

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
September 1, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

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Willan

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 135*)

ONE: Praise the LORD!

MANY: Praise the name of the LORD,

ONE: Give praise, O servants of the LORD,

MANY: Who stand in the house of the LORD,

ONE: In the courts of the house of our God!

MANY: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

ONE: Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

MANY: For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn #94

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Based on 1 Peter 2:4-7*)

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious.
Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus
Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ is Lord of all. We confess that we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him truly as Lord of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 35

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SERMON

“Return to Bethel”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What Offering Shall I Bring to Thee?”

Elmore

*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

Gracious Father, you have said that you love the cheerful giver. We offer these gifts rejoicing in the gifts you have provided for us. We offer these gifts in faith that you will continue to provide our needs according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

*CLOSING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

Hymn #358

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Roe

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Senior Pastor: 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: Dr. Stuart Sacks

Children’s Ministry Director: Faith Titus

Welcome Center: Irene Gundlah & Margie Ingles

Greeter: Janet Huffman

Ushers: Phil Laukhuff & Jim Leonard

Altar Guild: Ruth Kapp

Counting Team: Bob Spotts & Ron Bensinger

Sexton: Jill Wilson

Bookkeeper: Charlene Good

Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Praise Book #31

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

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He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love

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