

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
October 6, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Alle Menschen müssen sterben” (BWV 643) J.S. Bach
(All Men Must Die)
Prelude on ‘Richmond’ H. Willan

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 103:1-4*)

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ALL: And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

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ALL: And forget not all his benefits,

ONE: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

ALL: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

*OPENING HYMN “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn #345

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CALL TO CONFESSION

In spite of God’s love for us, we often act and speak in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God’s law. Together, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we groan at our sin, and we ask forgiveness. Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good. But we close our ears to your call. We mistreat those we love, and we dishonor you, the One who made us. Yet you provide streams of mercy; you invite us again and again to live renewed lives. So we turn once again to the cross, to the empty tomb, to the stone rolled away, to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand. We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we ask it in Christ’s name. 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.**

*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)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 Page #958

SERMON “Do This in Remembrance of Me” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Let Us Break Bread” C. Callahan

*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

O God of our salvation, we thank you for the opportunity to offer these gifts as expressions of our appreciation for your lovingkindness to us. You have told us that you love the cheerful giver. Please help us to give and to serve joyfully remembering all that you have done for us through our Savior, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN “Behold the Lamb” Praise Book #6

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN “The Power of The Cross” Praise Book #30

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*POSTLUDE

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Ushers: Richard & Cathy Eby

Altar Guild: Viki Eberly

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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)
“Lead Me, Lord”

Hymn #727

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

This little light of mine	Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I’m gonna let it shine	I’m gonna let it shine.
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I’m gonna let it shine,	I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!	Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

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 Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Steering Committee Meeting at Ruth Pankuch's Bell Rehearsal
Wednesday 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday 6:45 pm Ladies Breakfast at Yoder's
Saturday 8:30 am Officers Planning Day

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 10/13 Fall Friend Day
6:00 pm Youth Group
Wednesday 10/16 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Officers Meeting
Thursday 10/17 6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – October 13, 2019

SERMON: "Life in the Spirit"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	88	\$5,561.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	132	\$5,230.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$10,791.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/06/19

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 Shirley Titus Amy Weigelt - daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt
 Pat Fieger Laine Eberly Mike & Joan Jacobs Alice Spotts
 Lee Curley Henry Weaver Kurt Weaver Steve Loewen

*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 Mike's parents, John & Fran Ressler by Mike and Sue Ressler.

Dear St Stephen Congregation – Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and thoughtful help during my ankle surgery and recovery. Thanks to Edie and Bert for the ride to Bible study and to Sue Ressler for her encouragement. Cheerfully in Christ, Vicky Williams

We would like to thank the church family for your cards and prayers in regards to Gary's recent cardiac issues. Blessings to all, Gary & Deb Gnagey

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE –

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

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

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.

Church Activities

ST. STEPHEN CHOIR is looking for more singers and we know you are out there! It is a great time to give the Choir Ministry a trial run for the Christmas season as it is fast approaching. If you love to sing and would like to see if the Choir Ministry is for you, please come and join us on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 pm in the sanctuary.

CLEAN UP – Today (October 6) after the second service volunteers are needed to help clean-out the food trailer and to prepare the leftover meat and soup for freezing. The more help we have the faster it will go.

LADIES BREAKFAST will be held this coming Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 am at Yoder's Family Restaurant. All are welcome!

FIFTH WEDNESDAY - Please join us for St. Stephen's "Fifth Wednesday Fellowship" meal, to be held [Wednesday, October 30, 2019](#) at New Holland Fire Hall, [339 East Main Street, from 6:00-8:00 pm](#). Come enjoy a delicious catered meal while learning to know your church family better! Donations will be accepted at the door that evening but please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex by [Sunday, October 20](#). You may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW HOLLAND CLOTHING BANK - October is the time to donate your clean, gently used coats and jackets to the New Holland clothing bank. There is a box located in the narthex to place your donations. Thanks for caring and sharing. The Outreach Committee

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

Our church has the opportunity for the 2019/2020 school year to continue our involvement to provide a hot meal once a month for the youth at CrossNet Ministries here in New Holland. Their youth center is located on Franklin St. where the youth fellowship in the Word of God, have an evening meal and play games. We have two committees alternating each month to make the meals, deliver and serve to the youth at CrossNet. If you would like to contribute to this ministry with a monetary donation towards the food there is a receptacle on the table in the narthex labeled CrossNet Meals.

Several churches in New Holland help provide these evening meals and St Stephen is proud to continue being part of this ministry. Thank you.

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

IS

TO KNOW Jesus, the light of the world,

John 8:12 "Then 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."

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

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