

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 2, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand
When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar” (BWV 607) J.S. Bach
(A host of angels from heaven. . .)
“Elegy for the Krummhorn” R. Brunner

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 12*)

ONE: I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

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ONE: Proclaim that his name is exalted.

ALL: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

ONE: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

ALL: For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn #94

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

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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.

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end; and we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-2 Page #947

SERMON "A New Devotion to God" Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Merciful Father, we offer ourselves to you as living sacrifices. With joy and thanksgiving, we offer back what you have first given to us—our time, our possessions, and our lives. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN "All for Jesus!" Hymn #565

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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)
“Lamb of God”

Praise Book #20

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

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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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Communion
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 Property Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Global Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday 2:30 pm T.E.A.M. Meeting
6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday 1:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
6:45 pm Choir Practice
Friday 6:00 pm Red & White Dinner
Saturday Susquehanna Valley Presbytery

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 02/09 New Officers Installation
6:00 pm Youth Group
Wednesday 02/12 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 02/13 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Fri.-Sun. 02/14-16 Youth Breakaway Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY – February 9, 2020
SERMON: "A New Opportunity to Serve"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 12:3-8

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JANUARY 26, 2020

Attendance:	Early Service	105	\$4,039.00
	Late Service	165	\$7,513.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,552.00

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/02/2020

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".

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Lou Ford Natalie Anderson Susan Graybill Karen Seiple
Carol Flora Joan Jacobs Steve Loewen
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 loving memory of Merle Diffenderffer, in remembrance of his birthday, Feb. 3rd, by his daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Ernest Orr.

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE: Shirley has been having a rough go of it again. After a good start to January, things quickly took a downward turn. She may be getting her molars which could be setting her off, but it could also just her genetic variant at work. It's not uncommon for these kids to go through intense waves of good and bad. She's been developing new types of seizure activity as well, which is alarming. Despite the struggle, she remains joyful. She teaches us what it looks like to suffer well.

We were able to start the process of getting an overnight nurse. We're waiting on her insurance to approve it. It will be a challenge logistically because of our current home situation. Typically, the nurses like to stay in the room with the child to best monitor them, but Shirley is in our bedroom and we only have one other bedroom. This is causing our need to find a home slightly more urgent than it had been. Pray that the Lord would lead us to a home within our budget that will meet Shirley's needs long term.

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

RED & WHITE DINNER: There are only a few spaces left and today is the deadline to sign up for the elegant dinner being planned for Friday, February 7, at 6 pm (snow date is Sunday, February 9) to be held in Lower Zwingli. Come hear Jim Line's story "Compelled by Love" and our own newly formed St. Stephen Strings.



Teens, and adults, married, single or single again are invited. Sign-up (in the narthex), along with a suggested donation of \$12 per person (deposited in the designated box), will secure your registration. Questions should be directed to Ruth Pankuch at 717.354.3108. **It is first come, first serve!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – The Spring semester of the women's Bible study will start the study of Ephesians beginning February 3rd and 4th (Monday evenings at 6:30 pm and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am). If you are not already participating and/or would like a copy of the book (Ephesians: Your place in God's plan, by Richard Coekin), please contact Marion Sacks at 610.212.1496.

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.

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS! St Stephen will again be collecting valentines for veterans. They will be used to show our love and gratitude to the vets at Lebanon and Coatesville VA Hospitals. These are always appreciated and enjoyed by the veterans.



Please bring your purchased or home crafted CARDS to the church **February 2 or February 9**. **DON'T FORGET!**

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.