

**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

Guest Preacher.....Rebecca Wolf
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leader.....Jessica Jasitt
Children's Time.....Rebecca Wolf
Audio/Visual.....Justin Tomevi, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Melanie Miller**
.....Steve Hoover, Marjorie Schardt, Jacob Wingard, Kevin Wingard
Coffee/Hospitality.....Alex Lear
Greeters Today.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke
Greeters Next Week.....Barry & Tammy Stehr
Nursery Attendant.....Michelle Sauder

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.

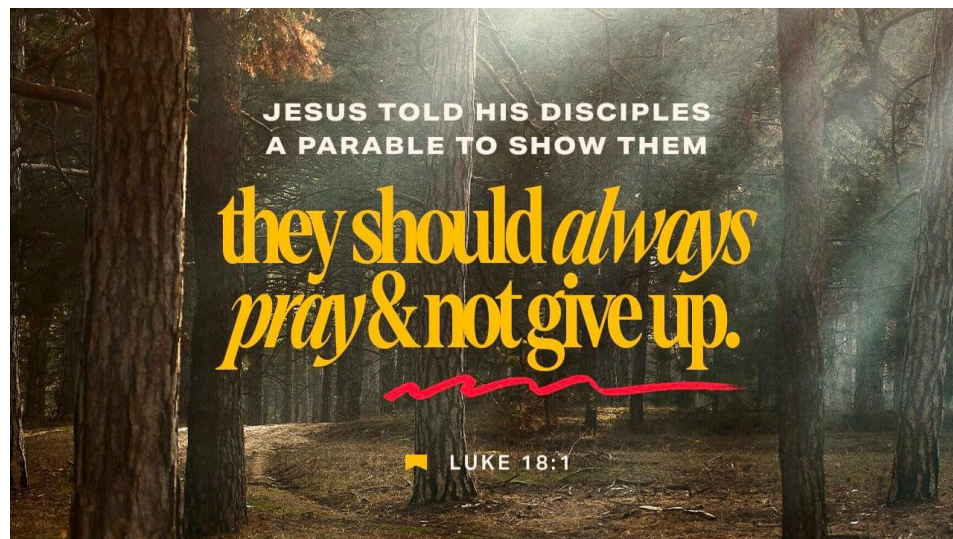
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To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org
To receive the prayer chain emails, please contact the church office.

Worship attendance last Sunday: 58
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Are You There, God? It’s Me!”

Luke 18:1-8



October 19, 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

October 19, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"He Hideth My Soul"* Kirkpatrick, Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship a God who hears our cries
and knows our hearts.

**People: We lift our eyes to the One who is our help and
our hope.**

Leader: When the world feels unjust, when our prayers
seem unanswered –

People: We will pray and not lose heart.

Leader: When the night is long and the waiting is hard –

**People: We will trust that God's mercy is new every
morning.**

Leader: Come, people of God, bring your prayers, your
questions, and your praise.

**All: For our God is faithful, and His love endures
forever.**

***HYMN** *"Lord, listen to your children"* 353

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHOIR ANTHEM *"My Singing Is A Prayer"* Preston, Williams

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

(concluding with the Lord's prayer in unison)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-8 (Page 911)

MESSAGE *"Are You There, God? It's Me!"*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us" 352

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *"Take the Name of Jesus with You"* Doane, Berry

*Offering Response

"Praise God from whom" 119 (with alternate lyrics)

Praise God who hears our every prayer,

Whose love is constant, always there.

Through tears and joy, our faith we raise,

Persistent hearts sing endless praise. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

***SENDING HYMN** *"You shall go out with joy"* 427

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Here's One"* Hayes/Traditional American Spiritual

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:

Mon	10/20	6:15 pm	Education Team – Anna Mow Room
		6:45 pm	Worship Team – Anna Mow Room
Tues	10/21	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl – Anna Mow Room
		10:00 am	Food Pantry – Open 10:00am – 12:00pm
		6:00 pm	CDC Ministry Team – Anna Mow Room
Wed	10/22	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch – The First Post
Thurs	10/23	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sat	10/25	4:00 pm	Food Pantry – Open 4:00 to 5:30pm
Sun	10/26	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary
		4:00 pm	Youth Group/Dodgeball – FH

Upcoming Event:

Wednesday, October 29 – Trick or Trunk 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 2 – Congregational Forum 11:00 am
Sunday, November 9 – CDC Recognition Sunday

Congregational Forum Information

Our church's fall Congregation Forum will be held on November 2 at 11:00 AM, following an abbreviated time of worship which will begin at 10:15. 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.

New Community Project

Shelter Me

Our congregation has been invited by New Community Project to help raise funds to keep a shelter open for Nepali girls imperiled by sex trafficking. Funding for this shelter was cut by an international aid organization, and it now faces closure.

The shelter is one of six run by the anti-trafficking group Shakti Samuha, NCP's partner in Nepal. It is especially critical, as it is near the border with India, and intercepts hundreds of girls every year who are at risk of being trafficked, or have been rescued and need healing from their trauma. NCP has chosen this as their fall campaign, named Shelter Me.

"This is a crisis" Shakti staff wrote. This is a key shelter and having to close it will subject girls aged 10 - 24 to being abandoned in their time of need."

Needed: \$15,825 as the minimum to employ a housemother and cook, and provide food for them and the girls for the coming year. Any extra funds raised will support additional staffing. 100% of donation go to the project