

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 9, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

"In dulci jubilo" (BWV 608)
(In quiet joy)
Air from 'Berenice'

J.S. Bach

G.F. Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:9-12*)

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ALL: And his mercy is over all that he has made.

ONE: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

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ONE: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

ALL: And tell of your power,

ONE: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

ALL: And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Hymn #100

*INVOCATION

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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

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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.**

ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:3-8

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SERMON

"A New Opportunity to Serve"

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. C. Dobrinski

St Stephen Bells

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Greeters: Daniel & Moriah Camac

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)
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn #457

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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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Greeter: Fran Seiple

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Group Week

Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Youth Group

Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

Fri. – Sun. Breakaway Youth Retreat

FUTURE EVENTS...

Monday 02/17 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 02/18 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 02/19 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal

7:00 pm Officers Meeting

Thursday 02/20 6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – February 16, 2020
SERMON: "A New Love for One Another"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 12:9-13

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 2
 , 2020**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	84	\$4,143.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	143	\$7,260.10

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,403.10

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/09/2020

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	Stu Sacks	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 my husband, Mel, by Ruth Pankuch.

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

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

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.

YOUTH RETREAT – Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers as they take part in the February 14 to 16 *Breakaway Retreat*, held at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat, this week.

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 **no later than February 9.** DON'T FORGET!

GSV CONCERT SERIES – On Saturday evening, February 15, Garden Spot Village's Saturday Evening Concert Series will feature an organ concert by St. Stephen's own Doug Wimer. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the concert will be held in the Chapel and the public is invited to attend.

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.