

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
January 20, 2019 – 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) J.S. Bach
(Praise be to you, Jesus Christ)
“How Great Thou Art” R. Hobby

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*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 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Hymn #310

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unto you, O Lord, belongs mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, for you are good and 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.**

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism (Question 86)

ONE: What is faith in Jesus Christ?
ALL: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

MUSICAL OFFERING: “By Faith” Getty/Townend
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SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:8-15 Page #939

SERMON “Faith - A Gift From God For His People” 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;
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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 “In Christ Alone” Praise Book #17

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*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Hymn #530

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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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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
Thursday 6:00 pm CrossNet Meal Group
6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 01/27/19 3:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting
6:00 pm Youth Group

NEXT SUNDAY – January 27, 2019
SERMON: “Never Ashamed”
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 1:16-17

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JANUARY 13, 2019

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>\$2,737.00</u>
<u>Late Service</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>\$3,544.00</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$6,281.00

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.com
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 01/20/19

*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	Thelma (Tiny) Buch
Carolyn Martin	Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith
Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter	Harold Good – brother of Hazel Weaver	
Pat Fieger – son-in-law of the McAbees	Kathy Gregg – friend of Ruth Frankhouser	
Tara Emig – Bill & Fran Seiple's daughter		

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 (New names added to the list appear in dark print)

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in memory of Louise Loewen, in remembrance of her 80th birthday, January 22, by her son Steve.

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.

St. Stephen Church Family, it was nice for the church to think of the “Shut-ins” at Christmas. I had two nice people visit me and give me lovely Christmas gifts and a

nice chat. The bells just fit my door. May God bless you for your good work.
Sincerely, Anna Weaver

My St. Stephen Family, thank you for all your care, concern and prayers during my recent broken arm injury. It was heart warming to hear from you in so many ways. The “Shut-in” gift decorated our home for the holidays. We are so blessed to have this church family. Blessings, Alice Spotts.

Your Help is Needed - On Sunday morning, December 23, Dolly Blessing’s car was hit and damaged in the lower church parking lot. Please contact her if you have information about this (717.656.9524).

Church Activities

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex. Please be sure to pick up your box. If you don’t have envelopes but would like to, please inform the church office and some will be prepared for you.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 PM. Report copies are available in the narthex.

A CHILI COOK-OFF & GAME NIGHT are schedule for Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 6 pm. Cooks however, need to arrive at 5 pm with a crock pot of already heated chili. We need 12 great cooks to enter their prize-winning chili recipe in a 5-6 qt crock pot, we are not asking for your secret recipe but we must have a list of your ingredients. We also need 9 people to bake corn bread in a 9x13 inch pan. A panel of 4 judges will also be needed. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the best chili ever! Two sign-up sheets are in the narthex; one for cooks, judges and corn bread and one for attendees and game participants. Please sign up by Sunday, January 20. Bring your favorite games labeled with your name. Come enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Any questions should be directed to Barb Witmer at bwit5sings@gmail.com.

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

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.