

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 23, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand
When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Jesu, meine Freude” (BWV 610) J.S. Bach
(Jesus, my Joy)
“Once Again My Heart Rejoices” Cherwien

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 34:1-4 ESV*)

ONE: I will bless the LORD at all times;
ALL: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
ONE: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
ALL: Let the humble hear and be glad.
ONE: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
ALL: And let us exalt his name together!
ONE: I sought the LORD, and he answered me
ALL: And delivered me from all my fears.

*OPENING HYMN “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory” Hymn #122

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Your word says. “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” (Rom 3:10-12 ESV) In light of our sinfulness let us look to the Lord who saved us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that, though we are forgiven, that we often wander from the path of the righteous. Please forgive our sins and help us to turn from our own ways to walk in the path that is pleasing to you. 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

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 14 and 42

ONE: What is sin?
ALL: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.
ONE: What is the sum of the ten commandments?
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SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:14-21 Page #948

SERMON “Resisting Evil, Embracing Good” Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Prelude on ‘Beach Spring’ C. Callahan

*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.”

Counting Team: Don Orner & Sue Beiler

*CLOSING HYMN “The Power of the Cross” Praise Book #30

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Preambulum in E” V. Lübeck

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

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Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden

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Greeters: Daniel & Moriah Camac

Altar Guild: Karen Bates

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Loved with Everlasting Love”

Hymn #703

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

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.
Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil;
This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Group Week

Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 5:30 pm Young Adult/Family Pot Luck

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 03/01 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 03/02 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 03/03 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Global Outreach Meeting
7:00 pm Women's Steering Committee at Pankuch's
Wednesday 03/04 2:30 pm T.E.A.M.
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday 03/05 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 03/07 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's
1:00 pm Bowling

NEXT SUNDAY – March 1, 2020
SERMON: "A New Respect for Government"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 13:1-7

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Attendance:	Early Service	88	\$3,244.00
	Late Service	146	\$4,672.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$7,916.00

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.com
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/23/2020

*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:

Amy Weigelt - daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt **Edie Richard** **Andrew Spotts - grandson of Alice & Bob Spotts**

Lou Ford	Natalie Anderson	Susan Graybill	Cindy Sierk
Carol Flora	Stu Sacks	Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs
Kurt Weaver	Pat Fieger	Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

**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 loving memory of Kathi's parents, Joseph and Margaret Fauber by Kathi and Rick Witmer.

THE RED ROSE and Cradle Cross on the communion table are in celebration of the birth of Abel Kenneth Morken. Abel was born on Tuesday, February 18 to Josh and Megan Morken. He weighed in at 7.6 pounds and was 26 inches long. Pray for Megan, Josh and Jolene as they adjust to this blessed arrival.

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.

FREE BIBLE & CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE - We are offering a free copy of the English Standard Version 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. One per family, please. Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

CHURCH FLOWERS – There is an opening to sponsor flowers for Sunday, March 8, 2020. If you are interested, please contact Jean Martin (717.354.2204).

AN INQUIRER'S LUNCH is being scheduled for Sunday, March 8. The lunch which will take place after the 10:30 service is open to all who are interested in learning more about St. Stephen ministries, history and membership. More details to follow.

BOWLING WITH THE YOUTH – Join us for some fun as we go bowling on Saturday, March 7 from 1pm to 3pm at 222 Dutch Lanes. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Any questions should be directed to Tom Frankhouser.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Game Night** is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6:30-9:00 pm
- **Ladies' Breakfast** will be held at Yoder's Restaurant on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:30 am
- **Ladies' Tea** will be held in Lower Zwingli on April 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

ADULT SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL classes begin in March 2020. Review the classes offered on the bulletin board; pick one and join us at 9:15 each Sunday morning.

SPRING BUS TRIP flyers are on the table in the narthex. Come along, join us on a trip called "Made In America" Sights, Sounds, and Tastes of York County. Wednesday, May 6th on Elite Coach. Price per person: \$118. Note, a \$50.00 deposit is due on registration (checks should be made out to Cheryl Weaver). Any questions call Cheryl Weaver, 717-354-8704.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

CROSSNET MINISTRIES ANNUAL BANQUET is schedule for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 with featured speaker Scott Hamilton (Olympic Champion, Cancer Survivor and Broadcaster). Envelopes which include more information and reservation cards are available on the table in the narthex.

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.

THANK YOU – On behalf of the Coatesville VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of a tray of cookies and Valentine cards, for the benefit of hospitalized Veteran patients.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Sincerely, Jennifer Lilly, Chief, Voluntary Service