

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
March 17, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Helft mir Gotts Güte preisen” (BWV 613)
(Help Me Praise God’s Goodness)
“Herzliebster Jesu” (Oh, Holy Jesus)

J.S. Bach

J. Brahms

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 47:5:9*)

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ALL: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

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ALL: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

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ONE: God reigns over the nations;

ALL: God sits on his holy throne.

ONE: The princes of the peoples gather

ALL: As the people of the God of Abraham.

ONE: For the shields of the earth belong to God;

ALL: He is highly exalted!

*OPENING HYMN

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Hymn #305

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 34:18*)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Let us admit our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine. You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. You made us to be in your image in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. And yet, so often we fail to be wise, righteous, and holy. Please forgive and restore

us and through your Spirit conform us to the image of our Savior, the 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.

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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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Immortal Invisible”
St. Stephen Bells

A. Kindred

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:21-31

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SERMON

“God’s Prescription”

Dr. Stuart Sacks

NEWS FROM RUF

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

D. Hustad

*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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nourish us with these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world.**

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“In the Cross of Christ, I Glory”

Praise Book #18

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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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*CLOSING HYMN “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ” Hymn #524

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Rondo” J. Bull/R. Ellsasser

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Senior Pastor: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Associate Pastor: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

Elders: John Garner, Josh Irvine, Richard Miller & Mike Ressler

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

Organist Emeritus: A.J. Young

Organist and Choirmaster: Douglas Wimer

Music Leader: Dr. Stuart Sacks

Children’s Ministry Director: Faith Titus

Welcome Center: Lewis & Margie Ingles

Greeters: Chuck & Carolyn Nemec

Ushers: Tom Weaver, Mike Price, Ralph Cochran & Micah Cochran

Altar Guild: Raymell Houck

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

Sexton: Jill Wilson

Bookkeeper: Charlene Good

Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/17/19

*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:

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| Zeny Uy | Bill Seiple | Russell Yost | Steve Loewen |
| Lee Curley | Laine Eberly | Tom Plitt | Skip Beiler |
| 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 my mother, Sarah W. Zabler, in remembrance of her birthday by Jane Peters.

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.

Church Activities

Pastor Witmer will be out of town until Friday. Please call Pastor Stamper or one of our elders should you have need of pastoral assistance.

Pastor Witmer will be speaking at the Master's Seminary chapel service in Los Angeles, California on Tuesday morning at 11:00 AM Pacific time. If you would like to listen in, please check the seminary's website www.tms.edu at 2:00 Eastern time.

TODAY 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.

EASTER FLOWERS - Decorating the church at this time of year becomes a church wide celebration of our Lord and Savior. Ordering Easter flowers to decorate the window sills in memory of a loved one or recognition of an event or service is something we have done here for many years. The price is \$7.00 for a 6" tulip or a 6" mum in a variety of Spring colors. Order forms are included in your bulletin. After completing it, please place it in the bag, along with your payment, in the bag on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to St Stephen Reformed Church with the note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line or you may pay in cash.

Due to the lifespan of these special plants please take them home after the service you attend on Easter Sunday, April 21. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 7.

Thank you, The Decorating Committee

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

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| Today | 8:15 am | Early Worship Service |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 6:00 pm | Youth Group |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | Women's Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Bell Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm | Officer's Meeting |
| Thursday | 6:45 pm | Choir Practice |

FUTURE EVENTS...

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>03/24</i> | <i>6:00 pm</i> | <i>Youth Group</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>03/25</i> | | <i>Gleanings Articles Due</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>03/28</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 24, 2019
SERMON: "A Living Example" (Part 1)
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Romans 4:1-12

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 10, 2019

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| Attendance: | <u>Early Service</u> | <u>74</u> | <u>\$3,251.00</u> |
| | <u>Late Service</u> | <u>175</u> | <u>\$ 5,610.00</u> |

Amount received for General Fund only \$8,861.00

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