

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. 31, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "Sanctuary" Thompson & Scruggs

*CALL TO WORSHIP By Ann Siddall [adapted slightly]

One: Friends of God, believe this –

**Congregation: God loved the world, God loves the world,
we are the beloved!**

One: May the truth of this great love story, shine
through our worship today,

Congregation: and renew our sense of calling.

One: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations
and your discouragements;

**Congregation We come with our doubts, our fears, and
our longings;**

One: come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals
God's love and mercy.

**ALL: We come, in friendship to God and to each
other, and in friendship to the world, to
listen for God's Word to us, to offer our
prayers, and to renew our calling.**

One: Friends of God, let us worship!

*HYMN "Holy Spirit, come with power" 26

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 100:2-3 (Page 520)
John 15:18-24, 16:12-16 (Page 940)

MESSAGE "Belonging to God"

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O Jesus, I have promised" 447

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory "Shenandoah" Traditional

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

*Prayer

COMMISSIONING FOR NOAC PARTICIPANTS

*SONG OF SENDING "You shall go out with joy" 427

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord, I Need You" 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.

Pastor Joel will be out of the office from September 1–5 while he is
attending NOAC. For pastoral care needs, please contact the church
office or your Deacon during this time.

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**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 & Pianist.....Rebecca Wolf
Worship Leader.....Jessica Jasitt
Children's Time.....Pastor Joel
Audio/Visual.....Dave McCracken, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jason Wolf
Greeters Today.....John & Mary Esther Anderson
Greeters Next Week.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Nursery Attendant.....Michele Gibbel, Christine Wuhrman

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

Worship attendance last Sunday: 91
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This Week at a Glance:

Mon	9/1	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tues	9/2	4:00 pm Food Pantry Open 4:00 to 5:30 pm 5:30 pm CDC – Sanctuary
Thurs	9/4	6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sat	9/6	8:15 am Soccer Shots – Outside Grass Area
Sun	9/7	9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service – Sanctuary 2:00 pm Celebration of Life for Marvin Gobble held at Codorus COB 2:00 pm Visitation 3:00 pm Service

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