

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
September 16, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Hymn #520

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 122 and 125*)

ONE: I was glad when they said to me,

ALL: "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

ONE: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

ALL: Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

ONE: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

ALL: So the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forever.

*OPENING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn #167

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 34:18*)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Let us admit our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Adapted from Psalm 51*)

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Purge me and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a

clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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.**

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:16-18

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SERMON

“The Glorious Gospel”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Fit Us for Perfect Rest Above” (Melcombe)

H. Willan

*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

"In Christ Alone"

Praise Book #17

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

J. Lemmens

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

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Music Leader: Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

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Welcome Center: Eric & Alice Olynik

Greeters: Mike & Joan Jacobs

Ushers: Ken & Deb Struble & Ben & Jocelyn Strubel

Altar Guild: Ruth Kapp

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ORGAN PRELUDE

“Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig” (BWV 644) J.S. Bach
(Oh how vain, oh how fleeting. . .all is vanity)
“Wondrous love” D. Wood

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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.
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