ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA) 249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557 May 10, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Timothy Witmer

CALL TO WORSHIP (I Chronicles 16:8-12)

"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered."

HYMN #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art - thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r; raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

MUSICAL OFFERING "All That I Am" (Himes) Clair & Charlene Leaman

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:22-33

SERMON "Paul's Ministry Prospects"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #689 "Be Still, My Soul"

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

4 Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Douglas Wimer, Organist

Dr. Timothy Witmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS 05/10/2020

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Ken Laudermilch Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud Bill Snyder

& Judy See

Amy Weigelt Natalie Anderson Edie Richard Brian Frankhouser

Lou Ford Stu Sacks Cindy Sierk Wilbur Horning

Carol Flora 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

Flowers this Sunday are given in memory of Lucille Weaver by her family.

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 <u>twitmer@ststephenpca.org</u>, 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...

Today Online Worship

9:30 am Online Sunday School

6:00 pm Online Youth Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 pm Youth Evening Devotional Wednesday 6:30 pm Online Prayer Meeting

Thursday 6:30 pm Children's Corner with Pastor Tim

Friday 12:00 pm Online Prayer Meeting

ONLINE NEXT SUNDAY – May 17, 2020 SERMON: "Paul's Personal Ministry"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer SCRIPTURE: Romans 16:1-16