

**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
Worship Leader.....Rebecca Wolf
Gathering Music.....Stephen Carey
Children's Time.....Rebecca Wolf
Audio/Visual.....John Gibble, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman
Coffee/Hospitality.....Connie Wingard
Greeter Today..... Barry & Tammy Stehr
Greeters Next Week.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Nursery Attendant.....Katie McEvoy

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.

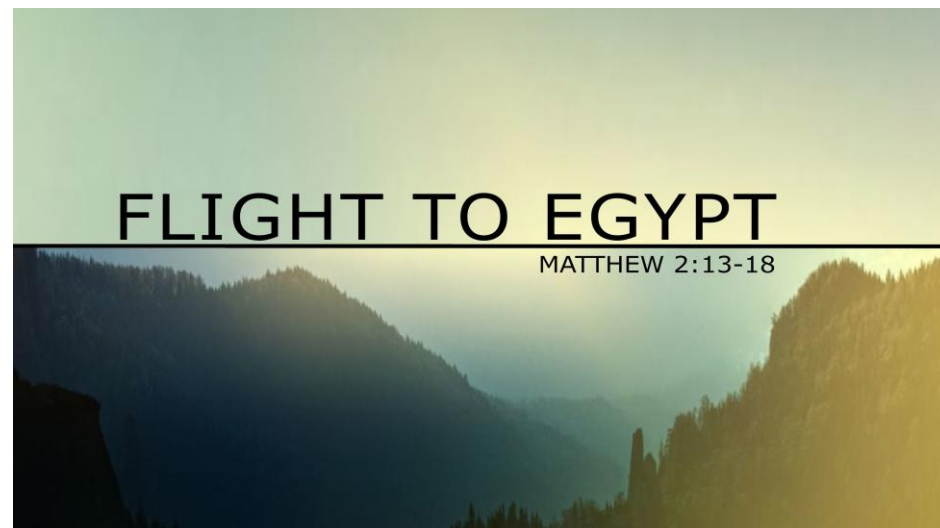
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Worship attendance last Sunday: 112
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Out of Egypt”

Matthew 2:13-23



December 28, 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"*

10:30 AM

December 28, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

PRELUDE *"Away in a Manger"* Murray & Kirkpatrick, arr. Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

People: We will find the babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

Leader: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

Leader: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

People: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

***HYMN** *"Angels we have heard on high"* 197

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the Church

ANTHEM *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"* Bisbee
Men's Ensemble

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23 (Page 836)

MESSAGE "Out of Egypt"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"What child is this"* 215

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" - Part I*
Traditional West-Indian Spiritual arr. Larson

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

*Offering Prayer

***SENDING HYMN** *"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"* 216

*SENDING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" - Part II*
Traditional West-Indian Spiritual arr. Larson

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 not be available from December 29 through January 2.
Karen Bowman will be out of the office from December 25 through January 5. The church office may be open for a few hours each morning, but please contact your deacon if you have any pastoral care needs during this time.

This Week at a Glance:

Thurs	1/1	New Year's Day – Church Office Closed
Sun	1/4	9:00 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship Service, Epiphany Sunday – Sanct.

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