

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

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr” (BWV 640) J. S. Bach
(In you I have placed my hope, Lord)
'Air' from Suite in D J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:1-4*)

ONE: I will extol you, my God and King,
ALL: And bless your name forever and ever.
ONE: Every day I will bless you
ALL: And praise your name forever and ever.
ONE: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
ALL: And his greatness is unsearchable.
ONE: One generation shall commend your works to another,
ALL: And shall declare your mighty acts.

*OPENING HYMN

“Though Troubles Assail Us” Hymn #95

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

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Let us admit our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
we have sinned, and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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

I John 1:5-10

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SERMON

“Growing Together in the Light”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend!”

R. Hobby

*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

We are grateful for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, “that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that through his poverty we might become rich.” Help us to be thankful for his grace and may these gifts be an expression of our gratitude. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation”

Hymn #354

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

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Greeters: George & Jane Miller

Ushers: Phil Laukhuff & Jim Leonard

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Sexton: Jill Wilson

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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 – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

This little light of mine

I’m gonna let it shine

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I’m gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel, NO!

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**THE PURPOSE OF ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH,
"THE BEACON ON THE HILL"
IS**

TO KNOW Jesus, the light of the world,

John 8:12 "The Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"

TO GROW together as His followers, and

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

TO SHOW His light to the world.

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

ANNOUNCEMENTS 09/15/19

*WELCOME VISITORS!! We are happy that you are with us. Our purpose is to share Christ through our ministries. Please sign the visitors' card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. **Nursery is offered during our 10:30 worship service for children ages three or younger. KINGDOM KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is available for children ages 4-7. They will be dismissed during the 10:30 service "Children's Song".*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Kaylee Richard	Mike Jacobs	Joan Jacobs	Steve Loewen
Pat Fieger		Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus
Lee Curley		Henry Weaver	Kurt Weaver

*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them.
(New names added to the list appear in dark print)

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in memory of Bill Seiple by his wife, Fran.

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE – Shirley had a great weekend. But Tuesday resumed 130+ seizures. Wednesday, she had 78. And then only 1 so far Thursday. It's such a challenge and emotionally exhausting not knowing what a day will bring. But Shirley continues to have such a joyful spirit through it all. She was denied an assistance program for an expensive medication that she is starting, due to her age. We are praying that God will continue to meet all our needs, whether it be sleep, peace, or money for increasing costs. Thank you for journeying with us and all the ways you care for our family.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from our ushers as you enter the sanctuary.

SCENT-FREE SEATING - For those with sensitivity to scents, seating has been designated in the southwestern section of the balcony. Please be respectful of those who have a medical reaction to scents and fragrances.

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

Church Activities

BELL CHOIR - Want to serve the Lord through music? We are in need of backup ringers for times when our regular members are unable to ring. If interested, please call Charlene Leaman at 484-678-5460.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin tomorrow Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, September 24, at 9:30 am. **October meeting dates are: Mon. 7th, Tues. 8th, Mon. 21st and Tues. 22nd.** In November meetings will return to the first and third weeks of the month through May, 2020. The first eight weeks the study will be *Exodus* by Tim Chester followed with *Ephesians* by Richard Coekin in Spring. Please direct any questions to Marion Sacks.

FARM SHOW - It's New Holland Farm Show time again. Needed are cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Sprite. No WATER is needed. Place soda in the kitchen and mark it *Farm Show*. Any questions, call Tom Weaver 717-354-8704.

NEW HOLLAND FAIR - Helpers are needed for the Farm Show Church Ox Roast stand. Sign early to get your favorite time slots. Signup sheets are on the table in the narthex. Any questions, call Tom Weaver 717-354-8704. Signing up for multiple shifts would be appreciated.

Church Bus Trip Payment: St Stephen Reformed Church Bus Trip to Old Swedes Historic Site and Historic New Castle DE. Just a reminder that final payment and registration are due by Sept 22nd. We still have seats available on the coach. Any questions, call Cheryl Weaver at 717-354-8704.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: National Collection Week (Nov. 18–25) is fast approaching for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! We will be passing out shoeboxes starting the first week in October, to be filled with items to send all over the world to children that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Every village that delivers shoeboxes also teaches the children about Jesus and His love for them. If you can't get out to purchase items for a shoebox, you can donate money to ship one. The cost this year is again \$9.00 per box. I have purchased 100 boxes. Please help me to fill them! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (484-459-4884), email me (djwimer@aol.com) or see me at the OCC table in the lobby. In Christ, Joy Wimer

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Today	8:15 am	Early Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Monday	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday		Presbytery Meeting at St Stephen
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Officers Meeting Wednesday
Thursday	6:45 pm	Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>09/22</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>09/24</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>09/26</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>CrossNet Meal Group</i>
		<i>6:45 pm</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>

NEXT SUNDAY – September 22, 2019
SERMON: "To Show His Light to the World"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Matthew 5:14

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>\$4,302.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>\$7,012.35</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,314.35

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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