

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
April 8, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Hymn #611

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 29:1-2, 11* ESV)

ONE: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ALL: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

ONE: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

ALL: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

ONE: May the LORD give strength to his people!

ALL: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Hymn #100

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Adapted from Psalm 66*)

The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Adapted from Psalm 51*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Amen.

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.**

*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 catholic¹ church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.** ¹ or universal

CHILDREN’S SONG (Children ages 4-8 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,
He forgave my sin and He saved my soul,
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,
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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,
He will cleanse their hearts, He will make them whole,
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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:1-23 page #881

SERMON “Do This in Remembrance of Me” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Rise, my Soul” J. Walther

*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
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COMMUNION HYMN "He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions" Praise Book #12

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN "Now May He Who from the Dead" Hymn #387

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Acclamations" J. Langlais

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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Deacons: Gene Eberly, Tom Frankhouser, Ernie Orr, Chuck Kidhardt

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ORGAN PRELUDE

“Christus, der uns selig macht” (BWV 620)
(Christ, who makes us blessed)
“Jesus, lover of my soul”

J.S. Bach

H. Willan

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PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

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