

**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**

**Music Director**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Accompanist**.....Becca Miller  
**Worship Leader**.....Tanya Sepe  
**Children’s Time**.....Michele Gibbel  
**Audio/Visual**.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist  
**Ushers**.....**Leader – Melanie Miller**  
.....Steve Hoover, Marjorie Schardt, Jacob Wingard, Kevin Wingard  
**Coffee/Hospitality**.....Connie Wingard  
**Today’s Greeters**.....Barry & Tammy Stehr  
**Next Week’s Greeters**.....Sheldon & Doris Markel  
**Nursery Attendants**.....Angie Robinson, Kim Tomevi

**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: 136

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

“Blinded by the Light”

Acts 9:1-20



April 27, 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

April 27, 2025

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**PRELUDE**                    *"He Lives"*                    Ackley arr. Koerts

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair  
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.  
And it is true. Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Leader: We hear a voice call our name,  
and we know our risen Lord  
is with us now and always.  
Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.  
Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**                    *"O worship the Lord"*                    #124

## \*INVOCATION

**CHILDREN'S TIME**                    Michele Gibbel

**CHOIR ANTHEM**                    *"He is Risen"*                    DeFord

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                    Acts 9:1-20 (Page 955)

**HYMN**                    *"New earth, heavens new"*                    #299(v1-2)

**MESSAGE**                    "Blinded by the Light"

**HYMN**                    *"New earth, heavens new"*                    #299(v3-4)

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory                    *"Because He Lives"* - Part I                    Gaither arr. Koerts

\*Offering Response                    *"Praise God from whom"*                    #119

\*Offering Prayer

**\*SENDING SONG**                    *"Here I am, Lord"*                    #395

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                    *"Because He Lives"* - Part II                    Gaither arr. Koerts

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	4/28	1:00 pm	Constitution Review Committee – Multi-Purpose Room
		6:15 pm	Education Team – Anna Mow Room
		6:45 pm	Worship Design Team – Multi-Purpose Room
Tues	4/29	10:00 am	VITAL Team – Multi-Purpose Room
Thurs	5/1	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
		7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Choir Room
Fri	5/2	6:00 pm	CDC Family Movie Night – Fellowship Hall
Sat	5/3	11:00 am	Celebration of Life Service for Rebecca McCracken - Sanct. Followed by lunch reception in the FH
Sun	5/4	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary