

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
October 27, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Wo soll ich fliehen hin” (BWV 646)
(Where should I fly from here)
“Rigaudon”

J. S. Bach

A. Campra

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 46*)

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ALL: A very present help in trouble.

ONE: Therefore we will not fear,

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ONE: And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;

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ONE: Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.

ALL: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

ONE: The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

ALL: God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved

ONE: I will be exalted among the nations,

ALL: I will be exalted in the earth.”

ONE: The Lord of hosts is with us;

ALL: The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn #92

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

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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.

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Ye Holy Angels Bright”
St Stephen Choir

Eric Thiman

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-27

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SERMON

“Spiritual Hope”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“A Mighty Fortress”

D. Buxtehude

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Altar Guild: Viki Eberly
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*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

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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.”

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Greeters: Ron & Dot Bensinger

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Faith of Our Fathers”

Hymn #570

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

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.

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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**
Wednesday 6:00 pm **Fellowship Meal at Firehall**
Thursday 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**
Saturday 7:30 pm **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 11/03 **Communion**
6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Monday 11/04 6:30 pm **Women's Bible Study**
Tuesday 11/05 9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**
Wednesday 11/06 2:30 pm **T.E.A.M.**
6:30 pm **Bell Rehearsal**
6:30 pm **Prayer Meeting – Upper Zwingli**
Thursday 10/31 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**
7:00 pm **Outreach Committee Meeting**

NEXT SUNDAY – November 3, 2019

SERMON: "Spiritual Certainty"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Romans 8:28-30

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 20, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	80	\$3,571.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	150	\$3,920.00
	Amount received for General Fund only		\$7,491.00

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/27/19

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 Marijane Schappel – sister of Carol **Werner von der Heide**
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 loved ones by Betty Humphreys.

DEAR ST STEPHEN FAMILY – Many thanks to you for all your concerns after my recent fall. We appreciate your calls, concern, gifts and food and of course all your prayers. I am mending slowly and hope to see you soon. Alice Spotts

I want to thank everyone who came to my assistance during my episode last Sunday morning. There were too many to name but your concern was much appreciated. I particularly appreciated Pastor Tim's phone call later in the day to see if I was OK. Thanks to all concerned. Ed Howell

BOSSLER ADDRESS – While Stuart and Wanda remain in Colorado for her recuperation, their address is as follows: Wanda Bossler, c/o Brittney Park, 5156 Miriam Lane, Parker, CO 80134.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends on Sunday, November 3. Remember to turn your clocks **back** one (1) hour Saturday night.

CHURCH OFFICE: Please keep in mind, the church administrative assistant will be out of the office beginning Friday, October 25, returning Monday, November 4.

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

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 and the pay is great! 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.

PIANO – The black piano in the Special Class room is seeking a home. If you have any interest in a working piano, or know someone else who does, please contact Tom Frankhouser or Gene Eberly.

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. If you are able to help at the meal on Thanksgiving Day or have any questions, please feel free to contact Cathy Eby at 717-354-7783.

Altar Committee is asking for your help during the Christmas season. We are in need of 3 or 4 people to help water the poinsettias, 3 or 4 people to help with the Christmas eve services little candles and 2 or 4 people to be greeters for either service. Please contact Jean Martin, 717-354-2204. This is an easy way to serve the church with only a little commitment of your time.

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.