

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
November 18, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Come, Savior of the Nations”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100 ESV*)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

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ONE: Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

ONE: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

ALL: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ONE: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever

ALL: And his faithfulness to all generations.

*OPENING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymn #98

*INVOCATION

Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 139:23-24*)

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*based on Daniel 9:4-19*)

O Lord, great God, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we humbly come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have rejected your fatherly guidance. O Lord our Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our prayers. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your

Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. by A. Sherman

St. Stephen Bells

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverb 6:16-19

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SERMON

“What God Hates”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

G. Young

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

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*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 the service of your kingdom. Amen.

Bookkeeper: Charlene Good
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*CLOSING HYMN “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” Hymn #644

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” S. Karg-Elert

(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)
“Give Thanks”

Praise Book #8

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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...

Today	8:15 am	Early Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Monday	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Officer's Meeting
	7:00 pm	Global Outreach Meeting
Thursday	11:00-1:00	Community Thanksgiving Dinner (Church Dining Room)
Friday		Church Office Closed

FUTURE EVENTS...

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/25</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/26</i>		<i>Gleanings Articles Due</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11/29</i>	<i>6:45 pm</i>	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>

NEXT SUNDAY – November 25, 2018
SERMON: "Wisdom and Work"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>\$5,735.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>\$9,786.50</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$15,521.50

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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 Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/18/18

*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	Barb Carey	Henry Weaver – brother of George Weaver
Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter		Kathy Gregg – friend of Ruth Frankhouser
Anne Sensenig - niece of Joanne Mellinger		Tara Emig – Bill & Fran Seiple's daughter

*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.

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.

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.

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).

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

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

ADULT WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL – below are the classes offered for the next quarter which begins on Sunday, December 2.

The image shows three stacked promotional cards for church classes. The top card is red and titled "Suffering with Jesus", with location "Upper Zwingli" and date "December 2nd". The middle card is blue and titled "Marks of a Healthy Church", with location "Lower Bachman" and date "December 2nd". The bottom card is green and titled "Christianity 101", with location "Lower Bachman" and date "December 2nd".

"Ladies and gentlemen,...fasten your seatbelts as there is some turbulence ahead..."

A study of 1 Peter - There is inevitable suffering that Christians WILL face but we are not left alone, our Savior brings His children through the trials as we are made more like Him!

The church wasn't our idea – it was His. Jesus established the church as the natural arena for our spiritual growth, and our health depends on it. In this series, Dr. Mark Dever and Dr. Jonathan Leeman survey the marks of a healthy church in a *Ligonier Ministries* video curriculum, where we are called to display God's glorious character in unity, holiness, and love. We can't do it alone.

This class is designed to provide a tool box for new and growing believers including the assurance of salvation, getting around the Bible, learning to pray, walking with Christ daily, and talking with others about Jesus, just to name a few subjects.



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