

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*Call to Worship (*Psalms 150*)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

\*Hymn #55

“To God be the Glory!”

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Refrain)

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

\*Invocation

Nathan Titus, Pastoral Intern

\*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 catholic<sup>1</sup> church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(1 or universal)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Musical Offering (10:30)

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"  
Clair & Charlene Leaman

arr. Sacks

Scripture Reading

Genesis 47

Sermon

"Calm Through the Crisis"

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*Hymn #691

"It Is Well with My Soul"

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought! —  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4 O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Douglas Wimer, Organist

**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"*