

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 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

“Jesu, meine Freude” (BWV 610)
(Jesus, my joy)
“Once Again My Heart Rejoices”

J.S. Bach

Cherwien

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn #295

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ died for sin once for all, and now lives forever. Let us renew our resolve through His Spirit to do away with the evil that remains in our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

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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.**

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 14, 82 & 85)

ONE: What is sin?

ALL: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

“Hear My Words”
St. Stephen Choir

S. Paulus

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 2:17-29

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SERMON

“Religion: Can’t live with it, Can’t Live without it”

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Prelude on 'Beach Spring' C. Callahan

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Help us, O Lord, to be those who sow generously and not sparingly, who
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*CLOSING HYMN "Speak, O Lord" Praise Book #28

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Preambulum in E" V. Lübeck

(Should you be moved to respond to a special musical offering, a hearty "Amen" is recommended)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Center: Dick & Cathy Eby

Greeters: Cliff & Natalie Anderson

Ushers: Larry Martin & Lamar Martin

Altar Guild: Karen Bates

Counting Team: Don Orner & Sue Beiler

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Spirit of the Living God”

Praise Book #29

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/24/19

*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:

Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus	Tom Plitt
Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith	Carolyn Martin	Susan Graybill
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 loving memory of Gus Kenny, loving father, grandfather and father-in-law, by Eric and Alice Olynik.

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.

LIFE GROUPS WEEK: Just a reminder, *Life Groups* meet this week on the day as normally scheduled for your group.

Church Activities

There is an opening for a sponsor for the altar flowers on March 31, 2019. If you are interested please speak with Jean Martin or call her at 717.354.2204.

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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Groups Week
Today **8:15 am** **Early Worship Service**
 9:30 am **Sunday School**
 10:30 am **Worship Service**
 6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Thursday **6:00 pm** **CrossNet Meal Group**
 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**
Saturday **7:30 am** **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 03/03 Communion
 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 03/04 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 03/05 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Global Outreach Meeting
 7:00 pm Women's Steering Committee Meeting
 at Ruth Pankuch's
Wednesday 03/06 2:30 pm T.E.A.M.
 6:30 pm T.E.A.M.
 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
Thursday 03/07 10:00 am Outreach Committee Meeting
 6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – March 3, 2019
SERMON: "Objection!"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 3:1-8

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>\$2,662.00</u>
<u>Late Service</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>\$8,990.00</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,652.00

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