

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
May 20, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING

“As the Deer Pants”

Songs of Praise #3

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 95:6-7*)

ONE: Come, let us worship and bow down;

**ALL: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

ONE: For He is our God,

**ALL: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn #167

\*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God. Let us therefore renounce our disobedience and seek his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our transgressions and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

CHILDREN'S SONG (Children ages 4-8 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
He forgave my sins and He saved my soul,  
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,  
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,  
Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary.  
He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,  
He will cleanse their hearts, He will make them whole,  
Go; and tell the story of the Christ of Calvary.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Never Weather-beaten Sail”  
(St. Stephen Choir)

C. Wood

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

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SERMON

“Easter Afternoon”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Brother James' Air”  
(St. Stephen Bell Choir)

Psalm 23

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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**Administrative Assistant:** Anita Witmer

\*CLOSING HYMN                      "In Christ Alone"                      Songs of Praise #17

\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE                      "Toccatà Gothique"                      L. Boellmann

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

#### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

**Elders:** John Garner, Josh Irvine, Richard Miller & Mike Ressler

**Deacons:** Gene Eberly, Tom Frankhouser, Chuck Kidhardt & Ernie Orr

**Organist Emeritus:** A.J. Young

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Douglas Wimer

**Music Leader:** Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

**Children's Ministry Director:** Faith Titus

**Ushers:** Ken Strubel, Deb Strubel, Ben Strubel & Jocelyn Strubel

**Greeters:** Ted & Carol Whitby

**Altar Guild:** Viki Eberly

**Counting Team:** Bob Spotts & Ron Bensinger

**Sexton:** Jill Wilson

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ORGAN PRELUDE

"Erstanden ist der heilige Christ" (BWV 628) J.S. Bach  
(The Holy Christ is Risen)  
"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. S. Tucker  
(St. Stephen Bell Choir)

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PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) "Lord Have Mercy upon Us"

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
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ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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