

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
March 22, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 47* ESV)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! ² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. ³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. ⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! ⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!"

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 46*

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

SERMON

"Secure in the Lord"

Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #699 "Like A River Glorious is God's Perfect Peace"

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver
2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er
3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -
all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it
foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of
on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him
flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er
wor - ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry, touch the
ful - ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him
all the way.
spir - it there. Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,
whol - ly true.
find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/22/2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Amy Weigelt	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See	Ken Laudermilch	
Lou Ford	Natalie Anderson	Edie Richard	Cindy Sierk
Carol Flora	Stu Sacks	Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs
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)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

An Abbreviated Worship Service and full sermon will be available every Sunday morning on our website throughout the quarantine.

Phil Castor's T.U.L.I.P. Sunday School class will also be available. Information forthcoming.

Online Prayer Meetings - Beginning this week we will be holding virtual prayer meetings online on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Fridays at Noon. You will receive information about how to connect. These meetings will be 15-30 minutes in length.

Online Giving - During these weeks that we are not meeting, please mail your tithes and offerings to the church office or consider the new online giving option on our website. As always, we are grateful for your generosity to the Lord's work.

Should you have needs, or know of someone who does, please contact Pastor Witmer (610-733-1659), Pastor Stamper (717-715-5954), or your shepherd. Do not hesitate to call and stay in touch with one another.

Pastor Search Committee Nominations begin today. The process of forming the committee can still continue while we are absent from one another. You will receive a letter explaining the process together with a nomination form. You should also have received this information via email. A congregational meeting has been called to elect the committee on Sunday, April 26. This may need to be delayed but these initial steps can be taken.

Plans for the Free Market on June 13 continue, though circumstances may require its cancellation. Stay tuned and please contact Pastor Tim if you would like to help.

Ordering Easter Flowers this year has been **cancelled** due to the COVID-19 restrictions that has kept us from attending our church services. The Decorating Committee.

Ladies Tea – At this time we are uncertain if this event will be held due to COVID-19 restrictions. More information will be given as we have it.

Spring Bus Trip – Flyers can be emailed to you upon request to the church office (717.354.7871). Come along, join us on a trip called "Made in America" Sights, Sounds, and Tastes of York County. Wednesday, May 6 on Elite Coach. Price per person: \$118. Note, a \$50.00 deposit is due on registration (checks should be made out to Cheryl Weaver). Any questions call Cheryl Weaver, 717-354-8704.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Online Prayer Meeting (details coming)

Friday 12:00 pm

Online Prayer Meeting

ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY – March 29, 2020

SERMON: "A New Commitment"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Romans 14:13-23

