

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
October 20, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (BWV 645) J. S. Bach
(Wake, arise, loud call the voices)
Largo from “Xerxes” Handel/Bish

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100 ESV*)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

ALL: Serve the LORD with gladness!

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ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

ONE: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

ALL: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ONE: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever

ALL: And his faithfulness to all generations.

*OPENING HYMN

“Join All the Glorious Names”

Hymn #301

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

Your word says “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Sadly, there are many times when we fail to reflect our new identity. Let us come to our loving Father and confess our failures.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we are thankful that you have adopted us into your family through Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us for the thoughts, words, and deeds that fail to reflect our new relationship with you. We cry “Abba

Father” as we look to you for mercy and grace. Thank you for the assurance that your Spirit gives that we belong to you forever. Amen.

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.

ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-17

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SERMON

“The Spirit of Adoption”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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

Thank you for making us your heirs together with Jesus Christ our Lord. The gifts that you have given to us surpass anything the world can ever provide. Help us to grow in gratitude and generosity in response to your kindness. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“A Child of the King”

Hymn #525

Sexton: Jill Wilson

Bookkeeper: Charlene Good

Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

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

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PIANO PRELUDE – *Let us quiet our hearts as we silently prepare to worship*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Speak, O Lord”

Praise Book #28

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

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Satisfied”
Bob Straton, tenor

Hudson

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Group Week

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

Thursday 6:00 pm CrossNet Meals Group
6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 10/27 New Members Reception
6:00 pm Youth Group

Wednesday 10/30 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal at Fire Hall

Thursday 10/31 6:45 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 11/02 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's

NEXT SUNDAY – October 27, 2019

SERMON: "Spiritual Hope"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Romans 8:18-27

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 13, 2019

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	102	\$2,913.00
<u>Late Service</u>	162	\$5,254.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$8,167.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/20/19

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:

Amy Weigelt – daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt Marijane Schappel – sister of Carol Weigelt

Kaylee Richard Lee Curley Shirley Titus Joan Jacobs Alice Spotts

Pat Fieger Laine Eberly Steve Loewen Henry Weaver Kurt Weaver

**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 her mother, Jo Krapf, by Cheryl Krapf.

THE WHITE ROSE on the communion table is in memory of Frank "Mike" Jacobs who passed on October 12, 2019. Please keep Joan, the family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

Church Activities

LIFE GROUPS WEEK: Just a reminder, *Life Groups* meet this week on the day as normally scheduled for your group.

THE COMMUNION COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers willing to prepare the elements for communion Sundays. Volunteers would be responsible for four Sundays during the course of the year. Preparation time (including clean-up time) is approximately 2 – 3 hours. Please contact the Church office – 717-354-7871 or Ernest Orr – 717-354-7121 if interested.

ST. STEPHEN CHOIR is looking for more singers and we know you are out there! It is a great time to give the Choir Ministry a trial run for the Christmas season as it is fast approaching. If you love to sing and would like to see if the Choir Ministry is for you, please come and join us on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 pm in the sanctuary.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY – Today is the last day to sign-up for St. Stephen’s “Fifth Wednesday Fellowship” meal, to be held **Wednesday, October 30, 2019** at New Holland Fire Hall, **339 East Main Street, from 6:00-8:00 pm**. Come enjoy a delicious catered meal while learning to know your church family better! Donations will be accepted at the door that evening. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex; you may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW HOLLAND CLOTHING BANK - October is the time to donate your clean, gently used coats and jackets to the New Holland clothing bank. There is a box located in the narthex to place your donations. Thanks for caring and sharing. The Outreach Committee

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: National Collection Week (Nov. 18–25) is fast approaching for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! We will be passing out shoeboxes starting the first week in October, to be filled with items to send all over the world to children that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Every village that delivers shoeboxes also teaches the children about Jesus and His love for them. If you can't get out to purchase items for a shoebox, you can donate money to ship one. The cost this year is again \$9.00 per box. I have purchased 100 boxes. Please help me to fill them! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (484-459-4884), email me (djwimer@aol.com) or see me at the OCC table in the lobby. In Christ, Joy Wimer

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER - St. Stephen will again offer a FREE Community Thanksgiving Day meal for residents in the Eastern Lancaster County area. Monetary contributions are welcome which will be helpful in providing for this meal. Designated envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate. If using your weekly church offering envelope, please be sure to specify “*Thanksgiving Dinner*” on the envelope. Additional information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cathy Eby at 717-354-7783.

Our church has the opportunity for the 2019/2020 school year to continue our involvement to provide a hot meal once a month for the youth at CrossNet Ministries here in New Holland. Their youth center is located on Franklin St. where the youth fellowship in the Word of God, have an evening meal and play games. We have two committees alternating each month to make the meals, deliver and serve to the youth at CrossNet. If you would like to contribute to this ministry with a monetary donation towards the food there is a receptacle on the table in the narthex labeled CrossNet Meals. Several churches in New Holland help provide these evening meals and St Stephen is proud to continue being part of this ministry. Thank you.

HUNGRY? – There are quarts of chicken corn noodle soup and ox roast beef available in the freezers for \$5 each. Put your payment in the cash box on top of the freezer.

**THE PURPOSE OF ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH,
“THE BEACON ON THE HILL”
IS**

TO KNOW Jesus, the light of the world,

*John 8:12 “Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the Light of life.’”*

TO GROW together as His followers, and

1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

TO SHOW His light to the world.

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”