

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
April 7, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf” (BWV 617) J.S. Bach
(Lord God, open now the heavens)
“Priere” J. Langlais
(Prayer)

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:1-4*)

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ALL: And bless your name forever and ever.
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ALL: And his greatness is unsearchable.
ONE: One generation shall commend your works to another,
ALL: And shall declare your mighty acts.

*OPENING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn #441

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist cried out: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the

Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. 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.
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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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SERMON “The Fruit of Justification” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” H. Willan

Counting Team: Bill & Joyce Snyder

*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, enrich the lives of those for whom these gifts are intended, and use these gifts to promote goodwill and to bring 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

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*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Passacaglia in c minor” (BWV 582) J.S. Bach

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Greeter: Alda Showalter

Ushers: Richard & Cathy Eby

Altar Guild: Sue Beiler

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Lamb of God”

Praise Book #20

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CHILDREN’S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

I am the resurrection, and the life,
He who believes in me will never die
I am the resurrection, and the life
He who believes in me will live a new life

I have come to bring the truth
I have come to bring the life
If you believe, then you shall live

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Communion
Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group Movie Night
Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 11:00 am Spring Children's Outreach Program and Luncheon

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 04/14 Palm Sunday
6:00 pm Youth Group at Stamper's House
6:30 pm Service of Praise
Monday 04/15 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 04/16 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 04/17 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Officer's Meeting
Thursday 04/18 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Friday 04/19 12:00 pm Good Friday Service
Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY – April 14, 2019
SERMON: "True Love"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 5:6-11

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 31, 2019

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	81	\$3,231.00
<u>Late Service</u>	179	\$8,523.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,754.00

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 04/07/19

*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:

Bill Seiple Lee Curley Laine Eberly Steve Loewen **Shirley Titus**
Barb Carey Evelyn Griffith Carolyn Martin Susan Graybill
Pat Fieger - son-in-law of the Harold Good – brother of Hazel Weaver
McAbees

**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 our parents by Alice and Bob Spotts.

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

EASTER FLOWERS: Today is the last day to order Easter flower for decorating the church. 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, 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.

Thank you, The Decorating Committee

Service of Praise on Palm Sunday Evening, April 14 at 6:30 PM to celebrate the completion of the Stained-Glass Window renovation project and the arrival of the refurbished piano. A reception will follow.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Join us on Friday, April 19 at 12:00 noon, as St. Stephen holds its annual Good Friday service. Dr. Stuart Sacks will be preaching a sermon entitled: Death on a Friday Afternoon.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY volunteers are needed. Through this important ministry, you have the opportunity to engage children when they are most open to the Gospel. Serving allows you to participate in the mission of the church, and increases your own faith. If you are able to help, please reach out to Faith Titus via email (ftitus@ststephenpca.org) or phone 717-408-5220.

Also, new schedules are being made, so if current volunteers need to make any adjustments to their current schedule please contact Faith.

CHILDREN'S EASTER LUNCHEON - Come little children and learn about God's creatures that look scary but learning about them will teach you that they are not forgotten but cared for. Jesse Rothhacker presents his animal friends that are reptiles needing his sanctuary care. Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 in Upper Zwingli followed by a light lunch in Lower Zwingli for you, your family and friends. Jesse has performed in many churches, scouting programs, the governor's mansion and even the U.S. Congress. He will have you laughing and learning as he inspires

you to find his animals interesting up close and personal. Prayers for this Outreach event as we are excited bringing all of God's creations together. Outreach Committee

COOKIES (with no nuts and no peanut butter) are needed for the luncheon at the Children's Easter event, April 13. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please indicate your flavor, they can be store bought, baked, or bars. You can drop them off at the church on Friday by 2:00 PM. The Outreach Committee thanks you.

FROZEN SOUP is again available for you to share with those who are ill, those who are shut-in or just someone that needs a caring touch. Brighten your friends or neighbor's day.

Community Activities

MESSIAH SING-A-LONG: The 22nd annual Lancaster County Messiah Sing-a-long will be held Friday, April 26 at 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA. Clair H. Leaman will be conducting orchestra, soloists and choir. Sing or Listen – Freewill Offering. For more details, see the bulletin board or check the website: www.messiahssingalong.com.

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. There is currently a great need for the following items:

Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Boxed Potatoes
Boxed Rice	Canned Fruit	Canned Peas
Baked Beans	Canned Chicken	Salad Dressing
Ketchup, Mustard	Jello Gelatin & Pudding	Crackers
Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup	Paper Towels

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.