

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
May 31, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Timothy Witmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 34:8-10*)

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

HYMN #167 “*When Morning Gilds the Skies*”

1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

2 When sleep her balm denies,
my silent spirit sighs:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
When evil thoughts molest,
with this I shield my breast:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

3 Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

4 In heav'n's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
The pow'rs of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

5 Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

6 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,

through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

Bob Straton
Stuart Sacks, Piano

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 84

SERMON

"Longing"

Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 371 *"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely"*

1 O Lord of Hosts, how lovely
the place where thou dost dwell!
Thy tabernacles holy
in pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting,
Jehovah's courts to see;
my heart and flesh are crying,
O living God, for thee.

2 Blest who thy house inhabit,
they ever give thee praise;
blest all whom thou dost strengthen,
who love the sacred ways.
So they from strength unwearied
go forward unto strength,
till they appear in Zion
before the Lord at length.

3 O hear, Lord God of Jacob,
to me an answer yield;
the face of thine anointed,
behold, O God, our shield.
One day excels a thousand
if spent thy courts within;
I'll choose thy threshold, rather
than dwell in tents of sin.

4 Our sun and shield, Jehovah,
will grace and glory give;
no good will he deny them
that uprightly do live.
O God of hosts, Jehovah,
how blest is ev'ryone
who confidence reposes
on thee, O Lord, alone.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Douglas Wimer, Organist

Many thanks to Clair and Charlene Leaman for leading the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 05/31/2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Ken Laudermilch	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See		
Amy Weigelt	Edie Richard	Brian Frankhouser	
Lou Ford	Stu Sacks	Cindy Sierk	Wilbur Horning
Natalie Anderson	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

The White Rose on the communion table is in memory of Bill Snyder who passed on May 25, 2020. Please keep Joyce, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 7, at 1:00 PM in the church parking lot. There are several congregational actions needed which were outlined in recent correspondence. You will be receiving important information via email and postal delivery to help prepare for the meeting. Please be sure to read it carefully.

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 is also available LIVE at 9:30 online. This is recorded for later viewing. You will need a ZOOM account to view LIVE. Instructions are available on the website.

Online Prayer Meetings will continue this week. Virtual prayer meetings are held online on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Fridays at Noon. These are accessible LIVE via ZOOM. Let us know if you need information about how to connect. These meetings will be 15-30 minutes in length.

Please send prayer requests to twitmer@ststephenpca.org, to be included and there will be opportunity for you to share requests LIVE.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM...

<i>Today</i>		<i>Online Worship</i>
	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Online Sunday School</i>
	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Online Youth Meeting</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Youth Evening Devotional</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Online Prayer Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Children's Corner with Pastor Tim</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Online Prayer Meeting</i>

ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY – June 7, 2020

Sermon: Genesis 37:1-11

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: "A Man for All Seasons"