

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 Speaker**.....Pastor Angela Finet  
**Music Director**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Accompanist**.....Becca Miller  
**Worship Leader**.....Kim Witkovsky  
**Children’s Time**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Audio/Visual**.....Justin Tomevi, Jay Crist  
**Ushers**.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**, Justin Tomevi  
.....John Anderson, Mary Esther Anderson  
**Worship Center Team**.....Judy Yingling, Bev Raney  
.....Sheldon & Doris Markel  
**Coffee/Hospitality**.....Kathy Kovacs  
**Today’s Greeters**..... Leonard & Helen Stoner  
**Next Week’s Greeters**.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke  
**Nursery Attendants**.....Jen Smart, Michele Gibbel

**DEACONS** are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need that a deacon may help you with, please contact your deacon or contact the church office or Pastor Joel.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary 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](mailto:secretary@yorkfirst.org)

Worship attendance last Sunday: 65

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Jesus, Our Friend”

Psalm 25:1-14, John 15:9-17



January 14, 2024



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

January 14, 2024

## WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**PRELUDE** *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us  
with I Stand Amazed in the Presence"* Tornquist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP^

One: Sing a new song to God, who has done marvelous things.

**People: We celebrate God's steadfast love and rejoice in  
God's faithfulness.**

One: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth; break forth in  
songs of praise.

**People: With lyre and trumpets and horns, we make melody  
in thanks to God.**

One: Rejoice that God has come in Jesus Christ to call us  
beloved friends.

**All: We sing for joy that Christ chooses us to go out and  
bear much fruit.**

**\*HYMN** *"Sing praise to God who reigns"* #59

### \*INVOCATION^^

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rebecca Wolf

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 25:1-14 (Page 476)

**ANTHEM** *"As the Deer"* Nystrom

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *"I come to the garden alone"* HS1003 (insert)

Pastoral Prayer

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 15:9-17 (Page 939)

**MESSAGE** "Jesus, Our Friend"

**\*HYMN** *"What a friend we have in Jesus"* #573 (#574 tune)

## GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give^

Offertory

*"How Great Thou Art"* Traditional Swedish Melody arr. Hayes

\*Offering Response *"Grant us, Lord, the grace"* #388

\*Unison Prayer of Blessing^

**Thank you, God, for the joy of loving and giving, for the  
friendship of Christ and the opportunities you give us to  
serve. May these gifts be used in accordance with your  
love for all your people. In Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *"Bless'd be the tie that binds"* #421 (vs. 1,3,5,6)

### \*BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** *"How Great is Our God"* Tornquist

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.

^ Bayler, Lavon. *Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B.*

(The Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH, 1987). Pg. 84.

^^ Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021.*

(Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2020). Pg 110

### This Week at a Glance:

Today	12:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting – Rm 154
Tues 1/16	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study – Anna Mow Room
	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Wed 1/17	9:00 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Room
Thurs 1/18	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl – Anna Mow Room
	4:30 pm	CDC Craft Show – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sat. 1/20	8:00 am	Worship Design Team Retreat – Anna Mow Room
Sun 1/21	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary

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