

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
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Chancel Choir Director.....John Gibble
Worship Leader.....Rebecca Wolf
Children's Time.....Pastor Joel Gibbel
Audio/Visual.....Dave McCracken, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller
Coffee/Hospitality.....Connie Wingard
Greeters Today.....Barry & Tammy Stehr
Greeters Next Week.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Nursery Care.....Kim Tomevi

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 and **Mobility Devices (wheelchairs, walkers, canes and a scooter)** available to borrow in the building or at home. Please contact a greeter or usher for assistance.

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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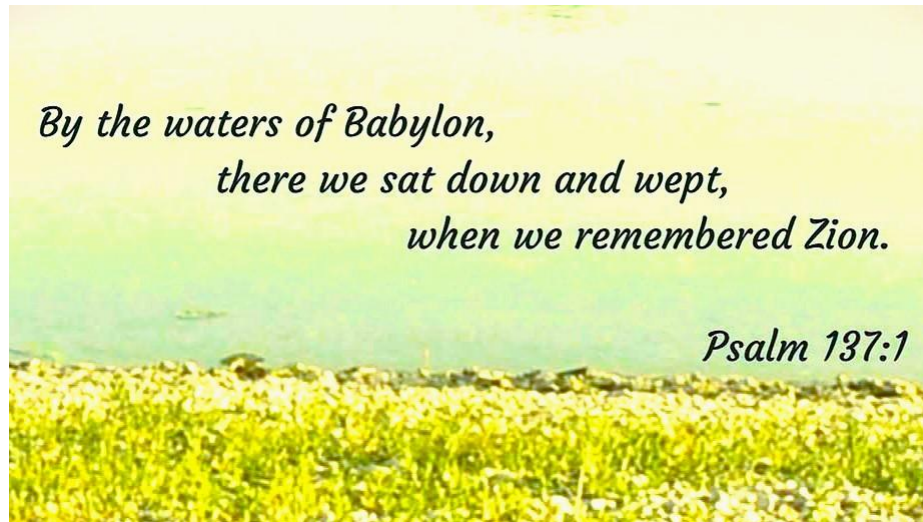
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Message: “Into Exile”

Ezekiel 12:8-16, Psalm 137:1-9

*By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.*

Psalm 137:1



October 25, 2026



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

10:30 AM

October 25, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

TIME FOR SHARING: District Conference

PRELUDE *"Knowing You"* Kendrick arr. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How do we sing when the world feels upside down?

People: We sing because God is still with us.

Leader: How do we pray when our hearts are heavy, and our questions have no answers?

People: We pray because God hears even the words we cannot speak.

Leader: How do we worship when violence fills our world, when children suffer, and when peace seems so far away?

People: We worship because we believe that suffering and violence do not have the final word.

Leader: How do we find our way when we feel lost, displaced, or far from home?

People: We remember that wherever we go, God goes with us.

Leader: So come, bringing your questions, your grief, your anger, and your hope. Come not because the world is as it should be, but because we trust in the One who calls us to help make it better.

All: Even in uncertainty, even in exile, even when the song is difficult to sing, we will worship the Lord our God!

*SONG *"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic"* 112

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *"This We Pray"* Althouse

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Ezekiel 12:8-16 (Page 721)
Psalm 137:1-9 (Page 541)

MESSAGE *"Into Exile"*

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

TIME OF GIVING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* - Part I
Scott arr. Raney

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

*Offering Prayer

*SENDING SONG *"Lift every voice and sing"* 579

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* - Part II
Scott arr. Raney

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

This Week at a Glance:

Today	4:00 pm	Youth Group Dodgeball – Fellowship Hall
Mon 10/26	6:00 pm	Education Team – Anna Mow Room
Wed 10/28	5:30 pm	Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot
Thurs 10/29	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Sat 10/31	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00am to 12:00pm
Sun 11/01	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Youth Group Dodgeball – Fellowship Hall

Reminder Daylight Saving Time Ends next Saturday November 1st

Longing for light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain



1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness,
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled.
 3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry.
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, — man - y are home-less.
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple,



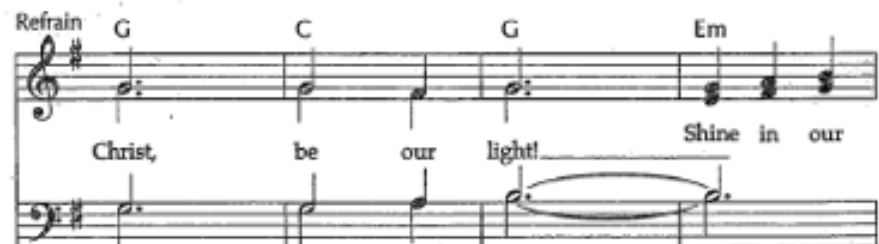
1 Long-ing for truth, — we turn to you.
 2 Long-ing for hope, — man - y de - spair.
 3 Long-ing for wa - ter, — man - y still thirst.
 4 Long-ing for warmth, — man - y are cold.
 5 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



1 Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple,
 2 Your word a - lone, — has pow'r to save us.
 3 Make us your bread, — bro - ken for oth - ers,
 4 Make us your build - ing, — shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 5 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



1 light for the world to see.
 2 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3 shared un - til all are fed.
 4 walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5 mak - ing your king - dom come.

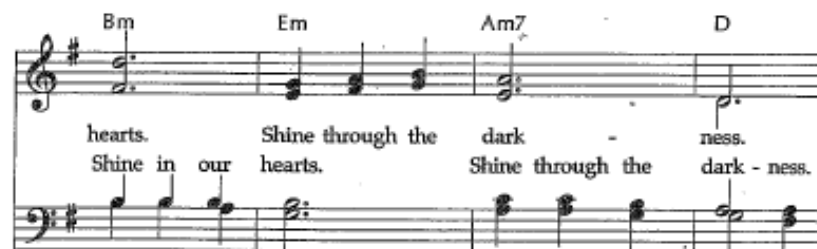


Christ, be our light! Shine in our

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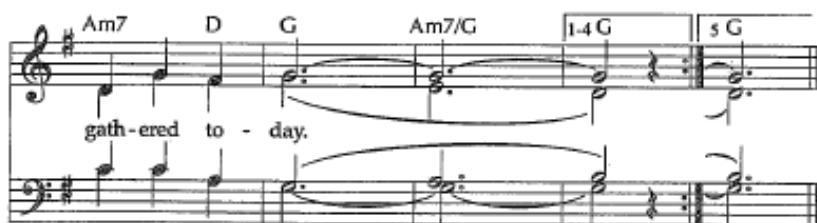
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hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
 Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church



gath - ered to - day.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday October 28: Trunk or Treat Event, 5:30 PM

Sunday November 8: Child Development Center Sunday

Sunday November 15: Worship 10:00 AM

Congregation Forum following 11:00 AM

You may use this QR code
to access our church's online giving

