

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
November 10, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Meine Seele erhebt den Herren” (BWV 648) J. S. Bach
(My soul doth magnify the Lord)
“Tuba Tune” C.S. Lang

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 107*)

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ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever!
ONE: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
ALL: Whom he has redeemed from trouble.
ONE: And gathered in from the lands,
ALL: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
ONE: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
ALL: For his wondrous works to the children of man.

*OPENING HYMN “Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power” Hymn #300

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*1 John 1:8-9*)

God’s Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, and God of all comfort, we confess before you the evil of our hearts. We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between us and others. We have offended and grieved you, O long-

suffering Father and help us to be peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God, 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.
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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Song of Joy”
St. Stephen Bells
(Meditate with thanksgiving on Psalm 100)

A. Sherman

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-15a; Acts 1:8

Pages #311; 909

SERMON

“The Gospel Goes International:
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Rev. Richard Smith

UPDATE

“You Shall be my Witnesses”

Jack Eby,
Global Outreach Team Chair

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

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OFFERTORY

“Let All Things Now Living”

J. Spong

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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*CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn #263

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

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*POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Greeters: Phil Laukhuff

Ushers: Paul & Dawn Waltman

Altar Guild: Mary Beth O’Donnell

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GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Across the Lands”

Praise Book #2

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

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Group Week

Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group
Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Monday 11/18 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 11/19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 11/20 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Officers Meeting
Thursday 11/21 6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – November 17, 2019
SERMON: "More Than Conquerors!"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	91	\$5,061.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	151	\$7,610.11

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,671.11

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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 Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.com
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/10/19

*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:

Amy Weigelt	Marijane Schappel – sister	Werner von der Heide	Wanda Bossler
	of Carol Weigelt		
Kaylee Richard	Lee Curley	Shirley Titus	Joan Jacobs
Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly	Steve Loewen	Kurt Weaver
			Alice Spotts

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

FLOWERS today are given to *Thank* all our members and guests who have served in the Armed Forces by Gene and Viki Eberly.

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE - Shirley continues to have good and bad days. Some days she only has 10 or so seizures and other days 45+. Those are the days she is less alert, not wanting to eat purees, very fussy. On her good days, we see baby steps of growth. She is getting stronger, eating up to 2 oz. of baby food a day, which is so little, but massive progress for Shirley. We try to cling to the positives as much as we can. The older she gets, the better understanding we have of the longevity of her condition and how things are going to play out. She gets fitted next week for some adaptive gear (wheelchair and seats) and started speech therapy for communication skills this week.

WE ARE BEYOND speechless at the magnitude of gratitude that you, our church family have shown to us. It is incredibly humbling. We will never be able to say thank you enough for all the ways you love, serve and support us. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We love you all so much. This church is incredibly precious to us. In His grace, Nathan, Faith, Adelaide, and Shirley Titus

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.

LIFE GROUPS WEEK: Just a reminder, *Life Groups* meet this week on the day as normally scheduled for your group.

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.

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

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER - St. Stephen will again offer a FREE Community Thanksgiving Day meal for residents in the Eastern Lancaster County area. Monetary contributions are welcome which will be helpful in providing for this meal. Designated envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate. If using your weekly church offering envelope, please be sure to specify "*Thanksgiving Dinner*" on the envelope. If you are able to help at the meal on Thanksgiving Day or have any questions, please feel free to contact Cathy Eby at 717-354-7783.

ALTAR COMMITTEE is asking for your help during the Christmas season. We are in need of 3 or 4 people to help water the poinsettias, 3 or 4 people to help with the Christmas eve services little candles and 2 or 4 people to be greeters for either

service. Please contact Jean Martin, 717-354-2204. This is an easy way to serve the church with only a little commitment of your time.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR 2019 - It's time to look ahead to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and arrange our Poinsettia Tree and Sanctuary. If you would like to help this year, we are taking orders for 6½" pots for \$7.00. The two beauties are shown on the order form: Red or White Glitter are from Frysville Farms Nursery in Ephrata. There is a bag on the table in the narthex for your forms and money. The last day to order and submit your payment is Sunday, November 24th. This is a special time to decorate and we would love for you to be part of that. You are encouraged to take your plant home after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th. If you have any questions please contact Viki Eberly (717-929-0212) or Jean Martin (717-354-2204).

CROSSNET CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM - St. Stephen is sponsoring three (3) New Holland families for Christmas by providing gifts for the children. This is a great opportunity to work together to show Christ's love in a personal way and be a blessing to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. Please read the insert in your bulletin to see how you can participate in this ministry. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Sue Ressler at 703.282.6959 or susanressler@gmail.com

TAKE THEM A MEAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU: If someone is ill, elderly, has had a new baby or has experienced a death in the family, oftentimes family, friends, co-workers and church members rally around these families to take them meals. The Women's Steering Committee has a coordinator, Barb Field, who uses "TakeThemAMeal.com" to allow meal providers to sign up for a day or days when they will provide meals to the meal recipients. Most meal providers prepare meals in their own kitchens or order local carryout/delivery for the meal recipients. On their website, they share recipes, meal-taking tips and other ways to care for those who are dear to you. If a meal provider enters an email address when they sign up to provide a meal, they will receive an email reminder the day before they are to provide the meal. We have many needs in our church family but few people signed up to help with this vital ministry. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us by signing up in the narthex. Contact Barb Field at bswisher24@gmail.com or 848-702-1023 if you are able to help.