

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 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

“In dulci jubilo” (BWV 608)
(In quiet joy)
Air from ‘Berenice’

J.S. Bach

G.F. Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:9-12*)

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ALL: And his mercy is over all that he has made.

ONE: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

ALL: And all your saints shall bless you!

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ALL: And tell of your power,

ONE: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

ALL: And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

*OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Hymn #100

*INVOCATION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way; 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
St. Stephen Bells

arr. Helman

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:24-32

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SERMON

“Truth or Consequences”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Old 124th Psalm” (Geneva 124)

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

Almighty God, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you— our selves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” Hymn #388

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

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PRELUDE

'Erbarme dich' from St. Matthew Passion J.S. Bach/arr. Elliott
(Have mercy, my God, for the sake of my tears!
Look here, my heart and my eyes weep before you bitterly.)

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Hymn #708

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

God is the master builder. He is building me.
He builds with stuff that comes from heaven tools we cannot see.
He hammers in truths (knock, knock, knock), so we'll be honest.
He saws away (szu, szu, szu), what is not good.
He pours cement, for a strong foundation.
He builds in love, He fills in peace, and He decorates with joy. REPEAT

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Marvelous Grace"

arr. S.Sacks

Tom Elliott, trombone & Cheryl Elliott, violin
(Trinity Hymn #465)

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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
Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 02/17 12:00 pm Inquirer's Lunch at Ruth Pankuch's
6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 02/18 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 02/19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 02/20 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Officers Meeting
Thursday 02/21 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Friday 02/22 6:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Saturday 02/23 5:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

NEXT SUNDAY – February 17, 2019
SERMON: "Human Hypocrisy"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 2:1-11

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	97	\$4,733.00
<u>Late Service</u>	187	\$9,647.50

Amount received for General Fund only \$14,380.50

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/10/19

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:

Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus
Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith	Tom Plitt
Pat Fieger – son-in-law of the McAbees	Carolyn Martin	
Harold Good – brother of Hazel Weaver	Kathy Gregg – friend of Ruth Frankhouser	

*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 loving memory of my husband, Mel, by Ruth Pankuch.

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.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and comments of concern about Tara's surgery. She had the surgery on Thursday, January 31st and is recuperating at home. The surgeon feels confident that he removed all of the cancerous cells in the four areas on the top of her head. Your support meant more to Tara and us than we can express. Again, thank you so very much. Bill & Fran Seiple

Church Activities

CHURCH DIRECTORY – We are working on an updated directory for the congregation. To assist us with providing correct information of *members and regular attendees*, you will find three copies of the latest directory in the narthex. Please take time to review the information listed for you/your family and make any changes necessary (on just one of the copies). **Add or delete** information as needed. We hope to have a completed directory to you sometime next month. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (717.354.7871).

INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON – The next Inquirer's Luncheon is scheduled for February 17 at 12:00 pm. Come and hear about the ministries, history, and membership at St Stephen Reformed Church. The gathering is a prerequisite for membership though all are invited to hear more about the church. The lunch will take place immediately following the second service and will be held at Ruth Pankuch's home, 58 Heister Ave, New Holland (directly across the parking lot).

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER: Come meet some people and enjoy a delightful evening with a delicious meal. If you are single, a couple or single again, you are cordially invited to sign up for a fellowship meal in someone's home on either Friday, February 22nd at 6 pm or Saturday, February 23rd at 5 pm. Please fill out the form inside your bulletin, indicating your intention to attend and your preferred date and place it in the basket in the narthex. If you are willing to host, also include how many people you are able to host and directions to your house, if needed. The hosts will provide the main dish and guests will be responsible to bring either a salad, a side dish or a dessert. A slight difference this year is that neither the host nor the guests will know who is coming to the mystery dinner. You will receive a letter with the details after signing up. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 10th but if you miss the deadline or have questions, please contact Barbara Slowthower at 610-357-7501.

BUS TRIP – The bus for the church's trip in June, to the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter, is **full**. However, if you are interested in being on a *waiting list*, should anyone cancel or be unable to go, please call Cheryl Weaver at 717.354.8704.

Community Activities

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS! CARDS are due today, Feb. 10. They will be used to show our love and appreciation to veterans at the Lebanon and Coatesville Hospitals.

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.