

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
November 17, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hymn #334

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Romans 8:31-39*)

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ONE: Who is to condemn?

**ALL: Christ Jesus is the one who died-- more than that, who was raised—
who is at the right hand of God.**

ONE: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

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ONE: Or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**ALL: No in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who
loved us.**

*OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn #53

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

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renounce our disobedience and seek his mercy by confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our transgressions
and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to
the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Pie Jesu” (Blessed Jesus)
Heidi, Ella and Layla Shannon

Andrew Lloyd Webber

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

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SERMON

“More Than Conquerors”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Gather Together”

C. Callahan

*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.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these
gifts to share. Help us to be thankful every day for every blessing you have
poured down upon us. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for
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*CLOSING HYMN

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Hymn #173

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

S. Karg-Elert

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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.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Center: Irene Gundlah & Carla Eberly

Greeters: Ted & Carol Whitby

Altar Guild: Mary Beth O’Donnell

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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ORGAN PRELUDE

“Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ” (BWV 649) J. S. Bach
(Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide)
Fanfare and Chorale on ‘Abbot’s Leigh’ R. Hobby

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PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Ushers: Paul & Dawn Waltman

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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**
Monday 6:30 pm **Women's Bible Study**
Tuesday 9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**
Wednesday 6:30 pm **Bell Rehearsal**
 7:00 pm **Officers Meeting**
Thursday 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 11/24 6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Thursday 11/28 **Office Closed**
 11:00 -1:00 **Free Thanksgiving Meal, Lower Zwingli**
Friday 11/29 **Office Closed**

NEXT SUNDAY – November 24, 2019
SERMON: "God's Choice"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 9:1-5

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	81	\$3,535.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	159	\$7,746.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,281.00

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 11/17/19

*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:

Marijane Schappel	Wanda Bossler	Lucille Weaver	John Martin
Amy Weigelt	Shirley Titus	Werner von der Heide	
Kaylee Richard	Lee Curley	Joan Jacobs	Alice Spotts
Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly	Steve Loewen	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 Hillard.

THE RED ROSE BUD on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Elise Orr, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 oz and is 19.5 inches. Proud parents are Chris and Ashley Orr. Ernie and Anne Orr are the proud grandparents and Lucille Weaver is the proud great-grandmother!

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.

FREE BIBLE & CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE - 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 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

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please make the following changes to your Church Directory to help keep it current:

Bud & Gwen Gray
433 S Kinzer Ave, Mt View B128
New Holland PA 17557
Ph: 717.351.4724

Michael Snyder
25 Plymouth Ave
Lancaster PA 17602
Ph: 717-606-2450

AJ Young
433 S Kinzer Ave, Mt View B14
New Holland PA 17557
Ph: 717.351.4725

Lou Ford
433 S Kinzer Ave, D102
New Holland PA 17557

ST. STEPHEN CHOIR is looking for more singers! 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: National collection week is this week! Thank you to all who filled a shoebox (or more). We did it! We filled 100 shoeboxes and collected over \$100!! These will be delivered all over the world to children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Not only do they receive a shoebox but they receive the message of Jesus! You can continue to help by praying for each child that receives a shoebox to grow in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

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.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR 2019 – Next Sunday, November 24 is the last day to order your Poinsettia(s) to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and for arranging our Tree. Orders for 6½" pots for \$7.00 of Red or White Glitter are from Frysville Farms Nursery in Ephrata. There is a bag on the table in the narthex for your forms and money. This is a special time to decorate and we would love for you to be part of that. If you have any questions please contact Viki Eberly (717-929-0212) or Jean Martin (717-354-2204).

CROSSNET CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM - St. Stephen is sponsoring three (3) New Holland families for Christmas by providing gifts for the children. This is a great opportunity to work together to show Christ's love in a personal way and be a blessing to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. Please read the insert in your bulletin to see how you can participate in this ministry. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Sue Ressler at 703.282.6959 or susanressler@gmail.com

TAKE THEM A MEAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU: If someone is ill, elderly, has had a new baby or has experienced a death in the family, oftentimes family, friends, co-workers and church members rally around these families to take them meals. The Women's Steering Committee has a coordinator, Barb Field, who uses "TakeThemAMeal.com" to allow meal providers to sign up for a day or days when they will provide meals to the meal recipients. Most meal providers prepare meals in their own kitchens or order local carryout/delivery for the meal recipients. On their website, they share recipes, meal-taking tips and other ways to care for those who are dear to you. If a meal provider enters an email address when they sign up to provide a meal, they will receive an email reminder the day before they are to provide the meal. We have many needs in our church family but few people signed up to help with this vital ministry. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us by signing up in the narthex. Contact Barb Field at bswisher24@gmail.com or 848-702-1023 if you are able to help.