

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 17, 2019 – 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 (*Psalm 29:1-4; 10-11 ESV*)

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ALL: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

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ALL: The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

ONE: May the LORD give strength to his people!

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*OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn #263

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CALL TO CONFESSION (*1 John 1:5-7*)

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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, purifies us from all sin.” In the light of this promise, let us confession our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we cry to you to forgive our sins. We call to you in distress and plead for your salvation. We have sinned against your law and failed to do your will; we confess that we’ve disobeyed your holy Word. Purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus Christ. 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

“Be Still My Soul”

Rendon Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 2:1-16

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SERMON

“Human Hypocrisy”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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*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

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" Hymn #188

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*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“It Is Well with My Soul”

Hymn #691

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

God is the master builder. He is building me.

He builds with stuff that comes from heaven tools we cannot see.

He hammers in truths (knock, knock, knock), so we’ll be honest.

He saws away (szu, szu, szu), what is not good.

He pours cement, for a strong foundation.

He builds in love, He fills in peace, and He decorates with joy. REPEAT

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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**
 12:00 pm **Inquirer's Lunch at Ruth Pankuch's**
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**
Friday **6:00 pm** **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**
Saturday **5:00 pm** **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday **02/24** **6:00 pm** **Youth Group**
Thursday **02/28** **6:00 pm** **CrossNet Meal Group**
 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**
Saturday **03/02** **7:30 am** **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**

NEXT SUNDAY – February 24, 2019
SERMON: "The Problem with 'Religion'"
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Romans 2:17-29

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2019

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| Attendance: <u>Early Service</u> | <u>85</u> | <u>\$3,330.00</u> |
| <u>Late Service</u> | <u>197</u> | <u>\$5,133.00</u> |

Amount received for General Fund only \$8,463.00

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 02/17/19

*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:

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| Lee Curley | Laine Eberly | Shirley Titus | Tom Plitt |
| Barb Carey | Evelyn Griffith | Carolyn Martin | |
| Pat Fieger – son-in-law of the McAbees | | Harold Good – brother of Hazel 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 my mother, Martha Cogan, by Judi Jenkins.

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.

THANK YOU - Kathy and I would like thank you for all of the prayers and concern during her recent bout with stomach cancer. Kathy has under gone 8 rounds of chemo and a 7-hour operation to remove the cancer, her stomach and surrounding lymph nodes. At her last CT scan, she was declared in remission. We thank the Lord and you for helping her in her recovery thus far. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Ruth Frankhouser

Church Activities

INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON is scheduled for today, February 17 at 12:00 pm. Come and hear about the ministries, history, and membership at St Stephen Reformed Church. The gathering is a prerequisite for membership though all are invited to hear more about the church. The lunch will take place immediately following the second service and will be held at Ruth Pankuch's home, 58 Heister Ave, New Holland (directly across the parking lot).

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER: Come meet some people and enjoy a delightful evening with a delicious meal. If you are single, a couple or single again, you are cordially invited to sign up for a fellowship meal in someone's home on either Friday, February 22nd at 6 pm or Saturday, February 23rd at 5 pm. If you are willing to host, also include how many people you are able to host and directions to your house, if needed. The hosts will provide the main dish and guests will be responsible to bring either a salad, a side dish or a dessert. A slight difference this year is that neither the host nor the guests will know who is coming to the mystery dinner. You will receive a letter with the details after signing up. **The deadline to sign up was Sunday, February 10th, but if you missed the deadline or have questions, please contact Barbara Slowthower at 610-357-7501.**

Supporting our Students

Come out to see St. Stephen's **student Jordis Patterson in the Hinkletown Mennonite School performance of *Twain's Tales***. Friday, March 1 (5:30 p.m. dinner theater) & Saturday, March 2 (2 pm & 7 pm). Jordis Patterson will play the part of Aunt Polly and of Claude. *Twain's Tales* includes several short stories by the master American storyteller as well as a classic story from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Reservations recommended by February 18 for dinner theater (\$15 adults/\$10 age 4-grade 8). Saturday tickets available at the door-\$6. For tickets or more info: www.hinkletownschool.org or call 354-7100.

Community Activities

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.