

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 3, 2019 – 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*)

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ONE: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

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ALL: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples,

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 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Hymn #164

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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.

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.

*APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:18-23

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SERMON “Righteous Anger”

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer" D. Wood

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of all bounty, from your hand we have freely received. Accept these offerings as expressions of our thanks. Lovingly remember those who have given, bless the lives of those for whom these gifts are intended, and use these gifts to advance your kingdom, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "He was Pierced..." Praise Book #12

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" Hymn #520

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Prelude in A minor" (BWV 543.1) J.S. Bach

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Center: Dick & Cathy Eby

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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)
“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Hymn #481

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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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Church Activities

CHURCH DIRECTORY – We are working on an updated directory for the congregation. To assist us with providing correct information of *members and regular attendees*, you will find three copies of the latest directory in the narthex. Please take time to review the information listed for you/your family and make any changes necessary (on just one of the copies). **Add or delete** information as needed. We hope to have a completed directory to you sometime next month. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (717.354.7871).

INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON – The next Inquirer's Luncheon is scheduled for 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. Please fill out the form inside your bulletin, indicating your intention to attend and your preferred date and place it in the basket in the narthex. 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 is Sunday, February 10th but if you miss the deadline or have questions, please contact Barbara Slowthower at 610-357-7501.

BUS TRIP – The bus for the church's trip in June, to the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter, is **full**. However, if you are interested in being on a *waiting list*, should anyone cancel or be unable to go, please call Cheryl Weaver at 717.354.8704.

Community Activities

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS! Please bring CARDS to church by Feb. 10. They will be used to show our love and appreciation to veterans at the Lebanon and Coatesville Hospitals. **DON'T FORGET!**

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.

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE BIRD HOUSE DISPLAY – From February 1 through 28, the 11th annual Bird House Show and Silent Auction will be held in the Village Square Indoor Park. Woodshop volunteers and quilters will have handcrafted items on display for you to enjoy or bid on. For more information, please see the announcement on the bulletin board.