

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
October 7, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

“Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt Walten” (BWV 647) J.S. Bach  
(If thou wilt suffer God to guide thee)  
“I Need Thee Every Hour” arr. E. L. Diemer

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:1-4*)

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**ALL: And bless your name forever and ever.**  
ONE: Every day I will bless you  
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ONE: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
**ALL: And his greatness is unsearchable.**  
ONE: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
**ALL: And shall declare your mighty acts.**

\*OPENING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” Hymn #296

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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We confess that we have wandered from your way:  
we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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.**

#### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

#### Question 20

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**ALL: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.**

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SCRIPTURE READING                  Philippians 2:1-11                                  page #980

SERMON                  “Our Amazing Savior, Our Great Example”          Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY                          “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”                          arr. C. Callahan

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE                          “Doxology”  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
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\*CLOSING HYMN                          “Before the Throne of God Above”                          Praise Book #5

\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*POSTLUDE                          Postlude on ‘Hyfrydol’    G. Young

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

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**Greeters:** Connie Eckert & Al Esh

**Ushers:** Phil Laukhuff & Jim Leonard

**Altar Guild:** Viki Eberly

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Praise Book #19

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**Greeters:** Ruth Kapp

**Ushers:** Bob Spotts, Mike Price, Dave Kanaley & Jonathan Hibshman

**Altar Guild:** Viki Eberly

**Counting Team:** Don Orner & Sue Beiler

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

*THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...*

***Life Groups Week***

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Early Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Gathering</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Property Committee Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Steering Committee Meeting</b>
		<b>at Ruth Pankuch's</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Outreach Committee Meeting</b>
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>Fall Friend Day</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>9:30 am Women's Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Global Outreach Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>6:45 pm Choir Practice</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/20</b>	<b>5:30 pm Congregation Dinner &amp; Talent Show</b>

**NEXT SUNDAY – October 14, 2018**  
**SERMON: "Where Wisdom Begins"**  
**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>\$3,685.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>\$10,903.26</u>
<b>Amount received for General Fund only</b>			<b>\$14,588.26</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/07/18**

*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			

\*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 Mike's parents, John and Fran Ressler by Mike and Sue Ressler.

**TABLETALK** – The October issue is available at the Welcome Center.

**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.

**FREE BIBLE, Adults and Children** - 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 Storybook 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.

**DIRECTORY ADDRESS UPDATES:**

Larry & Joan Martin  
612 Spring Hollow Dr  
New Holland, PA 17557

### **Church Activities**

**PRAYER GATHERING/FALL FRIEND DAY** – Please use the enclosed invitation to invite a friend to visit St Stephen Church.

Focusing on Fall Friend Day, you will find a “Fishing List” included in your bulletin. Use this to list the names of people you are inviting and/or praying will be gripped by the Gospel. At tonight’s prayer gathering we will pray that their hearts will be open to the Gospel message.

**FARM SHOW CLEANUP** - volunteers are needed to help clean out the food trailer and prepare leftover beef and soup for freezing after today’s late service. Please stay to help if you are able, the more people we have the sooner we’ll be done.

**TALENT NIGHT & CONGREGATIONAL DINNER:** It’s not too late to add your name/talent to the list for talent night. Simply let us know what you will be performing (instrument, title, etc.) so Barb Witmer at [bwit5sings@gmail.com](mailto:bwit5sings@gmail.com) or 610.733.0757 or Fran Rapp at [franrapp@frontier.com](mailto:franrapp@frontier.com) or 717.355.6511 can plan the program.

Also, you **do not** need to perform a talent to attend the dinner. Please sign-up in the narthex if you plan to attend the dinner, so we can prepare the food. We will meet at 5:30 pm at the New Holland fire hall and start with a boxed dinner.

**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](mailto:djwimer@aol.com) or go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**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).