

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

10:30 AM

Aug. 17, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Holden arr. Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All: We remember, O God...

One: The countless saints of history
 who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

All: We remember, O God...

Women: The tender touch of loved ones,

One: the example of heroes,

Men: the healing words of comforters,

One: the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

All: We remember, O God...

Women: The gentle strength of grandmothers,

Men: the loyalty of friends,

One: the kindness of strangers,

Adults: the joy of children,

Youth: the sacrifice of parents.

**All: We remember in every time and place the
saints of God who have shown us the Lord.**

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
 witnesses...

All: let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN** *"Come, come, ye saints"* 425

***PRAYER (together):** Gather us together today O God, that we
may celebrate the witness of our forefathers and foremothers
and the courage that shaped your church. Teach us how to
honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present
days. May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts
be one that forms our own faith. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

CHILDREN'S TIME – Blessing of the Backpacks

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Morning Has Broken"* Farjeon

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:11-17 (Page 977)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *"My faith looks up to thee"* (vs. 1,2&3) 565

Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (Page 1051)

MESSAGE "By Faith..."

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *"Where He Leads Me"* Norris arr. Berry

*Offering Response *"Lord, speak to me"* (vs. 2) 499

*Prayer (together) **O God, though beliefs are by nature
unseen, we express ourselves as believers through
visible acts of faithfulness. Help us, we pray, to do all
that we do out of a commitment to follow Christ. And
receive our gifts as affirmations of the faith we share.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

***HYMN** *"Guide my feet"* 546

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"How Majestic Is Your Name"* Smith arr. Hayes

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.

**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

Guest Preacher	Walt Wiltschek
Music Director	Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist	Becca Miller
Worship Leader	Eric Miller & Ruoxia Li
Children's Time	Michele Gibbel, Michelle Sauder
Special Music	Barry Hollinger
Audio/Visual	John Gibble, Jay Crist
Ushers	Leader – Sheldon Markel
.....	Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller
Coffee/Hospitality	Alex Leair
Greeters Today	Rebecca & Ava Soyke
Greeters Next Week	Barry & Tammy Stehr
Nursery Attendant	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, the church office or Kim Witkovsky, Interim Ministries Coordinator.

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.

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.

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To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org
To receive the prayer chain emails, please contact the church office.

Worship attendance last Sunday: 66
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This Week at a Glance:

Today		12:00 pm	Deacon Meeting – Anna Mow Rm
Tues	8/19	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 to 5:30 pm
		6:00 pm	CDC Ministry Team – Anna Mow Rm
Wed	8/20	9:30 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Rm
		6:00 pm	Pizza/Game Night – Gathering Space
Thurs	8/21	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sat	8/23	11:00 am	Celebration of Life Service for Jack Myers – Sanct./FH (Visitation will be 9:00 to 11:00 am followed by a meal)
Sun	8/24	9:00 am	Combined Sunday School – Rm 154
		10:30 am	Welcome Back Worship Service – Sanct. Following Worship Lemonade on the Lawn

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