

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

“In dir ist Freude” (BWV 615) J.S. Bach  
(There is Joy in You)  
“Tierce en Tailles” (1e Livre d’orgue) P. Dumage

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 57:7b-11 ESV*)

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**ALL: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;**  
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**ALL: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.**  
ONE: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
**ALL: Let your glory be over all the earth!**

\*OPENING HYMN “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory” Hymn #122

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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.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism (Question 70)

ONE: What is justification?  
**ALL: Justification is an act of God’s free grace unto sinners, in which he pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in his sight; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.**

MUSICAL OFFERING “Shepherd of My Heart” Tina English  
St Stephen Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:1-12 Page #941

SERMON “A Living Example” (Part 1) Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Rise, my Soul” J. G. Walther

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
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\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Our gracious God, everything that we have belongs to you. We thank you for providing all of our needs according to your riches in glory. Help us to be good stewards of the good gifts we have received as we offer these gifts with heartfelt thanks. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                    “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”                    Hymn #499

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE                    “Fugue in g minor” (BWV 542b)                    J. S. Bach

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

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

“Bonse Aba”

Victor Johnson

Hinkletown Chamber Choir

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

Hymn #81

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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

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Blessings”

Laura Story

Hinkletown Chamber Choir

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:1-12

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SERMON

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**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 17, 2019**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>\$4,850.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>\$3,975.10</u>

**Amount received for General Fund only \$8,825.10**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/24/19**

*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:

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|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Zeny Uy                                   | Bill Seiple     | Russell Yost                          | Steve Loewen   |
| Lee Curley                                |                 | Laine Eberly                          | Skip Beiler    |
| Barb Carey                                | Evelyn Griffith | Carolyn Martin                        | Susan Graybill |
| Pat Fieger - son-in-law of the<br>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 Warren and Jo Krapf by daughter Cheryl.

**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**

**Today** (at 10:30) we are blessed to give a warm welcome the ministry of the Hinkletown Chamber Choir from Hinkletown Mennonite School. Our own Jordis Patterson is a member of the choir. The choir is led by Janelle Cunalata.

**LADIES BREAKFAST:** All women and teenage daughters are welcome to meet at Yoder's Family Restaurant at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 30, 2019 for breakfast. You are welcome to order off the special menu or to enjoy the buffet. Carla Eberly will share her inspirational testimony. Please plan to attend.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Decorating the church at this time of year becomes a church wide celebration of our Lord and Savior. Ordering Easter flowers to decorate the window sills in memory of a loved one or recognition of an event or service is something we have done here for many years. The price is \$7.00 for a 6" tulip or a 6" mum in a variety of Spring colors. Order forms are included in your bulletin. After completing it, please place it in the bag, along with your payment, in the bag on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to St Stephen Reformed Church with the note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or you may pay in cash.

Due to the lifespan of these special plants please take them home after the service you attend on Easter Sunday, April 21. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 7.

Thank you, The Decorating Committee

### Community Activities

**The Westminster Brass** (including Pastor Tim and Dr. Ken Laudermilch) will offer a Service of Thanksgiving with gratitude to God for the 43 years the group has been honored to serve the Lord. The Concert will be held at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 30, at 2:00 PM. This is the group's last season.

**CrossNet Ministries** – Thank you for making it possible for me to attend the Winter Retreat. I had a wonderful time with my friends. My favorite part was George Moss. I loved how passionate he was.

Thank you again, Jashia Hill

**Horizons du Monde** is in need of families to host French students ages 13-15, from April 9-16. This group is traveling from a middle school in France and will be in the Lancaster area with daily weekday activities. They are here to practice English, so

speaking French is not required. If you have any interest, please see the announcement on the bulletin board for more information.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### *THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...*

**Life Groups Week**

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Early Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Gleanings Articles Due to Office</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>CrossNet Meal Group</b>
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Women's Breakfast at Yoder's</b>

#### *FUTURE EVENTS...*

<i>Monday</i>	<i>04/01</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>04/02</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
		<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Global Outreach Meeting</i>
		<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Property Committee Meeting</i>
		<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Women's Steering Committee Meeting at Ruth Pankuch's</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>04/03</i>	<i>2:30 pm</i>	<i>T.E.A.M.</i>
		<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>T.E.A.M.</i>
		<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Bell Rehearsal</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>04/04</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Outreach Committee Meeting</i>
		<i>6:45 pm</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>04/06</i>	<i>7:30 am</i>	<i>Men's Breakfast at Yoder's</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>04/07</i>		<i>Communion Sunday</i>

**NEXT SUNDAY – March 31, 2019**  
**SERMON: "A Living Example" (Part 2)**  
**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**  
**Scripture: Romans 4:13-25**