

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel, pastor@yorkfirst.org

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf

Accompanist.....Becca Miller

Worship Leaders.....Ben & Becca Miller

Children's Time.....Pastor Joel

Audio/Visual.....John Gible, Jay Crist

Ushers.....**Leader – Melanie Miller**

.....Steve Hoover, Marjorie Schardt, Jacob Wingard, Kevin Wingard

Coffee/Hospitality.....Kathy Kovacs

Greeters Today.....John & Mary Esther Anderson

Greeters Next Week.....Onalee Fisher

Nursery Attendant.....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: 72

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“More Important Matters”

Matthew 23:1-7,23-38



March 8, 2026



Continuing the work of Jesus
Peacefully
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Together

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 AM

March 8, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"I Am the Bread of Life"* Toolan arr. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together
in the name of the One who bids us come.

People: **We gather together
to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

Leader: We gather together
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

People: **Come, let us worship!**

*HYMN *"Great is the Lord"* 87

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM *"No Greater Love Than This"* DeFord

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Song *"Lord, listen to your children"* 353
Prayers of the Church

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 23:1-7,23-38 (Page 857)

MESSAGE "More Important Matters"

*LITANY OF PEACE AND HEALING (insert)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Longing for light"* (insert)

GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"This Is My Song"* Sibelius arr. Hayes

*Offering Response *"We give thee but thine own"* 384(v1)

*Offering Prayer

*HYMN *"This is a day of new beginnings"* 640

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Let All Things Now Living"*
Traditional Welsh Melody arr. 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.

This Week at a Glance:

Today	4:00 pm	Dodgeball – Fellowship Hall
Tues 3/10	6:30 pm	Leadership Team – Rm 154
Wed 3/11	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study – Anna Mow Rm
Thurs 3/12	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Handbell Rm
Fri 3/13	8:30 am	Soup Kitchen – (Casseroles due at church by 8:30)
Sat 3/14	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sun 3/15	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Deacon Meeting – Anna Mow Rm
	4:00 pm	Dodgeball – Fellowship Hall

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LITANY OF PEACE AND HEALING

Leader: Justice and kindness make for peace.

People: **Justice and kindness are for healing the hurts in ourselves, our relationships, and in the world.**

Leader: Many people around us and in this world suffer deprivation and persecution.

People: **Creator God, help us prevent suffering where we can and in ways that show your love for all creation. Help us to care for those who suffer.**

Leader: Many people around us and in this world experience hurt, grief, brokenness, and sorrow.

People: **Loving God, help us to recognize when we are part of what brings pain, grief, and brokenness to others. Help us to act in healthy and loving ways with our friends and neighbors, with strangers and enemies. Help us to love others as ourselves. Help us to love ourselves as you love us.**

Leader: Many people around us and in this world are silent victims and unable to bring about healing for themselves and their loved ones.

People: **Sustaining God, help us to speak the truth with love and humility. Help us to advocate for justice for those unable to speak for themselves. Guide us as we seek ways to bring healing for others in a world filled with sickness and destruction. Sustain us with your love and bless us with hope for times when we feel the job is too big and the work is never done.**

Leader: Justice and kindness make for peace and healing.

People: **Dear God, let it begin with me.**

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our church will produce a new photo directory this year, something we undertake every 6 years. The date we have reserved for photo session is **Thursday April 16**. Everyone who is active in the life of our church is encouraged to reserve a time for your family photo. You will all receive an 8"x10" print free of charge as well as a published directory. Additional products may be purchased if you wish.

You may sign up for a time slot in person on Sundays in the Gathering Area, and online scheduling is available Monday through Friday. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **pa1242** in the Church Code field and enter **Mark** in the Church Password field.

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday March 19: Lenten Dinner 5:30 PM

Sunday March 29: Palm Sunday

Wednesday April 1: Egg Hunt 5:00 PM

Thursday April 2: Love Feast 6:00 PM

Friday April 3: Good Friday Service 7:00 PM

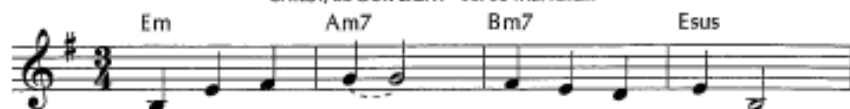
Sunday April 5: Easter Sunday, Breakfast 9:00 AM

Thursday April 16: Photo Directory Pictures

Pastor Joel will be out of the office March 12-16 for Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board meetings. Pastoral care needs may be directed to your deacon or the church office.

Longing for light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain



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