

## 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

**Music Director**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Accompanist**.....Becca Miller  
**Worship Leader**.....Deb & Greg Klinedinst  
**Children's Time**.....Rebecca Wolf  
**Audio/Visual**.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist  
**Special Music**.....Christine Wuhrman, Cello  
**Ushers**.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**  
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller  
**Coffee/Hospitality**.....Connie Wingard  
**Today's Greeters**.....Barry & Tammy Stehr  
**Next Week's Greeters**.....Sheldon & Doris Markel  
**Nursery Attendants**.....Michele Gibbel, Alicia/Sam Weyant

**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 Kim Witkovsky.

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: 97

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Would You Give it a Rest, Already?”

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Isaiah 56:6-8  
Matthew 11:28-20



May 25, 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

May 25, 2025

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE “Sarabande” Bach

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ, You have joined us into one living body. We thank you for these bonds of love that form us.

**People: Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our life together. Work within and among us.**

Leader: Confront us with your tenderness and set us on fire.

**People: Enable us, by Your Spirit, to walk together in unity of love and purpose, to uphold one another by word and example, and to live in faithful obedience to Your will.**

Leader: By the mercy and justice we show one another, may we reach out to a watching and waiting world.

**ALL: In our work and worship may Your glory be revealed and your name praised, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*HYMN “For the beauty of the earth” #89

## \*INVOCATION

CHILDREN’S TIME Rebecca Wolf

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns  
Prayer Hymn “Sanctuary” (insert)  
Prayers of the People

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Page 156)

Isaiah 56:6-8 (Page 636)

Matthew 11:28-20 (Page 845)

MESSAGE “Would You Give it a Rest, Already?”

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory “Nearer, My God, To Thee” Mason & Adams

\*Offering Response “Praise God from whom” #119(v1)

\*Offering Prayer

\*HYMN “The Blessing” (insert)

## \*BENEDICTION

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.

The floral arrangement on the communion table is in celebration of Steve and Nancy Jones’ Fifty-fifth wedding anniversary!

## This Week at a Glance:

Mon	5/26	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
Wed	5/28	6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study – Anna Mow Room
Thurs	5/29	1:00 pm Sabbatical Planning Team – Multi-Purpose Rm
Sat	5/31	10:00 am Food Pantry Open 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sun	6/1	9:00 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship Service/ Bread & Cup Communion – Sanctuary, Nancy Jones preaching

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## Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

## The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace

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