

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
November 11, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

**Indicates those able may stand*

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“God Alone is to be Praised”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

ONE: Praise the LORD!

ALL: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

ONE: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

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

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Hymn #345

*INVOCATION

Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*1 John 1:8-9*)

God’s Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, and God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive our sins and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“We Gather Together”

arr. R. Bonam

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverb 3:9-10

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SERMON

“What Your Checkbook Says About You”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

G. Young

*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

Give us grace to thank you as the Giver of every good gift and enable us to gratefully return the firstfruits of what you have provided to us for your glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own” Hymn #432

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Our Great Savior” 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)

“We Gather Together”

Hymn #363

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

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Groups Week
Today 8:15 am **Early Worship Service**
 9:30 am **Sunday School**
 10:30 am **Worship Service**
 12:00 pm **Inquirer's Luncheon at Ruth Pankuch's**
58 Heister Ave, New Holland
 6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Wednesday 7:00 pm **Finance Committee Meeting**
Thursday 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 11/18 6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Monday 11/19 6:30 pm **Women's Bible Study**
Tuesday 11/20 9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**
Wednesday 11/21 6:30 pm **Bell Rehearsal**
Thursday 11/22 11:00-1:00 **Community Thanksgiving Dinner at**
the
church
Friday 11/23 **Church Office Closed**

NEXT SUNDAY – November 18, 2018
SERMON: "What God Hates"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>\$4,246.10</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>\$6,311.00</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$10,557.10

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
 Telephone 717-354-7871 Fax 717-355-2565
 Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/11/18

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
Carolyn Martin	Vicky Stanley	Barb Carey
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 as a *Thank You*, to all our members and guests who have served in the Armed Forces by Gene & Viki Eberly.

TABLETALK – The November 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.

Church Activities

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY volunteers, please check your emails for the winter 2019 serving schedules.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoe boxes are due this week! Collection takes place from November 12 through November 19. Please drop your filled boxes in the church lobby. 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.

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 <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

CLOTHING BANK – There is still 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.

THE "TREE OF WARMTH" is again in the breezeway to accept your unwrapped gifts of new gloves, scarves, hats, sweaters and socks. These items will be taken to the New Holland Clothing Bank (*King's Closet*).

- Thanks again for caring and sharing, The Outreach Committee

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS - It's time to look ahead to decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and arranging our Poinsettia Tree. If you would like to help again, this

year we are taking orders for 6½" pots at \$6.95. The two varieties this year are Red or White Glitter from Frysville Farms Nursery in Ephrata. Order forms (showing pictures of the poinsettias) are included in your bulletin.

There is a bag on the table in the narthex for your forms and money. The last day to order and submit your payment is **Sunday, November 25**. This is a special time to decorate and we would love for you to be part of that. Please take your plant home after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th. If you have any questions please contact Viki Eberly (717-929-0212) or Jean Martin (717-354-2204).

SOUP - There are still quarts of chicken corn noodle soup available for \$5 per quart, in the freezer. Please put your money (cash or check) in the cash box.