

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

10:30 AM

July 27, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "10,000 Reasons" Arr. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:
Congregation: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.
One: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:
Congregation: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the
long-lost prodigal.
One: We come, for God reunites us here,
people in that family called love:
Congregation: where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

***HYMN** "When we walk with the Lord" 544

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (insert)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Song "Teresa's Prayer" (insert)
Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 (Page 861)

MESSAGE "The Third Coming"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Brothers and sisters of mine" 142

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation
Offertory "Be the One" Clark, Koch, Denson
*Sung Offering Response "God, whose giving" vs. 3 383
*Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN** "Where cross the crowded ways" 405

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Arr. 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:

Mon 7/28 6:15 pm Education Team – Anna Mow Room
Wed 7/30 11:30 am Lunch Bunch – Isaacs – West York (White St)
Sun 8/3 9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service – Sanct., Youth Lead Worship

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to access our church's online giving



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Weekly Office Hours: This Week Mon 11:30 am – 1:30pm
Tues - Fri 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Prayer of Confession - Written by LT. Leticia Rouser

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and
pain: We confess you are still speaking!
In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:
We confess you are still speaking!
In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:
We confess you are still speaking!
In a world calling for the blessing of truth:
We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!
Let us confess together:
We confess that in our lives we often hide behind
our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.
We let ourselves get so busy
that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering.
We confess we allow the powers of this world
to seduce us into selfishness
and silence our witness.
Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all,
strengthen us to love our neighbor
and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

The Word of God assures us
that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ.
Let us go from this place with authority,
knowing that God's Word gives us strength
to love our neighbors near and far
and power to speak up for those who are broken.
Thanks be to God!

Teresa's Prayer (Christ Be in My Mind)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, and chords are indicated above the notes. The chords are: Bb(G), C(A), F(D), C(A), F(D), Bb(G), Gm(Em), C(A), Bb(G), C(A), F(D), Bb(G), C(A), F(D), Dm(Bm), Bb(G), C(A), Bb(G), C(A), F(D).

Christ be in my mind and in my think-ing, Christ be in my eyes, in
ev-'ry-thing I see, Christ be in my ears and in my hear-ing,
Christ be in my mouth, in ev-'ry word I speak, Christ be in my heart and
in my lov-ing, Christ be in my life, each mo-ment that I live.

Text: St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Music: Joseph Helfrich (1965-), 1999

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

Interim Ministries Coordinator.....Kim Witkovsky
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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Guest Preacher.....Rev Warren Eschbach
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Rebecca Wolf
Worship Leader.....Jessica Jasitt
Children's Time.....Jessica Jasitt
Special Music.....Rebecca and Malakai Wolf
Audio/Visual.....Dave McCracken, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Melanie Miller**
.....Steve Hoover, Marjorie Schardt, Jacob Wingard, Connie Wingard
Coffee/Hospitality.....Connie Wingard
Greeters Today.....Barry & Tammy Stehr
Greeters Next Week.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Nursery Attendant.....Kim Tomevi

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
To receive the prayer chain emails, please contact the church office.

Worship attendance last Sunday: 65

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Summer Worship and Fellowship Events at York First COB!

This summer the Worship and the Fellowship and Hospitality Teams are once again “teaming up” to sponsor some fun events to help us stay connected and throughout the summer months and to build relationships as we enjoy each other’s company! Below is what the month of August looks like going forward:

Sunday, August 3 – Youth leading Worship: FaithX and National Junior High Conference experiences and Lemonade on the Lawn after worship

Wednesday, August 6 6-8 p.m. Pizza/Game Night in the Gathering Space – Share a pizza plus extras supper with others! Bring your favorite game(s) and favorite snack (s) to share and join us for a fun evening! Casual atmosphere for all ages – indoor and outdoor activities!

Sunday, August 10 10:15-10:30 a.m. Brief Congregational Forum- to share potential names for church leadership (watch for ENews article to explain more); guest preacher is Ken Gible

Wednesday, August 13 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch Bunch - location TBA Come join with others from York First COB for an informal time of lunch and fellowship together; no reservation needed, just show up if you want to eat and enjoy each other’s company! Each person is responsible for their own meal payment. Contact your deacon or the church office if you need a ride. Please join us!

Saturday, August 16 6-8 p.m. Outdoor Hymn Sing and Peach Festival – Back by popular demand! Come join us to sing your favorite hymns in the back courtyard followed by some sweet treats in the Gathering Space – no cost and all are welcome! Contact your deacon or the church office if you need transportation.

Sunday, August 17 Worship – Guest preacher is Walt Wiltschek; Blessing of the Backpacks and Special Third Sunday Offering: monetary donations and school supplies for our Child Development Center (CDC) and Stony Brook Elementary

Wednesday, August 20 6-8 p.m.–Pizza/Game Night: bring a snack & game to share!

Sunday, August 24 – Welcome Back Sunday and Lemonade on the Lawn following worship: Welcome back from summer vacation and back to school and a very special welcome back to Pastor Joel who will be returning from his sabbatical and back in the pulpit once again!