

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
January 19, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Gelobet seist du, Jesus Christ” (BWV 604)  
(Praise be to you, Jesus Christ)  
“How Great Thou Art”

J.S. Bach

R. Hobby

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 135*)

ONE: Praise the LORD!

**ALL: Praise the name of the LORD,**

ONE: Give praise, O servants of the LORD,

**ALL: Who stand in the house of the LORD,**

ONE: In the courts of the house of our God!

**ALL: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;**

ONE: Sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

**ALL: For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”

Hymn #518

\*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Adapted from Psalm 130*)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unto you, O Lord, belongs mercy and forgiveness. Though we have sinned, you are ready to forgive, and full of mercy to all who call upon you. Look upon us, therefore, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves with sincere confession before the throne of your grace, and in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Romans 11:11-24

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SERMON

“Strangers Welcomed”

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

E.L. Diemer

\*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

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service for the sake of him who gave himself for us even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb" Hymn #109

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE Fugue in E-flat major (BWV 552b, St. Anne) J.S. Bach

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

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*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."*

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**Greeters:** Tom & Dixie Acker

**Altar Guild:** Jean Martin

**Counting Team:** Bob Spotts & Ron Bensinger

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“O Lord of Hosts”

Praise Book #23

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CHILDREN'S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)  
Proverbs 3:5-6 – see insert

MUSICAL OFFERING “All for Jesus” Anon./Sacks  
Robert Straton

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS 01/19/2020**

*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".*

**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 9:30 am Women's Bible Study**  
**Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice**

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

**Sunday 01/26 3:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**6:00 pm Youth Group**  
**Thursday 01/30 6:45 pm Choir Practice**

**NEXT SUNDAY – January 26, 2020**  
**SERMON: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**  
**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**  
**Scripture: Romans 11:25-36**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JANUARY 12, 2020**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	79	\$4,121.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	160	\$4,500.00

**Amount received for General Fund only \$8,621.00**

**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](mailto:ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net)*  
*Website address: [ststephenpca.org](http://ststephenpca.org)*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

Joan Jacobs	Carol Flora	Stuart Sacks	Steve Loewen
Amy Weigelt	Marijane Schappel	Kurt Weaver	Werner von der Heide
Lee Curley	Pat Fieger	Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

*\*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 our parents by Dixie & Tom Acker.

**THE WHITE ROSE** on the communion table is in memory of Robert (Bob) Piper who passed on January 10, 2020. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

**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.

**FREE BIBLE & CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE** - 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 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.

**OVERFLOW PARKING** is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**RED & WHITE DINNER:** An elegant dinner is being planned for Friday, February 7, at 6 pm (snow date is Sunday, February 9) to be held in Lower Zwingli. Come hear Jim Line's story "Compelled by Love" and our own newly formed St. Stephen Strings.



Teens, and adults, married, single or single again are invited. Sign-up (in the narthex), along with a suggested donation of \$12 per person (deposited in the designated box), will secure your registration. Deadline to sign-up is February 2. Questions should be directed to Ruth Pankuch at 717.354.3108.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – The Spring semester of the women's Bible study will start the study of Ephesians beginning February 3rd and 4th (Monday evenings at 6:30 pm and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am). If you are not already participating and/or would like a copy of the book (Ephesians: Your place in God's plan, by Richard Coekin), please contact Marion Sacks at 610.212.1496.

**THE HANDBELLS** are looking for a fulltime player for the handbell choir starting after the New Year to complete the season through May 2020. Rehearsals are the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month and the bells play on the second Sunday of each month and Easter. If you are interested, please contact Charlene Leaman at 484.678.5460.

**BUS TRIP SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, May 6, for the first St. Stephen bus trip for Spring 2020. Early info now with more details to follow. "York County Made in America tour with lunch reservations."

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**VALENTINES FOR VETERANS!** St Stephen will again be collecting valentines for veterans. They will be used to show our love and gratitude to the vets at Lebanon and Coatesville VA Hospitals. These are always appreciated and enjoyed by the veterans.



Please bring your purchased or home crafted CARDS to the church February 2 or February 9. DON'T FORGET!

**CROSSNET MEALS DONATION:** Along with other churches in our community, St Stephen is again involved in providing a hot meal once a month for the youth at CrossNet Ministries here in New Holland. At their youth center, located on Franklin St., 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*. If you would be interested in serving on a committee please contact Viki Eberly ([vikidpa@comcast.net](mailto:vikidpa@comcast.net) or 717.929.0212) for more details. Thank you.

**NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK:** Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. Bins for donations are located in the narthex and breezeway. Monetary donations are also welcome via your offering envelope – remember to indicate *Food Bank* on your gift.