

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
November 24, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter” (BWV 650)  
“Thanks be to Thee”

J. S. Bach  
G. F. Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 139*)

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ONE: To him who alone does great wonders,  
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ONE: To him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
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\*OPENING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymn #98

\*INVOCATION

Nathan Titus

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.  
Let us humbly confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, thank you for your patience. Thank you for your mercy.  
Thank you for the gift of your Son. We ask your forgiveness for our  
ingratitude and for our other sins, which are many. 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

“If You Love Me”  
St Stephen Choir

J. N. Beck

If you love, keep my commandments; if you love me heed my law.  
If you seek me, you shall surely find me, if you search with all your heart.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 9:1-5

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SERMON

“What About Israel?”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Chorale Prelude on ‘Old Hundredth’

H. Willan

\*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

**We thank you that all good gifts come from you. Forgive us for our ingratitude and help us to remember that you gave us your son, and that you will certainly give us all things, according to your will. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN      “We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought”      Hymn #493

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

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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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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

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**Greeter:** Sharon Stoltzfus

**Ushers:** Paul & Dawn Waltman

**Altar Guild:** Mary Beth O’Donnell

**Counting Team:** Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“O Lord of Hosts”

Praise Book #23

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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

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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*  
**Thursday** *Office Closed*  
 11:00 -1:00 *Free Thanksgiving Meal*  
*Lower Zwingli*  
**Friday** *Office Closed*

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

**Sunday** 12/01 *Communion*  
 6:00 pm *Youth Group*  
**Monday** 12/02 6:30 pm *Women's Bible Study*  
**Tuesday** 12/03 9:30 am *Women's Bible Study*  
 7:00 pm *Property Committee Meeting*  
 7:00 pm *Global Outreach Committee Meeting*  
**Wednesday** 12/04 2:30 pm *T.E.A.M.*  
 6:30 pm *Bell Rehearsal*  
 7:00 pm *Prayer Meeting*  
**Thursday** 12/05 6:45 pm *Choir*  
 7:00 pm *Outreach Committee Meeting*  
**Saturday** 12/07 8:00-11:00 *Children's Breakfast on Main*

**NEXT SUNDAY – December 1, 2019**

**SERMON: "What About Israel?"**

**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**

**Scripture: Romans 9:1-5**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	75	\$2,698.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	176	\$6,087.00

**Amount received for General Fund only \$8,785.00**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/24/19**

*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	Joan Jacobs	Shirley Titus	Werner von der Heide
Kaylee Richard	Lee Curley	Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly
			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 Fran and Sally Rapp.

**THANK YOU** for the prayers, cards, visits, flowers, offers of food and phone calls after Pete's unexpected triple bypass surgery, replacement valve and ablation in October and my broken arm. A special thank you to Pastor Tim and Nathaniel for their many visits to the hospital and to Tim and Barb for their visit and food after Pete got home. He is now starting cardio rehab and I am starting physical therapy. We hope to see you all soon. We feel very blessed. Pete and Sandra Mathers

**SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE** - The Titus family asks for prayer in a few specific ways.

- Strength to get out of bed in the morning and face the unknown of each day;
- Relief for Nathan and Faith experiencing frequent migraines;
- Wisdom in parenting Adelaide, helping her navigate suffering well as Faith and Nathan are suffering themselves;
- Relief for Shirley from seizures, and other complications that come with her condition

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from our ushers as you enter the sanctuary.

**ST STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH**, Thank you, church family, for your kindness and concern during my fall and hip surgery. I'm still on the mend but hope to see you soon. Wanda Bossler

**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

**BECAUSE** of your generosity 10 coats/jackets were donated to CrossNet Ministries.

The ***Tree of Warmth*** is now in the Breezeway ready for your unwrapped gifts of new gloves, scarves, hats, sweaters and socks. These items will go to CrossNet Ministries. Thank you for caring and sharing. The Outreach Committee

**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** – Today 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](mailto: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](mailto:bswisher24@gmail.com) or 848-702-1023 if you are able to help.

### Community Activities

**MESSIAH SING-A-LONG** will be held Friday, December 27 at 7 pm at Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church. St. Stephen's own, Clair Leaman will be conducting and Heidi Shannon will be one of the soloists. Anyone is welcome to come and listen. For more details, see the bulletin board or check the web at: [messiahsingalong.com](http://messiahsingalong.com).

**NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK:** Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. Bins for donations are located in the narthex and breezeway. Monetary donations are also welcome via your offering envelope – remember to indicate *Food Bank* on your gift.

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

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