

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

“Wir Christenleut” (BWV 612) J.S. Bach
(We Christian People)
“Chant de Paix” J. Langlais

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 40:9-10 ESV*)

ONE: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

ALL: Behold, I have not restrained my lips, O LORD.

ONE: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

ALL: I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

ONE: I have not concealed your steadfast love

ALL: And your faithfulness from the great congregation.

*OPENING HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Hymn #103

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 139:23-24*)

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: “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

Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” Forgive us for our lukewarm love and for our disobedience. Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” Forgive us for our barren lives. You said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.” We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent. Lord, you said, “Love one other as I have loved you.” Forgive us for putting ourselves first. In these and in so many other ways, we confess our sins. 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 3:9-20 Page #941

SERMON “The Verdict” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Wir nur den lieben Gott” J.G. Walther
(We Only Love God)

*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 (*1 Chronicles 29:10-13*)

“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. Amen.”

*CLOSING HYMN “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” Hymn #465

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Fantasy in g minor” (BWV 542a) J.S. Bach

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

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

Hymn #535

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/10/19

*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:

Zeny Uy	Bill Seiple	Russel Yost	Steve Loewen	Skip Beiler
Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus	Tom Plitt	
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 our parents by Mary Ann and Ed Frankhouser.

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.

THANK YOU – Richard and I would like to say a big "Thank you" to Mike Ressler for his visit, for the prayers and phone calls, meals, etc. extended to us during my

recuperation from a heart attack in 2017, and Win's fall in the bathtub. He suffered 5 broken ribs, required no surgery and to date is doing just fine. Stay well everyone, and my God bless each and every one of you.

With our love and thankfulness, Anne & Win Hall

THANK YOU so much for all the cards, visits and gifts you gave me to celebrate my 93rd birthday! I appreciate each remembrance more than I ever say. May God bless each one of you for He is so good to us all.

Betty Smith

Church Activities

NEXT SUNDAY the adult Sunday School will meet together in Upper Zwingli to hear from Richard Smith, RUF staff at Penn State University. Richard's work is being supported by our Global Outreach Budget.

LADIES BREAKFAST: All women and teenage daughters are welcome to meet at Yoder's Family Restaurant at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 30th, 2019 for breakfast. You are welcome to order off the special menu or to enjoy the buffet. Carla Eberly will share her inspirational testimony. Please plan to attend.

Community Activities

THE CHURCH received a thank you letter from committee members that are on the Christmas on Main New Holland Business Association staff. The letter is posted on the board in the hallway of Upper Zwingli. I hope you get a chance to view it as this event for the last 11 years takes the whole community to support it and we here at St Stephen are proud to be part of that from the beginning.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

	Life Groups Week		
Today	8:15 am	Early Worship Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School	
	10:30 am	Worship Service	
	6:00 pm	Youth Group	
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal – (Makeup session)	
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	
Thursday	6:45 pm	Choir Practice	

FUTURE EVENTS...

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>03/17</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>03/18</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>03/19</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>03/20</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Bell Rehearsal</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>03/21</i>	<i>6:45 pm</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>03/30</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Women's Breakfast at Yoder's</i>

NEXT SUNDAY – March 17, 2019
SERMON: “God’s Prescription”
By: Dr. Stu Sacks
Scripture: Romans 3:21-31

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	85	\$3,404.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	171	\$ 9,254.53

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,658.53

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 3, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	80	\$3,932.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	166	\$ 8,093.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,025.00