

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
March 1, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Christum wir sollen loben schon” (BWV 611) J.S. Bach
(We should now praise Christ)
“Adagio Sostenuto” F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm- 40:9-10 ESV*)

ONE: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
ALL: Behold, I have not restrained my lips, O LORD.
ONE: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
ALL: I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
ONE: I have not concealed your steadfast love
ALL: And your faithfulness from the great congregation.

*OPENING HYMN “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” Hymn #455

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 34:18*)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Let us admit our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.
ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.
ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.
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ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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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.**

*APOSTLES CREED

**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 catholic¹ church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**
(1 or universal)

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:1-7 Page #948

SERMON “A New Respect for Authority” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” D. Wood

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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nourish us with these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world.
With grateful hearts we offer our hearts and lives to you, the giver of every
good and perfect gift, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN "He was Pierced..." Praise Book #12

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN "Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer" Hymn #713

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Jubilate" Wm. Mathias

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Center: Lewis & Margie Ingles

Greeters: Phil Laukhuff

Ushers: Bill Baldwin & Dennis Weaver

Altar Guild: Sue Beiler

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
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PIANO PRELUDE – *Let us quiet our hearts as we silently prepare to worship*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Across the Lands”

Praise Book #2

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CHILDREN'S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.
Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil;
This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Global Outreach Meeting
7:00 pm Women's Steering Committee at Ruth Pankuch's
Wednesday 2:30 pm T.E.A.M.
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
Saturday 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's
1:00 pm Bowling at 222 Dutch Lanes

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 03/08 12:00 pm Inquirers Luncheon
6:00 pm Youth Group
Wednesday 03/11 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 03/12 6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – March 8, 2020
SERMON: "A New Law of Love"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 13:8-14

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	85	\$4,883.00
<u>Late Service</u>	136	\$4,722.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$9,605.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/01/2020

*WELCOME VISITORS!! We are happy that you are with us. Our purpose is to share Christ through our ministries. Please sign the visitors' card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. **Nursery is offered during our 10:30 worship service for children ages three or younger. KINGDOM KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is available for children ages 4-7. They will be dismissed during the 10:30 service "Children's Song".*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All of our homebound members and also prayers of healing for:

Edie Richard	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See		
Amy Weigelt - daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt	Andrew Spotts - grandson of Alice & Bob Spotts		
Lou Ford	Natalie Anderson	Susan Graybill	Cindy Sierk
Carol Flora	Stu Sacks	Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs
Kurt Weaver	Pat Fieger	Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them.
 (New names added to the list appear in dark print)

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in memory of Paul Houck by Raymell and family.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from our ushers as you enter the sanctuary.

SCENT-FREE SEATING - For those with sensitivity to scents, seating has been designated in the southwestern section of the balcony. Please be respectful of those who have a medical reaction to scents and fragrances.

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

FREE BIBLE & CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE - We are offering a free copy of the English Standard Version Bible (the one we use in our pews) to anyone who would like one. Also, there is a Children's Bible for families with children under

12. One per family, please. Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

TITUS FAMILY UPDATE: Shirley is doing much better seizure-wise. Jan and Feb were pretty rough. She was averaging 70-120+ seizures a day and we could not get control of them without needing to use rescue meds. Her recent labs came back well, so we decided to up one of her more effective meds. We had held off on going up on it recently because it can cause her really low sodium. But she was holding steady last we checked so it was worth trying. She has been doing MUCH better so far, despite a minor head cold that our family all seemed to catch this last week, starting with Addie and ending with Shirley. Pray that Shirley's cold doesn't move to her chest or cause any need for hospitalization. She has actually had fewer seizures while being sick, but her low muscle tone makes it hard for her to get the congestion out.

We have an overnight nurse now for 2 nights a week. Not only is she a believer, but she also attends a PCA church! The Lord is sovereign and good. Pray for all of us as we make this transition to essentially have a stranger in our home overnight watching our child.

Please continue praying that the Lord would provide the right home for our family at the right time. Thank you for loving our family well.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

AN INQUIRER'S LUNCH is scheduled for Sunday, March 8. The lunch which will take place after the 10:30 service is open to all who are interested in learning more about St. Stephen ministries, history and membership.

BOWLING WITH THE YOUTH – Join us for some fun as we go bowling on Saturday, March 7 from 1pm to 3pm at 222 Dutch Lanes. Deadline to sign-up is today, on the sheet in the narthex. Any questions should be directed to Tom Frankhouser.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Outreach Committee is planning a community outreach event on Saturday, June 13. It is called the "Free Market" and it is a Flea Market except everything is free! We are looking for folks to come alongside us to plan and carry out this event. You don't have to join the committee to help us out for this event. Please show up at the meeting this coming Thursday night, March 5 at 7:00 PM.

USHERS are needed to assist in the early service. If you might have an interest in this ministry or want more information, please contact Gene Eberly, 717.682.5284.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Game Night** is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6:30-9:00 pm
- **Ladies' Breakfast** will be held at Yoder's Restaurant on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:30 am
- **Ladies' Tea** will be held in Lower Zwingli on April 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

SPRING BUS TRIP flyers are on the table in the narthex. Come along, join us on a trip called "Made in America" Sights, Sounds, and Tastes of York County. Wednesday, May 6th on Elite Coach. Price per person: \$118. Note, a \$50.00 deposit is due on registration (checks should be made out to Cheryl Weaver). Any questions call Cheryl Weaver, 717-354-8704.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

CROSSNET MINISTRIES ANNUAL BANQUET is schedule for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 with featured speaker Scott Hamilton (Olympic Champion, Cancer Survivor and Broadcaster). Envelopes which include more information and reservation cards are available on the table in the narthex.

CONCERT: The Gospel According to Bach. Tom & Cheryl Elliot, who have been guest musicians at St. Stephen's on several occasions, have created a program called, *The Gospel According to Bach*.

This will be presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster on April 5 at 6:30 pm. A freewill offering will be taken. View the poster on the bulletin board or for more information: www.sdgconcerts.wordpress.com.

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. Bins for donations are located in the narthex and breezeway. Monetary donations are also welcome via your offering envelope – remember to indicate *Food Bank* on your gift.

