

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

**Pastor**.....Joel Gibbel, [pastor@yorkfirst.org](mailto:pastor@yorkfirst.org)  
**Church Admin. Asst**.....Karen Bowman, [secretary@yorkfirst.org](mailto:secretary@yorkfirst.org)

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Music Director**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Accompanist**.....Becca Miller  
**Worship Leaders**.....Zoë Miller & Ben Miller  
**Children's Time**.....Michele Gibbel  
**Audio/Visual**.....Dave Witkovsky, Jay Crist  
**Ushers**.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**  
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller  
**Coffee/Hospitality**.....Jeanette Brickner  
**Greeters Today**.....Sheldon & Doris Markel  
**Greeters Next Week**.....Leonard & Helen Stoner  
**Nursery Attendant**.....Angie Robinson

**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 or the church office.

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.

Worship attendance last Sunday: 71  
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“An Example to Imitate”

2 Thessalonians 3:1-9



November 2, 2025



Continuing the work of Jesus  
Peacefully  
Simply  
Together

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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"*

10:15 AM

November 2, 2025

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

**PRELUDE** *"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"*  
Southern Folk Melody arr. Hayes

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No one is an island. We are all joined in Christ Jesus.

**People: Who else is like you, loving God?  
Beautiful in holiness, awesome in all the things  
you do for us.**

Leader: No one lives by themselves, no one dies by  
themselves. Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

**People: The Lord is our strength and our song,  
and he has become our salvation.**

**\*HYMN** *"Jesus, stand among us"* 25

## \*INVOCATION

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns  
Time for Remembrance  
Prayers of the Church

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Thessalonians 3:1-9 (Page 1033)

**MESSAGE** "An Example to Imitate"

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"They that wait upon the Lord"* 584(2x)

## GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation  
Offertory *"I'll Fly Away" - Part I* Brumley arr. Hayes  
\*Offering Response *"Praise God from whom"* 119(v1)  
\*Offering Prayer

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *"The Blessing"*

## CLOSING PRAYER

**POSTLUDE** *"I'll Fly Away" - Part II* Brumley arr. Hayes

## CONGREGATIONAL FORUM BEGINS AT 11:00 AM

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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to access our church's online giving



## This Week at a Glance:

Today	4:00 pm	Youth Group/Dodgeball – Fellowship Hall
Mon 11/3	6:45 pm	Worship Design Team – Multi-Purpose Rm
Tues 11/4	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 – 5:30pm
Wed 11/5	9:30 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Room
	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch – Round the Clock - East
Thurs 11/6	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanct.
Sat 11/8	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00am to 12:00pm
Sun 11/9	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service/CDC Recognition – Sanct.
	4:00 pm	Youth Group/Dodgeball – FH

## Congregational Forum Information

All church members should attend the forum, our semi-annual  
meeting in which we conduct the business of the church and receive  
reports from leaders. The fall meeting includes approving a budget and  
affirming a slate of leaders for the upcoming year.

Please pick up packets of ministry team reports, treasurer's report, and  
moderator's report to review in advance of the meeting. Revisions to the  
church constitution will be an item of business, and it is important that  
they are well understood.

Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.