

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
March 31, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin” (BWV 616) J.S. Bach
(With Peace and Joy I Go There)
“Benedictus” M. Reger

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 71*)

ONE: My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

ALL: I will praise you more and more.

ONE: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

ALL: For their number is past my knowledge.

ONE: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

ALL: I will remind them of your righteousness

ONE: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

ALL: And I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

*OPENING HYMN “All for Jesus!” Hymn #565

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist cried out: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the

morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. 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 “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Richard Walters
Sophia Irvine

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:13-25 Page #941

SERMON “A Living Example” (Part 2) Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Romanza on ‘Faith’ C. Callahan

*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

We are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us life anew, O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. We present our offerings to you to display outwardly our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God, and through them bring life and hope to many. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymn #34

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L. Boellmann

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Hymn #649

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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

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arr. Richard Walters

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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**

Monday **6:30 pm** **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesday **9:30 am** **Women's Bible Study**
 7:00 pm **Global Outreach Meeting**
 7:00 pm **Property Committee Meeting**
 7:00 pm **Women's Steering Committee Meeting at Ruth Pankuch's**

Wednesday **No T.E.A.M. this week**
 6:30 pm **Bell Rehearsal**

Thursday **10:00 am** **Outreach Committee Meeting**
 6:45 pm **Choir Practice**

Saturday **7:30 am** **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday **04/07** **Communion**

Wednesday **04/10** **7:00 pm** **Finance Committee Meeting**

Thursday **04/11** **6:45 pm** **Choir Practice**

Saturday **04/13** **11:00 am** **Easter Children's Outreach Program & Luncheon**

Sunday **04/14** **6:30 pm** **Evening of Thanksgiving – Stained-glass windows and new piano**

NEXT SUNDAY – April 7, 2019
SERMON: "The Fruit of Justification"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 24, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	85	\$3,328.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	219	\$4,946.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$8,184.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Telephone 717-354-7871 Fax 717-355-2565

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/31/19

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:

Bill Seiple	Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Steve Loewen
Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith	Carolyn Martin	Susan Graybill
Pat Fieger - son-in-law of the McAbees		Harold Good – brother of Hazel Weaver	

*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 Susan Miriam Severs (1916-2017) by her daughters Beverly Severs and Leslie Kalwara and her husband Ron.

THE WHITE ROSE on the communion table is in memory of Russell Yost who passed on March 25, 2019. Russ was a long-time member of St. Stephen.

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.

Church Activities

EASTER FLOWERS: Decorating the church at this time of year becomes a church wide celebration of our Lord and Savior. Ordering Easter flowers to decorate the window sills in memory of a loved one or recognition of an event or service is something we have done here for many years. The price is \$7.00 for a 6" tulip or a 6" mum in a variety of Spring colors. Order forms are included in your bulletin. After completing it, please place it in the bag, along with your payment, in the bag on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to St Stephen Reformed Church with the note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or you may pay in cash.

Due to the lifespan of these special plants please take them home after the service you attend on Easter Sunday, April 21. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 7.

Thank you, The Decorating Committee

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY volunteers are needed. Through this important ministry you have the opportunity to engage children when they are most open to the Gospel. Serving allows you to participate in the mission of the church, and increases your own faith. If you are able to help, please reach out to Faith Titus via email (ftitus@ststephenpca.org) or phone 717-408-5220.

Also, new schedules are being made, so if current volunteers need to make any adjustments to their current schedule please contact Faith.

CHILDREN'S EASTER LUNCHEON - Come little children and learn about God's creatures that look scary but learning about them will teach you that they are not forgotten but cared for. Jesse Rothhacker presents his animal friends that are reptiles needing his sanctuary care. Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 in Upper Zwingli followed by a light lunch in Lower Zwingli for you, your family and friends. Jesse has performed in many churches, scouting programs, the governor's mansion and even the U.S. Congress. He will have you laughing and learning as he inspires you to find his animals interesting up close and personal. Prayers for this Outreach event as we are excited bringing all of God's creations together.

The Outreach Committee

FROZEN SOUP is again available for you to share with those who are ill, those who are shut-in or just someone that needs a caring touch. Brighten your friends or neighbor's day.

Supporting our Members

A NIGHT OF FLUTE AND PIANO MUSIC: On Saturday, April 6, our own Jocelyn Strubel and Doug Wimer will perform at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The program begins at 7:00 pm and the church is located at 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA.

Community Activities

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.