

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
May 5, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Christus, der uns selig macht” (BWV 620) J.S. Bach
(Christ who makes us blessed)
Prelude on ‘Melcombe’ (Psalm 23) H. Willan

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 93*)

ONE: The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty
ALL: The LORD has clothed Himself with strength;
ONE: Your throne is established from of old;
ALL: The LORD on high is mighty.
ONE: Your testimonies are fully confirmed;
ALL: Holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

*OPENING HYMN

“And Can It Be” Hymn #455

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Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 32:1-2*)

“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven; whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.” Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life. In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you as we should and serve you as we ought. Forgive our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as followers of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. 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

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*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.**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:15-23

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SERMON “A New Master – Gotta Serve Somebody”

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Counting Team: Bob Spotts & Ron Bensinger

OFFERTORY “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” arr. B. Ingram

St. Stephen Bells

*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

O God, gracious giver of the bounty we have received, accept these offerings of your grateful people, and add to it your blessing to promote the advance of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” Hymn #254

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN “May the Peace of God” Praise Book #21

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Prelude in G Major” (BWV 541a) J.S. Bach

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Center: Eric & Alice Olynik

Greeters: Hank, Michelle & Ross Cochran

Ushers: George Weaver & Bruce Wanner

Altar Guild: Viki Eberly

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“O Word of God Incarnate”

Hymn #140

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CHILDREN’S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 05/05/19

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Communion
Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group
Tuesday 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Global Outreach Meeting
Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Wednesday 05/15 7:00 pm Officers Meeting
Thursday 05/16 6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – May 12, 2019
SERMON: “A New Freedom”
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 7:1-12

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR APRIL 28, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>\$3,102.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>\$4,245.00</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$7,347.00

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.comcastbiz.net
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

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:

Kaylee Richard – granddaughter of Dale & Edie Richard	Edie Richard
Lee Curley	Laine Eberly
Shirley Titus	John Martin
Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith
Carolyn Martin	
Pat Fieger - son-in-law of the McAbees	Curt Weaver – son of George & Nancy Weaver
Henry Weaver – brother of George Weaver	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)*

WHITE ROSE BUDS on the communion table are in is in memory of William Seiple who passed on April 26, Margaret (Marge) Sheaffer who passed on April 24, and Patricia Mayes who passed on January 29. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in loving memory of my husband Philip, on his birthday, by Judy Price.

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.

LIFE GROUPS WEEK: Just a reminder, *Life Groups* meet this week on the day as normally scheduled for your group.

Church Activities

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – Schedules for May through August have been emailed and posted in the appropriate room. If you are a Teacher or Helper, please be sure to check the new schedule and if needed take a copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Titus at 717.408.5220.

PLEASE JOIN US for St. Stephen's first "Fifth Wednesday Fellowship" meal to be held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at New Holland Fire Hall, 339 East Main Street, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come enjoy a delicious catered meal from Yoder's while learning to know your church family better! Donations will be accepted at the door that evening but please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex by Sunday, May 19. You may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S TEA - The Annual Tea for women and girls ages 8 and up will be held Saturday, June 1 from 2-4 pm in Lower Zwingli. More information coming...
Seating is limited so reservations are required by Sunday, May 19 by calling Edie Richard starting May 1 at 717.351.5527. Please give your name, email address, phone number and guests' names.

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. ***We now have gluten free Chicken Rice soup available as well.*** Brighten your friends or neighbor's day.

Community Activities

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. There is currently a great need for the following items:

Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Instant Potatoes
Cereal	Canned Fruit	Egg Noodles
Baked Beans	Canned Chicken	Salad Dressing
Ketchup	Mustard	Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup	Facial Tissues	Feminine Hygiene Products
Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent	

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.