

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
April 22, 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

“Across the Lands”

Songs of Praise #2

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 84*)

ONE: How lovely are your dwelling places, O Lord of hosts!

MANY: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

ONE: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

MANY: How blessed are they who dwell in your house.

ONE: They are ever praising you.

MANY: A day in your courts is better than a thousand outside.

*OPENING HYMN

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

Hymn #535

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. So, let us acknowledge our sins and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. On the basis of the work of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sins, and grant that from this time forward we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, 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.**

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 sins 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.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Know My Heart”

B. Harlan

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39-65

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SERMON

“In the Garden”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

H. Smart

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our Father, having so greatly loved us and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Hymn #708

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "The People Respond 'Amen'" D. Locklair

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ORGAN PRELUDE

"Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ" (BWV 623) J. S. Bach
(We thank thee, Lord Jesus Christ)
"God Moves in a Mysterious Way" R. Brunner

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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.
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