

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
September 30, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Ach, bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ” (BWV 649) J.S. Bach
(Ah, remain with us, Lord Jesus Christ)
“Holy Spirit, Light Divine” G. Young

WELCOME Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 107:1-3, 8*)

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ONE: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
ALL: For his wondrous works to the children of man!

*OPENING HYMN “Arise, My Soul, Arise” Hymn #305

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*based on Hebrews 4:14, 16*)

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Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest
confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the
hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus
Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from this time forward
we may serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
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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.**

*APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

¹ or universal

MUSICAL OFFERING “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” St. Stephen Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 11:30 page #535

SERMON “Our Great Mission” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Now We Pray unto Thee” D. Buxtehude

*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

**O God of our salvation, we praise you, for you give us every good thing.
You speak peace to our hearts. By your power, steadfast love and
faithfulness meet. May we live in gratitude for our reconciliation with you
through Jesus Christ. We dedicate ourselves to your service in His name.
Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN "He Was Pierced for our Transgressions" Praise Book #12

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN "Across the Lands" Praise Book #2

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CHORAL BENEDICTION St. Stephen Choir
"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Hymn #385

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Ushers: Gene Eberly & David Guyer

Altar Guild: Ruth Kapp

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GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“The Power of the Cross”

Praise Book #30

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

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| | Communion | | |
| 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 | Bell Rehearsal | |
| Wednesday | | Farm Show Stand | |
| Thursday | | Farm Show Stand | |
| | 6:45 pm | Choir Practice | |
| Friday | | Farm Show Stand | |
| Saturday | | Men's Breakfast at Yoder's | |
| | | Farm Show Stand | |

FUTURE EVENTS...

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>10/07</i> | <i>6:00 pm</i> | <i>Youth Group</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>10/09</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>Women's Steering Committee Meeting at Ruth Pankuch's</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>10/10</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>Finance Committee Meeting</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>10/11</i> | <i>10:00 am</i> | <i>Outreach Committee Meeting</i> |
| | | <i>6:45 pm</i> | <i>Choir Practice</i> |

NEXT SUNDAY – October 7, 2018
SERMON: "Amazing Savior"
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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| Attendance: | <u>Early Service</u> | 88 | \$3,180.00 |
| | <u>Late Service</u> | 165 | \$9,047.00 |

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,227.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
 Telephone (717) 354-7871 Fax (717) 355-2565
 Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 09/30/18

*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:

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| Lee Curley | Laine Eberly | Thelma (Tiny) Buch | Barb Carey |
| Carolyn Martin | | Vicky Stanley | Gary & Deb Gnagey |
| Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter | | Henry Weaver – brother of George Weaver | |
| Anne Sensenig - niece of Joanne Mellinger | | | |

*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 the Reverend Robert K. Townsley and his wife Jean M. (Starr) Townsley by their daughter Robin Jean Townsley Arcus, Durham, N.C. Bob was a son of St. Stephen Reformed Church.

THE WHITE ROSE on the communion table today is in memory of Fern Shirk, sister of Doris (Mrs. Floyd) Martin, who passed on September 22, 2018. Please keep the families and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

TABLETALK – The October issue has arrived. Be sure to read the article written by Dr. Witmer. Copies are available at the Welcome Center.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES 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.

FREE BIBLE, Adults and Children - We are offering a free copy of the English Standard Version Bible (the one we use in our pews) to anyone who would like one. Also, there is a Children's Storybook Bible for families with children under 12 (one per family, please). Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

Church Activities

FALL FRIEND DAY is Sunday October 14. Please use the enclosed invitation to invite a friend to visit St Stephen Church.

TALENT NIGHT & CONGREGATIONAL DINNER: Adults, kids, youth group and families – do you have a hidden talent (e.g., lip sync, stand-up comedy, skit or musical talent) that would glorify the Lord Jesus? Get your 3-5 minute act together for October 20; we will meet at 5:30 pm at the New Holland fire hall and start with a boxed dinner. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A preview of what you would like to do is required. If you have questions or need an idea, contact Fran Rapp at franrapp@frontier.com or 717.355.6511 or Barb Witmer at bwit5sings@gmail.com or 610.733.0757.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 is parade night for the New Holland Farm Show. Any young adults and/or families who are interested, are welcome to watch the parade at the home of Nathaniel and Kelsey Stamper (105 E. Broad Street) which is on the parade route. Plan to arrive between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, contact Nathaniel at 717.715.5954 or Kelsey at 717.330.8111.

NEW HOLLAND FARM SHOW RIDE TICKETS: Discounted Farm Show Ride tickets are available for purchase. The Outreach committee is again selling them as a fund raiser and a saving for you. Wristbands this year are \$20.00 and can be used any **One** day of your choice, Wednesday through Saturday - Opening to Closing. Strip tickets sell for \$10.00 for 5 rides to be used throughout the week - Opening to Closing. We're not sure what the price of the rides are without the discounted tickets, however they are a big savings. Tickets must be purchased by **October 2**. For questions and/or to purchase tickets contact Cheryl Weaver 717.354.8704.

OCTOBER 7 after the 10:30 church service, volunteers will be needed to help clean out the food trailer and prepare leftover beef and soup for freezing. Call Tom Weaver (717.354.8704) if you are able to assist with this project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – “It's that time again, to start collecting goodies to fill your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can stop by the church lobby to pick up your shoe boxes! The cost for shipping shoe boxes is \$9, which should either be affixed to the top of your box or placed in the Donation box. **DO NOT** put your shipping money in the shoebox. National Collection Week is November 12. No candy or toothpaste please! We filled over 100 shoe boxes last year, let's see if we can top that this year. Be sure to share with friends so they can pack shoe boxes, too!” For more information, you can email Joy Wimer at djwimer@aol.com or go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

JUNE 2019 BUS TRIP – for those who have not received the email, there are packets of information in the narthex regarding this trip to determine interest. Please pick-up one and review to determine if you'd like to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Questions should be directed to Cheryl Weaver (717.354.8704).

FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – There are three (3) classes to choose from. Review the details of each class below, which begin at 9:30 am, and choose to attend the one which interests you.

- **Mission *not* Impossible:** This course is a basic interactive course with class discussion, Q&A, brief video clips, Bible examination, discussions of missions throughout history and more. We will ask ourselves about St. Stephen's role in the missions of our community, our country and in a world in need of the gospel.
Location: Upper Zwingli
- **Give Away Your Faith:** Christianity is under attack. We will discuss how believers can share their hope, while answering opposition. We will examine: the richness & beauty of the gospel; the Great Commission; Christian worldview; objections to faith; and reasons for faith. This series is designed to be a basic introduction to sharing and defending the faith.
Location: Lower Bachman Room B109/111
- **Christianity 101:** This is designed to provide a tool box for new and growing believers, including the assurance of salvation, getting around the Bible, learning to pray, walking with Christ daily and talking with others about Jesus.
Location: Lower Bachman Room B108