

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 16, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, allzugleich” (BWV 609) J.S. Bach
(Praise God, ye Christians, all together)
“Now we pray unto Thee” D. Buxtehude

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 33:1-5 ESV*)

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ONE: For the word of the LORD is upright,

ALL: And all his work is done in faithfulness.

ONE: He loves righteousness and justice;

ALL: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

*OPENING HYMN

“Join All the Glorious Names” Hymn #301

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and walk by faith in a new and godly life. 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.

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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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-13

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SERMON

“A New Love for One Another”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

R. Hobby

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

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Hymn #386

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*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Fugue in A Minor" (BWV 543.2) J.S. Bach
(Should you be moved to respond to a special musical offering, a hearty "Amen" is recommended)

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"THE BEACON ON THE HILL"
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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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Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden"

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Greeters: Gary & Dana Snyder

Altar Guild: Karen Bates

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth”

Hymn #177

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CHILDREN'S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)
Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.
Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil;
This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/16/2020

*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".*

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
7:00 pm Men's Ministry Steering Committee
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Officers Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 02/23 6:00 pm Youth Group
Thursday 02/27 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 02/29 5:30 pm Young Adult/Family Pot Luck

NEXT SUNDAY – February 23, 2020
SERMON: "A New Love for Our Enemies"
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Romans 12:14-21

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	127	\$8,911.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	144	\$4,566.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$13,477.00

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.com
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All of our homebound members and also prayers of healing for:

Lou Ford	Natalie Anderson	Susan Graybill	Cindy Sierk
Carol Flora	Stu Sacks	Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs
Kurt Weaver	Pat Fieger	Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

*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 her mother, Martha Cogan, and her father, Russell Helms by Judi Jenkins.

TITUS FAMILY UPDATE: Shirley has been worsening. Many of her days having over 100 seizures. We have upped one of her meds but it's unclear just yet if it's just not helping or if it's making things worse. She is teething and it may be triggering things. We were approved for an overnight nurse (8 hours, 7 days a week) but we don't know how long it will take to find placement and someone we trust to monitor her and be in our home overnight.

Please pray for wisdom in how to proceed with her care. For the right nursing team. And continued prayers that God would provide the home we need soon. And strength. We're so weary.

THANK YOU to everyone for your cards, calls and continued prayers. My health is slowly improving. Steve Loewen

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.

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.

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH RETREAT – Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers – today is their last day of the retreat as well as traveling home.

CHURCH FLOWERS – There is an opening to sponsor flowers for Sunday, March 8, 2020. If you are interested, please contact Jean Martin (717.354.2204).

SAVE THE DATES: Game Night is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6:30-9:00 pm; **Ladies' Breakfast** will be held at Yoder's Restaurant on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:30 am; **Ladies' Tea** will be held in Lower Zwingli on April 18th at 2:00 pm.

ADULT SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL classes begin in March 2020. Review the enclosed insert for information on the classes offered; pick one and join us at 9:15 each Sunday morning.

BUS TRIP: Save the date of Wednesday, May 6, for the first St. Stephen bus trip of 2020. Early info now with more details to follow. "York County Made in America tour with lunch reservations."

THE HANDBELLS are looking for a fulltime player for the handbell choir starting after the New Year to complete the season through May 2020. Rehearsals are the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month and the bells play on the second Sunday of each month and Easter. If you are interested, please contact Charlene Leaman at 484.678.5460.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Valentines for Vets. A total of 468 cards were collected and delivered to the Vets at Coatesville and Lebanon Veterans Hospitals. The Vets look forward to this each year and your participation is greatly appreciated.

CROSSNET MINISTRIES ANNUAL BANQUET is schedule for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 with featured speaker Scott Hamilton (Olympic Champion, Cancer Survivor and Broadcaster). Envelopes which include more information and reservation cards are available on the table in the narthex.

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.