

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
March 4, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

*When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.*

PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING “O Word of God Incarnate” Hymn #140

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 148*)

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ONE: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

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\*OPENING HYMN “Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn #170

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct us to what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “The Gloria Patri”  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**  
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CHILDREN’S SONG (Children ages 4-8 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
He forgave my sin and He saved my soul,  
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,  
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,  
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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,  
He will cleanse their hearts, He will make them whole,  
Go; and tell the story of the Christ of Calvary.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Jesus Paid It All/O Sacred Head” arr. B. Adams  
(Gary Troxell, Clarinet)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 20:19-44 page #878

SERMON “Asked and Answered” Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Church Sonata No. 3 in E-flat”  
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W. A. Mozart

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing that our motives are mixed. Still, we offer these gifts with boldness, knowing that your love is stronger than our impurities and imperfections. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Hymn #247

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

Hymn #644

\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

J. Stanley/H. Coleman

(Should you be moved to respond to a musical offering, a hearty “Amen” is recommended)

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer

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**Elders:** John Garner, Josh Irvine, Richard Miller, Mike Ressler

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**Greeters:** Ken & Deb Strubel

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**“ASKED AND ANSWERED”**  
**Luke 20:20-44**  
**“FOOD FOR THOUGHT” (March 5- March 10)**

**Monday:** Read Luke 20:20-44 Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you about yesterday’s sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

What difference will it make in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday:** Read Luke 20:20-26 How was this question designed to trick Jesus?

What does Jesus’ answer teach about our obligation to civil government? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it teach us about our obligation to God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday:** Read Luke 20:27-38 What do these verses teach us about marriage?

What is the primary purpose of Jesus’ response to the Sadducees? \_\_\_\_\_

Take a few moments to thank the Lord for the resurrection and for the promise of eternal life!

**Thursday:** Read Luke 20:41-44 Why does Jesus counter with this question? Is there a connection to what has gone before? \_\_\_\_\_

What do these verses teach us about Jesus understanding of his own identity? \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday:** Read Luke 20:26; 39-40 What is the response of the people to the answers of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Think about the foolishness of arguing with God. Have you done it? \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday:** Read Luke 20:45-21:4 in preparation for tomorrow’s service. Write down observations or questions that you might have. \_\_\_\_\_

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ORGAN PRELUDE

“Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin” (BWV 616)  
(With peace and joy I depart)  
“Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee”

J. S. Bach

F. Peeters

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PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

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ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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