

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

10:30 AM

June 8, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

#669

*HYMN

"Holy Spirit, come with power"

#26

*PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, enter our lives, whisper our names and scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon. Give your silent strength to all imprisoned by the structures, and let your raging fire be our sign of liberty. Come, Holy Spirit, help us find ourselves in vital places, bringing your word of freedom to the poor and the oppressed. Pour yourself upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to plant justice and joy on the earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (Page 992)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. David Radcliff

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"Spirit of God! descend" (vs.1&5)

#502

Prayer

MUSIC MEDITATION

"The Garden Song"

John Denver (Video)

SCRIPTURE READING

Paraphrase of Matthew 13:1-9 (Page 846)

MESSAGE

"So, Sow!"

HYMN

"Seed, scattered and sown" (vs.2&3)

#454

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

*Sung Response *"Grant us, Lord, the grace"*

#388

*Prayer

Loving God, through all our years, let the church be a place where we learn about love and practice it, where we envision peace and work to build it, where we meet partners in faith and cherish them, where we discover our gifts and offer them. May your Spirit guide us toward joy and generosity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"For we are strangers no more"

#322

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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	6/9	5:00 pm	Worship Design Team – Becca Miller's Home
Tues	6/10	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl – Anna Mow Room
		6:30 pm	Leadership Team – Rm 154
Fri	6/13	8:30 am	Soup Kitchen – (Casseroles due at church by 8:30)
Sat	6/14	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
		6:00 pm	Outdoor Hymn Sing & Strawberry Festival – Back Courtyard/Gathering Area
Sun	6/15	9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:00 am	Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team – Multi-Purpose Room
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary, Ali Toms preaching
		11:45 am	Lemonade on the Lawn after Worship

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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.....Rev. David Radcliff
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leader.....Kim Witkovsky
Children's Time.....Rev. David Radcliff
Audio/Visual.....Justin Tomevi, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jeanette Brickner
Greeters Today.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Greeters Next Week.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke
Nursery Attendants.....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, the church office or Kim Witkovsky, Interim 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: 87

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Interim Ministries Coordinator
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Weekly Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wed 11:30-1:30 pm

Summer Fun 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 June looks like going forward:

Saturday, June 14 6-8 p.m. Outdoor Hymn Sing and Strawberry 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!

Sunday, June 15 Father’s Day – Lemonade on the Lawn after Worship

Wednesday, June 18 6-8 p.m. Game Night in the Gathering Space – 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, June 22 – Thursday, June 26 6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS) – For children ages 3 through 5th grade; families, church members and friends are invited to the closing program Thursday evening; more info to come from the Education Team

Wednesday, June 25 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch Bunch at East York Isaacs – 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. Please join us!