

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

10:30 AM **June 29, 2025**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"*
Traditional Spiritual Art. Marilyn Thompson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (back of bulletin)

***INVOCATION** (back of bulletin)

***HYMN** *"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"* 71

CHILDREN'S TIME

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SHARING - Waves of Wonder!

Scripture Verse: Psalm 93:4

But Lord, you are more powerful
than the roar of the ocean.
You are stronger than the waves of the sea.
Lord, you are powerful in heaven.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Hymn *"O let all who thirst" (vs. 1&3)* 495
Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-5 (Page 937)

MESSAGE "The Wonder of Water"

HYMN *"When peace, like a river" (vs. 1&2)* 336

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"Faith"* Mark Hayes

*Sung Response *"Praise God from whom" (vs.1)* 119

***Prayer (together)** – Words for Worship #222

Generous God, you have given us life, a safe place to live in and caring people to live with. You provide us with a safe shelter, enough food, clean water and adequate clothing. Open our eyes to our local neighbors and to all our brothers and sisters around the world, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, and to give generously out of our abundance so that a little of your love, justice and peace may come to them and to us. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and the service of others. Amen.

COMMISSIONING SERVICES - Annual Conference and FaithX (insert)

Annual Conference Delegate – Dave Witkovsky

Pastor Joel Gibbel

FaithX Youth: Michal Gibbel

Ben Miller

Zoë Miller

Bobby Wuhrman

FaithX Advisors: Luke Miller

Dave Witkovsky

***HYMN** *"Lord, you have come to the lakeshore" (vs. 1,2&3)* 229

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"Simple Gifts"* Traditional Shaker Melody arr. Cindy Berry

*Please stand in body or spirit.

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Interim Ministries Coordinator.....Kim Witkovsky
witkovskyks@gmail.com
Church Admin. Asst......Karen Bowman, secretary@yorkfirst.org

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Christy Waltersdorff
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leader.....Beth Anne Bahn
Special Music.....VBS Children
Children's Time.....Rebecca Wolf
Vacation Bible School Sharing.....Diane Gibble
Audio/Visual.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jason Wolf
Greeters Today.....John & Mary Esther Anderson
Greeters Next Week.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Nursery Attendant.....Bri Herbst

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.

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: 76

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This Week at a Glance:

Mon	6/30	1:00 pm	Constitution Comm. – Multi-Purpose Rm
Tues	7/1	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00pm to 5:30pm
		5:00 pm	Worship Design Team - Rebecca's W. home
Wed	7/2	9:30 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Rm
		6:00 pm	Pizza/Game Night – Gathering Space
Fri	7/4		Church Office Closed
Sun	7/6	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Annual Conference Worship Service – Sanct.
			After Worship – Lemonade on the Lawn

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to access our church's online giving



Office hours at the church for Kim Witkovsky,
Interim Ministries Coordinator
Contact information: witkovskyks@gmail.com (814) 599-7055

Weekly Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wed 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

York First Church of the Brethren FaithX 2025 Litany of Commissioning

Leader: Just as Jesus humbly came to serve, you begin your journey of service with a heart led by compassion, a witness grounded in love, and a life that reflects the goodness of God.

**Congregation: Be present with those that you
Serve and spread God's love to all that you meet.**

Participants: We seek to go into the world as the hands and feet of Jesus, acting as servants in the communities we visit.

Leader: Just as Jesus responded to the Spirit's leading, you begin your journey of service with the desire to receive God's calls to action.

**Congregation: Be open to hear God's voice and
willing to follow in the example of Christ.**

Participants: We embrace God's call and prepare our hearts to go wherever the Spirit may lead us.

Leader: Just as Jesus spoke life and challenged the status quo, you begin your journey of service with power to influence the world for good.

**Congregation: Be leaders who confidently stand
for what is right and who passionately seek to
create a better world.**

Participants: We will not be afraid to reflect the radical love demonstrated by Jesus.

Leader: Just as Jesus sought to create community, you begin your journey of service with a heart open to those around you and eager to build new relationships.

**Congregation: Be welcoming so that you may
create community within your FaithX group and
among those you serve.**

Participants: We will intentionally fellowship with those we meet, creating meaningful moments and connections.

Leader: Just as Jesus worshiped God with gladness and celebrated God's blessings, you begin your journey of service with excitement for what lies ahead and deep appreciation for the experience of serving others.

**Congregation: We send you out with our love,
prayers and blessing! We commission you to serve
in the name of Christ, and we will welcome you
back home with joy and gratitude!**

Participants: We thank you for your loving support on this journey of faith and service – we leave this place with open hands and open hearts, seeking God's will in all that we do!

Prayer