

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
July 28, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Prière à Notre-Dame”

Boëllmann

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 111:1-3*)

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ALL: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart!

ONE: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

ALL: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

ONE: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

ALL: And his righteousness endures forever.

*OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymn #115

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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!” (Ps. 66:16, 18-20) In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy Name. 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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MUSICAL OFFERING

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

Hymn #535

(Dr. Stuart Sacks, piano)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 30:25-43

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SERMON

“The Art of the Deal”

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Wood

*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
**Blessed are you, God of all creation! It is only through your goodness that
we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your Kingdom. Blessed be your Name forever. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Praise Book #15
*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Rise Up, O Saints of God” Burkhardt
(Should you be moved to respond to a musical offering, a hearty "Amen" is recommended)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Ushers: Gene & Viki Eberly

Altar Guild: Mary Beth O’Donnell

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Hymn #302

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

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He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Today **8:15 am** **Early Worship Service**
 9:30 am **Sunday School**
 10:30 am **Worship Service**
 6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Wednesday **6:00 pm** **Fifth Wednesday Fellowship Meal**
Saturday **7:30 am** **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday **08/04** **6:00 pm** **Youth Group**
Tuesday **08/06** **7:00 pm** **Property Committee Meeting**
 7:00 pm **Global Outreach Meeting**

NEXT SUNDAY – August 4, 2019
SERMON: "Flight!"
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Genesis 31

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JULY 21, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	70	\$2,494.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	156	\$7,602.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$10,096.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 07/28/19

*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:

Kaylee Richard	Barb Carey	Connie Gehman	Mike & Joan Jacobs
Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus	Ernie Orr
Lee Curley	Henry Weaver	Kurt Weaver	Carolyn Martin

**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 by Deb & Ken Strubel.

Pastor Tim, Pastor Nathaniel and everyone at St Stephen, I am most grateful for your prayers, cards, calls and emails to me during my hip replacement surgery and recovery. Thank you so very much. Janet Ziemer

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.

FREE BIBLE and CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE are available at our Welcome Center. We are offering a free copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible (the one we use in our pews) to anyone who would like one. Also, there is a Children's Bible for families with children under 12.

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

Church Activities

Dr. and Mrs. Witmer will be away through August 6. Please contact Pastor Stamper or an Elder should you be in need of pastoral assistance.

CHURCH PICNIC – Be sure to reserve Saturday, August 24 for the annual church picnic. The picnic will be held at Terre Hill Community Memorial Park, in Terre Hill and begins at 11:30 am. Bring your lawn chairs, food to share (one side dish or one dessert). The church will provide meat, beverages, soft ice cream and paper products. There will be games for all ages, a children’s play area, tennis courts, volleyball and baseball fields. Lawn games are encouraged. Join us for this time of food and fellowship! Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Deadline for sign-up is August 18.

St Stephen Reformed Church Bus Trip: Thursday, October 17th to Old Swedes Historic Site and Historic New Castle DE. This includes a delicious lunch at Kathy’s Crab House. Sign-up sheet and flyers are on the table in the narthex. Any questions, call Cheryl Weaver at 717-354-8704.

FROZEN SOUP is 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

As we look forward again this year, our Ministry with CrossNet Ministries in New Holland is to help provide new backpacks along with school supplies for the students in grades K-12 who live in the ELANCO School District. This year we have **two** tubs to make your shopping a little easier. One is just for new backpacks and the other is for school supplies. Attached is a list of items needed. **Sunday, August 4th** as the **deadline for the drop off.** Containers are in the narthex for your convenience.

Backpacks (for all ages)	Mechanical Pencils (0.7mm)	Ballpoint Pens
Colored Pencils	Pencil Sharpener (w/lid)	Glue Sticks
Index Cards	Crayons	Water-based Markers
Post-It Notes (single)	Pocket Folders	Highlighters
Rulers	Spiral-bound Tablets	Drawstring Gym Bags
3-Ring Binders (1 & 3 in.)	Loose-leaf Notebook Paper	Small Tissue Packets
Chapstick	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	Deodorant (guys & girls)

Financial Donations

They are having **Backpack Sort Week** (new this year) where they have blocked off the week of August 5-7 from 9 am to 5 pm and August 8th from 9 am to 12 pm to prepare for the giveaway event if you would like to help.

Their giveaway event will be Tuesday, August 13th from 10 am to 5:30 pm if you would like to help that day also. The Youth Center is located at 110 West Franklin St., New Holland. The volunteer opportunities at the August 13 event are: Hair stylists to give free cuts to kiddos, kitchen helpers and many more fill in’s. Please contact Lisa Kerstetter at lisa@elancocross.org.

The Gap Center for Biblical Studies (located at Town Clock Chapel, 866 Chestnut St, Gap, PA) exists to glorify Almighty God as He has revealed Himself in the written Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments by the spread of the Gospel through educational lectures, seminars, classes, and training courses. Upcoming seminars include:

- Fri., Sept.13, 7pm & Sat., Sept. 14, - *Why Should We Study the Bible? Christian Worldview* with Mark Farnham.
- Fri., Oct. 11 at 7 pm & Sat., Oct. 12 9:30am - *Adoption in Christ: What it Means to be an Heir* with David Garner (son of Elder John Garner).

For more information on the Gap Center and seminars, view the poster on the Community Bulletin Board.