

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
July 29, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt” (BWV 637)  
(Through Adam’s fall, all are condemned)  
Meditation on ‘Repton’

J.S. Bach

R. Hobby

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 108:3-5*)

ONE: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

**ALL: I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

ONE: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

**ALL: Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

ONE: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**ALL: Let your glory be over all the earth!**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Hymn #345

\*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*)

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Thank you for the forgiveness of our sins and for receiving us into your family. We are grateful for your continuing patience with us as we strive against sin. We thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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.

**ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

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

“Come Gracious Spirit”

Rendon Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18

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SERMON

“The Patience of God”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

S. Bingham

\*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 *(1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV)*

**Praise be to you, Lord, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you these gifts and our thanks. Praise your glorious name. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN            “Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”            Hymn #108

\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE                            “Fugue in G”                            Bach

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

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Ushers:** Dick & Cathy Eby

**Greeter:** Phil Laukhuff

**Altar Guild:** Darlene Smith

**Counting Team:** Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Praise Book #18

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CHILDREN’S SONG

Father Abraham had many sons  
Many sons had Father Abraham  
I am one of them and so are you  
So let’s all praise the Lord.

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