

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. 3, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"* Moore arr. Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Something awakened us this morning—perhaps the day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of alarm, a parent's voice or birds singing outside the window.

People: And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

Leader: Something moved us this morning—we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in eating and dressing, we left our homes to come here.

People: And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

All: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve our God.

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** *"This little light of mine"* (traditional tune)

This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine! (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel – no! I'm gonna let it shine! (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-7 (Page 1024)

REFLECTIONS ON NATIONAL JR. HIGH CONFERENCE

Danielle Gibbel, Liam McEvoy, Joanna Miller and Malakai Wolf – Youth
Ruoxia Miller & Dave Witkovsky – Advisors

*HYMN

"Here I am, Lord"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-45 (Page 861)

James 1:21-27 (Page 1054); Luke 4:14-21 (Page 892)

DRAMA

"Cloud of Witnesses"

FAITH X TESTIMONY TIME

Micah Gibbel, Ben and Zoë Miller, Bobby Wuhrman – Youth
Luke Miller & Dave Witkovsky – Advisors

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be A Light"

Thomas Rhett
Spark'Dwell/FaithX

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation
Offertory Spark'Dwell/FaithX Video
*Offering Prayer

*HYMN

"Beyond a dying sun"

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*SENDING

POSTLUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Mark 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.

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

Leading Worship.....Youth
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leader.....Youth
Children's Time.....Youth
Special Music.....Youth
Audio/Visual.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jeanette Brickner
Greeters Today.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Greeters Next Week.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
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, the church office or Kim Witkovsky, Interim Ministries 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: 70
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This Week at a Glance:

Today following Worship – Lemonade on the Lawn
Tues 8/5 4:00 pm Food Pantry Open 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Wed 8/6 9:30 am Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Room
1:00 pm Witness Ministry Team – Anna Mow Room
6:00 pm Pizza/Game Night – Gathering Space
Fri 8/8 8:30 am Soup Kitchen
– (Casseroles due at church by 8:30am)
Sat 8/9 4:00 pm Food Pantry Open 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Sun 8/10 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Brief Congregational Forum – Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship Service
– Sanct., Ken Gibble preaching

You may use this QR code
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Office Hours This Week: Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am - 10:30 am