

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
October 21, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele” (BWV 654) J.S. Bach
(Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness)

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Selected from Psalm 146*)

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ALL: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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ALL: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

ONE: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

ALL: Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

ONE: Who made heaven and earth, the sea,

ALL: And all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

*OPENING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn #295

*INVOCATION

Nathaniel Stamper

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If our Lord should mark iniquities who could stand? But there is forgiveness with the Lord, so that we, with reverence, can serve Him. Since our hope is in the Lord, and since with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem, let us confess our sins before him since it is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your

representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. 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.

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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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

St. Stephen Bells

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-11

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SERMON

“A Privileged Life”

Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey” (Rockingham Old)

P.P. Stearns

*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.

Sexton: Jill Wilson
Bookkeeper: Charlene Good
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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring you these gifts, O God, from what we have first received from you. Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church to flourish as we together serve our neighbors by proclaiming the gospel, showing love, and doing mercy. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “O God beyond All Praising” Hymn #660

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE Postlude on ‘Old 100th’ H. Willan

(Should you be moved to respond to a special 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)
“Blessing and Honor”

Hymn #300

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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...

Life Groups Weeks
Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 10/28 6:00 pm Youth Group
Tuesday 10/30 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Fellowship Time at Edie Richard's
Thursday 11/01 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 11/03 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's

NEXT SUNDAY – October 28, 2018
SERMON: "Finding Your Way"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 14, 2018

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>\$4,064.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>\$10,377.00</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$14,441.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/21/18

*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:

Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Thelma (Tiny) Buch	Barb Carey
Carolyn Martin		Vicky Stanley	Gary & Deb Gnagey
Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter		Henry Weaver – brother of George Weaver	
Anne Sensenig - niece of Joanne Mellinger		Kathy Gregg – friend of Ruth Frankhouser	

*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 today is in memory of Philip Price, Jr. who passed on October 12, 2018. Please keep the family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

WE WOULD like to express our deepest appreciation for the kind notes and words of encouragement on Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. It is a privilege to serve the flock here at St. Stephen Church and we are grateful to God for each of you. In His love, Tim, Nathaniel, and Stu.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES 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.

Church Activities

Sinclair B. Ferguson is a native of Scotland and earned his Ph.D at the University of Aberdeen. He was minister of two churches in Scotland, on the Island of Unst the most northerly of the Shetland Isles, and in St George's-Tron, in the centre of Glasgow, as well as serving in the USA at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C. In addition, he was for many years Professor of Systematic Theology at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia and at Redeemer Seminary in Dallas. He is currently the honorary evening preacher in St Peter's Free Church of Scotland, Dundee. He has authored around fifty books and contributed to many others. He and his wife Dorothy have been blessed with three sons and a daughter and eleven grandchildren.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY volunteers are needed for January through April. If you are interested in serving, please contact Faith at 717-408-5220 or fitus@ststephenpca.org. We will especially have a need for nursery volunteers during the Sunday School and Second Service hours.

CLOTHING BANK - October is the time to donate your clean, gently used coats and jackets, all sizes for the clothing bank here in New Holland. There is a box in the narthex for your convenience. Thank you for caring and sharing in this ministry for our community. The Outreach Committee

25th ANNUAL COMMUNITY 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – "It's that time again, to start collecting goodies to fill your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can stop by the church lobby to pick up your shoe boxes! The cost for shipping shoe boxes is \$9, which should either be affixed to the top of your box or placed in the Donation box.

DO NOT put your shipping money in the shoebox. National Collection Week is November 12. No candy or toothpaste please! We filled over 100 shoe boxes last year, let's see if we can top that this year. Be sure to share with friends so they can pack shoe boxes, too!" For more information, you can email Joy Wimer at djwimer@aol.com or go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: All women and teenage daughters are invited to a breakfast at Yoder's Restaurant on Saturday, November 10 from 8:30-9:30 am. Edie Richard will share an inspirational testimony. You are welcome to order off the menu or to enjoy the buffet. If you are planning to attend, please bring an item from the suggested list to encourage our college student, Becky Snyder, and our members in the service. Suggested items include the following: cards of encouragement, Gluten free (Kind brand) pretzels, crackers, granola bars, Star Bucks Gift Card for Becky and homemade baked goodies, nonperishable snacks in cans or jars to prevent crushing (e.g., beef jerky, tuna, trail mix, Pringles, candy, cookies and crackers), necessities (e.g., small containers of shampoo, body wash, baby wipes, deodorant, sunscreen, toothpaste, lip balm, foot powder, throat lozenges, batteries), books, magazines, crossword puzzles, new ear buds, DVDs or iTunes gift cards, pens, notepads, stationary, envelopes, homemade artwork from the kids for our service members.

JUNE 2019 BUS TRIP – for those who have not received the email, there are packets of information in the narthex regarding this trip to determine interest. Please pick-up one and review to determine if you'd like to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Questions should be directed to Cheryl Weaver (717.354.8704).

THANK YOU - We would like to thank everyone for their help with the St. Stephen Ox Roast and Soup stand at the New Holland Fair this year. This would include the chicken corn noodle and ham and bean soup makers, meat preparation, help at the stand, dishwashers, trailer cleaners and all other work involved with the stand. Thank you to the volunteers that helped after church Sunday to clean out the food trailer and prepare the leftover meat and soup for freezing, washing containers and just odds and ends that needed attention. We couldn't do it without all of your help. Thank you for supporting our stand by purchasing food and drink. Thanks to all of you, our farm show week was a great success. - Paula Houck and Tom Weaver

SOUP - There are quarts of chicken corn noodle and bean soup available in the freezer. Please put your money (cash or check) in the cash box.