

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel, pastor@yorkfirst.org
Church Admin. Asst......Karen Bowman, secretary@yorkfirst.org

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
J.A.M. Choir Director.....Diane Gobble
Worship Leader.....Patricia Carey
Children's Time.....Michele Gibbel
Audio/Visual.....Dave Witkovsky, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Melanie Miller**
.....Marjorie Schardt, Steve Hoover, Jacob Wingard
Coffee/Hospitality.....Ruoxia Li & Eric Miller
Today's Greeter.....Kathy Kovacs
Next Week's Greeters.....Barry & Tammy Stehr
Nursery Attendants.....Bri Herbst, Angie Robinson

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need that a deacon may help you with, please contact your deacon or contact the church office or Pastor Joel.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the "worship nursery" in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

The church issues a weekly e-newsletter each Friday. To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org

Worship attendance last Sunday: 87

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

"The Story of Anabaptism: Another Reformation"

1 Corinthians 3:11,16, Galatians 3:26-27



January 19, 2025



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FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

ANABAPTISM AT 500: RENEWAL THROUGH STORY

10:30 AM

January 19, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"This Is My Father's World"* Sheppard arr. Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, let us gather to worship the
One who calls us to live as disciples of Christ.

People: **We come, seeking to follow the way of peace,
justice, and love.**

Leader: We remember the courage of those who went before
us, who stood firm in faith despite opposition.

People: **We honor their witness, embracing their
commitment to a simple, Christ-centered life.**

Leader: Let us celebrate the spirit of community, where all
are welcome and each voice matters.

People: **Together, we seek to walk in humility, serving
one another in love.**

Leader: God calls us to be peacemakers, sowing seeds of
reconciliation in a broken world.

People: **We commit to the way of peace, following Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who calls us to a new kind of
kingdom, where love reigns and all things are made new.

People: **With hearts and voices united, we worship the God
of peace, community, and hope.**

***HYMN** *"Here in this place"* #6

*INVOCATION

J.A.M. CHOIR ANTHEM *"Isn't It Grand to Be a Christian"*

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michele Gibbel

SERVICE OF DEACON COMMISSIONING

Introduction and Vows

Congregational Affirmation

**We, the members of this body of Christ, in the spirit of joy and in
renewed loyalty to our Lord, acknowledge and receive you as
deacons. We promise to pray for you and support you in
confidence, encouragement, cooperation, and prayers, that
together we may increase in the knowledge and the love of God,
manifested to us in Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Choir Anthem *"As I went down to the river"* American Folk Tune

Pastoral Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 3:11,16 (Page 992)

Galatians 3:26-27 (Page 1014)

MESSAGE "The Story of Anabaptism: Another Reformation"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"We are people of God's peace"* #407

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"Let All Things Now Living"*

Traditional Welsh Melody arr. Berry

*Offering Response *"Praise God from whom"* #119(v1)

*Prayer of Blessing

***SENDING HYMN** *"For we are strangers no more"* #322

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Standing on the Promises"* Carter arr. Raney

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly
so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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Reading the New Testament Anabaptist Community Bible

This season, between now and Easter weekend, our goal as an entire church is to read through the entire New Testament together. We hope that all will make a sincere commitment and plan to spend time each day working through the scriptures. A sheet listing the full 90-day plan is available in the Gathering Area, please take one home today. Each day 3 chapters are assigned for us to read. Here are the readings for this week:

1/20	Matthew 1-3
1/21	Matthew 4-6
1/22	Matthew 7-9
1/23	Matthew 10-12
1/24	Matthew 13-15
1/25	Matthew 16-18
1/26	Matthew 19-21

This Week at a Glance:

Today	1/19	12:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting – Anna Mow Rm
Mon	1/20	6:15 pm	Education Team – Anna Mow Rm
		6:45 pm	Worship Design Team – Multi-Purpose Rm
Tues	1/21	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl – Anna Mow Rm
		4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 to 5:30 pm
		6:00 pm	CDC Ministry Team – Anna Mow Rm
Wed.	1/22	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study – Anna Mow Rm
Thurs	1/23	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
		7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Choir Rm
Sat	1/25	8:00 am	Leadership Team – Rm 154, Kitchen
		10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sun	1/26	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary

An ecumenical service observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted by our neighbors at St Joseph Catholic Church, will be held on Tuesday January 21 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Joel will be participating, as will numerous area ministers, and all are welcome to attend.