

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel, pastor@yorkfirst.org
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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Guest Speaker.....Rev. Jessica Jasitt
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Assistant Choir Director.....John Gobble
Accompanist.....Rebecca Wolf
Drama.....Ben Miller, Micah Gibbel
Guest Vocalist.....Leah Myers
Worship Leader.....Kim Witkovsky
Children's Time.....Jessica Jasitt
Audio/Visual.....Dave Witkovsky, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman
Coffee/Hospitality.....Kathy Kovacs
Today's Greeters.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Next Week's Greeters.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke
Nursery Attendants.....Christine Wuhrman, Katie McEvoy

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

Worship attendance last Sunday: 75

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“The Wilderness”

Luke 4:1-13



March 9, 2025



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

10:30 AM

March 9, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Amazing Grace"* Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: "Come away to the wilderness with me," says the Savior.

People: In the wilderness, we do not live by bread alone.

One: In the wilderness, there are angels who lift us and
 sustain us.

**People: In the wilderness, we are led by the Holy Spirit
 of God.**

One: In the wilderness, we worship God alone.

**People: Our hearts are parched from wandering in the
 desert of sin,**

One: Far from your life-giving springs. Call us to your well.

People: Fill our cups with your grace.

**All: Let your love overflow in our hearts and make us
 come fully alive.**

*HYMN *"O God, in restless living"* #557

*UNISON PRAYER

**God, our world is a lonesome and bewildering one. We are
famished for friendships. We hunger for bread to nourish our
souls. Lost, we wander, wondering where we are. Lead us, feed
us, free us from fear, that we may fall to the grace of Jesus,
trusting our Savior and our Friend. For we are never alone - you
are always with us and will never forsake us.
We are your Beloved. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jessica Jasitt

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:8-13 CEB

TIME OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer Hymn *"Beneath the cross of Jesus"* (vs. 1) #250

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We surround ourselves with crosses, O God; yet we confess
that we shrink back from the awareness that your glory is
revealed in the criminal's cross of Jesus Christ. Help us to
know your presence wherever there is suffering in our world;
may we be channels of your love and healing, so that you may
not suffer needlessly.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

ANTHEM *"Carry Me Home"* Shafferman

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Scripture Reading Psalm 91NRSVUE

Song *"And I will raise you up"* #596

Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

SCRIPTURE IN LIVING COLOR

Luke 4:1-13 CEB

MESSAGE *"The Wilderness"*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"Jesus Paid It All"* Hayes & Gaspard

*Song Response *"Lord, speak to me"* (vs. 6) #499

*Prayer of Dedication

For those who are being saved, the cross is no longer folly.
Therefore, we present our gifts before this symbol of sacrifice and
service. We seek to share the story of suffering love that fulfills
life and conquers death. Bless these gifts and all who give; use our
wealth, our time, our abilities for the good of your people. Amen.

*HYMN *"Guide my feet"* #546

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

Knapp & Crosby

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.

Prayer for Lent by Kenneth Gible (1997)

Lord, Christ, in this season of Lent, as we draw nearer and nearer to the cross, give us courage. Our steps falter as we anticipate following your footsteps on the road to Calvary. Be strength for our weakness, be hope for our despair, be light for our darkness. Amen.

Worship Center flowers are dedicated to Quinn Josephine in celebration of her 5th birthday by proud grandparents, Dave and Kim Witkovsky with love!

Reading the New Testament Anabaptist Community Bible

This season, between now and Easter weekend, our goal as an entire church is to read through the entire New Testament together. We hope that all will make a sincere commitment and plan to spend time each day working through the scriptures. A sheet listing the full 90-day plan is available in the Gathering Area, please take one home today. Each day 3 chapters are assigned for us to read. Here are the readings for this week:

3/9 1 Peter 4-5
3/10 2 Peter 1-3
3/11 Hebrews 1-3
3/12 Hebrews 4-6
3/13 Hebrews 7-9
3/14 Hebrews 10-11
3/15 Hebrews 12-13
3/16 Luke 1-3

This Week at a Glance:

Today 3/9 4:00 pm Youth Group Dodgeball – FH
Mon 3/10 2:00 pm Constitution Review Comm. –
Multi-Purpose Room
Tues 3/11 6:30 pm Leadership Team – Rm 154
Wed 3/12 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Anna Mow Room
Thurs 3/13 5:30 pm Lent Dinner – Rm 154
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Choir Rm
Fri 3/14 8:30 am Soup Kitchen –
(Casseroles due at church by 8:30)
Sun 3/16 9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service – Sanctuary
4:00 pm Youth Group Dodgeball – FH

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