are the five Desired Future Statements below. Ministry Councils and others are launching efforts as we speak to help us realize these aspirations. Pray for our church as we follow the Spirit's leading.

First Baptist will be a place where the parable path of Jesus is a way of life.

First Baptist will be a church that welcomes and includes all in a way consistent with God's love and wisdom.

First Baptist will wrap its arms around the city of Asheville.

Worship and music will remain essential and move beyond the doors of the church.

First Baptist will be a church of spiritual transformation grounded in Scriptural imagination, communal discernment, and lived faith.

**Did You Know?**

This morning, 11 members of our congregation completed *Disciple*, a 34-week study of the Bible. After weekly independent study and prayer, the group came together for two hours each Sunday morning to delve more deeply into the Word. Having heard the Bible speak to them in new ways, they have made personal commitments to seek out ways to use their spiritual gifts in ministry to others.

**Making a Connection**

December 9, 2018

- 1st-time guest
- 2nd-time guest
- 3rd-time guest
- Regular attendee
- Member

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Change in contact information

**Email** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** (please check)

- Preschool
- Grade
- <18
- 18-29
- 30s
- 40s
- 50s
- 60s
- 70s
- 80+

*Tear off this card and place in the offering plate when it is passed or hand to the minister at the close of worship.*