

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

*Indicates those able may stand
When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Wir Christenleut” (BWV 612) J.S. Bach
(We Christian People)
“Chant de Paix”
(Song of Peace) J. Langlais

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 47:5-9*)

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ALL: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
ONE: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
ALL: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
ONE: For God is the King of all the earth;
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ONE: God reigns over the nations;
ALL: God sits on his holy throne.
ONE: The princes of the peoples gather
ALL: As the people of the God of Abraham.
ONE: For the shields of the earth belong to God;
ALL: He is highly exalted!

*OPENING HYMN “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Hymn #264

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sins and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. On the basis of the work of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sins, and grant that from this time forward we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, 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.
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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING “All Night, All Day” arr. S. Geschke
St. Stephen Bells

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14 Page #948

SERMON “A New Love in Light of His Coming” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Wer nur den lieben Gott” J.G. Walther
(We Only Love God)

*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

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 “Rejoice, All Ye Believers” Hymn #320

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(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*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Praise Book #19

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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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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

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday	03/15	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Monday	03/16	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	03/17	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	03/18	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Officers Meeting
Thursday	03/19	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	03/20	6:30 pm	Game Night
Saturday	03/21	8:30 am	Ladies Breakfast at Yoder's

NEXT SUNDAY – March 15, 2020
SERMON: "A New Approach to Differences"
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Romans 14:1-23

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 1, 2020

Attendance:	Early Service	85	\$3,471.00
	Late Service	155	\$7,274.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$10,745.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
 Telephone 717-354-7871 Fax 717-355-2565
 Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/08/2020

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:

Amy Weigelt - daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See
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)

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in memory of John Eberly by Gene and Viki Eberly.

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.

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

USHERS are needed to assist in the early service. If you might have an interest in this ministry or want more information, please contact Gene Eberly, 717.682.5284.

GAME NIGHT - Join us again for "Game Night" for all ages, scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in Lower & Upper Zwingli hall.

Everyone is invited - young and old alike! Bring your favorite board games or appropriate children's games to play. Childcare will be provided for infants and young children. Please use the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

LADIES BREAKFAST - The next Women's Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, March 21**, 8:30 am at Yoder's restaurant. All women are welcome to attend. Your choice of buffet \$8.99 or menu ordering will be available. No sign-up sheet is needed, just mark your calendars as a reminder and we'll see you there.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER - The first Fellowship Dinner of 2020 is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31** at 6:00 pm. Once again, the dinner will be held at the New Holland Fire Hall (339 E Main St). Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex; also, indicate if you require a Gluten-Free meal and if you are able to help set-up and/or tear-down. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, March 22.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Outreach Committee is planning a community outreach event on Saturday, June 13. It is called the "Free Market" and it is a Flea Market except everything is free! We are looking for folks to come alongside us to plan and carry out this event. You don't have to join the committee to help us out for this event. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in helping.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Ladies' Tea** will be held in Lower Zwingli on April 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

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. You will find order forms on the table in the narthex along with a bag to put your money and forms in. You may make your check payable to St Stephen Reformed Church and put "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or pay in cash. Due to the lifespan of these special plants please take them home after the service you attend on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 29th.

Thank you,
The Decorating Committee

SPRING BUS TRIP flyers are on the table in the narthex. Come along, join us on a trip called "Made in America" Sights, Sounds, and Tastes of York County. Wednesday, May 6th 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.

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.