

Saint Stephen Reformed Church

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COMMUNION SUNDAY

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November 1, 2026

Prelude
"Wo soll ich fliehen hin" (BWV 646) J.S. Bach
(Whither shall I flee?)
Welcome and Announcements

Preparation to Enter God's Presence

*Invocation

**Hymn of Praise #358* *"For All the Saints"*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Sunday Confession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to 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 catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*catholic does not refer to the Roman Catholic church, but means "universal" or "whole". It refers to the Church's presence and mission across all time and space, not just a specific historical period.)

Intercessory Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory *"This is My Father's World"* *arr. B. Olstad*

******The Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Text *Deuteronomy 4:44-5:6* *Page 150*

Sermon Title *"With Us, Who are Alive Today"* *Rev. Nathan Titus*

******Hymn of Response #305 "Arise. My Soul, Arise"*

1 Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race, his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

A Reading from God's Law (Exodus 20:1-17) with a Confession of Sin from the Psalms

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God… You shall have no other gods before me.

> **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.** *(Psalm 51:4)*

You shall not make for yourself an idol . . . . You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

> **Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.** (*Psalm 95:6*)

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

> **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.** (*Psalm 51:15*)

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

> **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.** (*Psalm 84:10*)

Honor your father and your mother.

> **Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.** (*Psalm 25:7*)

You shall not murder.

> **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me.** (*Psalm 139:23*)

You shall not commit adultery.

> **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.** (*Psalm 90:8*)

You shall not steal.

> **Have mercy on me, O God . . . blot out my transgressions.** (*Psalm 51:1*)

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law. (*Psalm 119:29*)

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. (*Psalm 119:36*)

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. (*Psalm 145:18*)

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever. (Psalm 145:21)

Assurance of Pardon

**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.

**Hymn of Communion #12 Praise Book* *"He Was Pierced. . ."*

He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on Him,
and by His wounds we are healed.
We all like sheep have gone a-stray,
each of us has turned to his own way
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Lord's Supper *(All Bread is Gluten Free)*

**Closing Hymn #562 "All to Jesus I Surrender"*

1 All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
may I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

3 All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine:
may thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow'r divine. [Refrain]

4 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power,let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

**Benediction*

**Congregation Three-fold Amen*

**Postlude Toccata "Tu es Petra. . ." H. Mulet*

Shorter Catechism on the Lord's Supper

Q. 96. ***What is the Lord's supper?***
A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Q. 97. ***What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?***
A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for the persecuted church, our missionaries, the church around the world and the continued evangelistic efforts of the gospel here and abroad.

<u>Our Missionaries</u>

Richard Smith: RUF-I (Penn State Univ.)
Chris Peter: RUF (Millersville Univ.)
Becky Della Piazza: DiscipleMakers (Susquehanna Valley)
Joshua Jacobs: Mission to the World (France)

*<u>See mission info in the narthex for other ministries we support</u>

Pray for all homebound members:

Skip Beiler – prayers as he prepares for eye surgery 11/03
Kathi Witmer – prayer for recovery from lumbar spinal fusion surgery
Frank Fields – recovery from knee replacement surgery

Join us tonight at 4:00 pm
for a brief lesson and dinner

ABOUT US

St. Stephen Reformed is a Bible Believing, gospel preaching, mission focused, Christ-centered Presbyterian congregation that is committed to living by the light of the Spirit, faithfully proclaiming the light of the Word, and shining forth the light of Christ in Lancaster County. As a member church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), we embrace and confess that the doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechism is the most faithful summary of scriptural teaching.

The PCA's slogan encapsulates well our beliefs:

Faithful to Scripture
True to the Reformed Faith
Obedient to the Great Commission

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