

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

10:30 AM

Aug. 10, 2025

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**PRELUDE**      *"God Will Take Care of You"*  
Walter S. Martin arr. Cindy Berry

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you through God our  
Creator and Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**All: We unite as one people, rich and poor, male and  
female, young and old, to worship God.**  
One: As we sing our songs and pray our prayers, we are  
invited to commit ourselves to the way of Christ.  
**All: Let us unite hearts and voices to praise the  
Lord of love.**

**\*HYMN**      *"Praise, I will praise you, Lord"*      76

**\*PRAYER (together):**  
**God of love, light a flame of love in our hearts to you, a flame  
of love to our families and friends, a flame of love to our  
neighbors, a flame of love to our enemies. Light a flame of  
love in our hearts for all, from the lowliest thing that lives to  
the Name that is highest of all. We know that we are your  
beloved and that you are Love. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Genesis 18:1-10a (Page 13)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns  
Responsive Prayer      (back of bulletin)  
Prayer Hymn      *"While we are waiting, come"*      (insert)  
Prayer

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *"The Truth"*      Megan Woods

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42 (Page 903)

**MESSAGE**      "Marthas and Marys"

**\*HYMN**      *"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"*      (to the tune of 541)

### GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation  
Offertory      *"Great Is the Lord"*  
Michael & Deborah Smith arr. Mark Hayes

\*Offering Response      *"We give thee but thine own"*      (vs. 1) 384

**\*Prayer (together)**  
**God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have  
poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and  
beauty and bounty. So take these offerings, we pray, as our  
protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished,  
trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in  
ourselves - that we, too, may be poured out for the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      *"O Master, let me walk with thee"*      357

### \*BLESSING

**POSTLUDE**      *"Day by Day"*      Oscar Ahnfelt arr. Mark Hayes

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.

### This Week at a Glance:

Tues 8/12 6:30 pm Leadership Team – Rm 154  
Wed 8/13 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Village Green Family Rest.  
5:30 pm Worship Design Team – MPR  
Sat 8/16 6:00 pm Outdoor Hymn Sing & Peach Festival  
–Back Courtyard (Sanct.if bad weather)/Gathering Space  
Sun 8/17 9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
– Sanctuary, Walt Wiltschek preaching  
12:00 pm Deacon Meeting – Anna Mow Room

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to access our church's online giving



**MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION  
PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF**

**Interim Ministries Coordinator**.....Kim Witkovsky  
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**Church Admin. Asst.**.....Karen Bowman, secretary@yorkfirst.org

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Guest Preacher**.....Ken Gible  
**Music Director**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Accompanist**.....Becca Miller  
**Worship Leader**.....Kim Witkovsky  
**Children's Time**.....Rebecca Wolf, Jessica Jasitt  
**Special Music**.....Megan Cunningham  
**Audio/Visual**.....Justin Tomevi, Jay Crist  
**Ushers**.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**  
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller  
**Coffee/Hospitality**.....Kathy Kovacs  
**Greeters Today**.....Leonard & Helen Stoner  
**Greeters Next Week**.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke  
**Nursery Attendant**.....Bri Herbst

**DEACONS** are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need, please contact your deacon, the church office or Kim Witkovsky, Interim Ministries Coordinator.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship 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](mailto:secretary@yorkfirst.org)  
To receive the prayer chain emails, please contact the church office.

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## Blessing of the Backpacks – August 17

Join us on Sunday, August 17th during worship for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**. We will take time to uplift and pray over children, parents, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, school administrators, and everyone preparing for the new school year. Whether you're a student or a staff member, bring your backpack, lunchbox, laptop bag, or any item that represents your return to school.



**The congregation is invited to celebrate the start of a new school year by helping to support the academic success of our neighborhood children at Stony Brook Elementary School (K-3) by bringing school supplies to worship.**

**Items requested include:**

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| *Backpacks                                              | *Lunchboxes            |
| *Black dry erase markers                                | *#2 Pencils            |
| *Crayons                                                | *Large pink erasers    |
| *Glue sticks                                            | *Play-doh              |
| *Cardstock                                              | *Good quality tissues  |
| *Clorox wipes                                           | *Hand sanitizer        |
| *Headphones                                             | *Plastic water bottles |
| *Individually packaged nut free & or gluten free snacks |                        |