THE 10:10 LIFE TO THE FULL

Alternative Worship gathers in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. each Sunday. This movement for worship can be found weekly on the front cover of the Sunday Bulletin.

The full Arabic Language Worship Bulletin is available in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.
Moufid Khoury, Commissioned Lay Pastor

First Presbyterian
Allentown

THE 10:10 LIFE TO THE FULL

WORSHIP
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

8:00 A.M.
COMMUNION SERVICE

Prelude
Thomas Dressler

Welcome and Announcements
Jack Haberer

Minute for Mission and Ministry—One Great Hour of Sharing
Donna Barnwell

Call to Worship (see text on inside panel)

Opening Hymn No. 274
O God of Earth and Space

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture Lessons
Exodus 34:29-35 (O.T. p. 81)
2 Corinthians 3:17, 18 (N.T. p. 180)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rooted in Christ...As Disciples
It’s Morphing Time

Words of Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion and the 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.

Closing Hymn No. 421
The Church of Christ in Every Age

Benediction

The full Chin Language Worship Bulletin is available in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m.
Abraham Pa Cawi, Worship Leader

The full Arabic Language Worship Bulletin is available in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.
Moufid Khoury, Commissioned Lay Pastor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Stephen Emick
Minute for Mission and Ministry
Donna Barnwell
Greeting Each Other

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
II. Adagio from "Concerto in A minor" from l’estro Armonico
A. Vivaldi/J.S. Bach
Mennonite Church of Canada
Leader: We are the church that lives into God’s future today.
People: A church united across space and time.
A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.
A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.
The one who is seated on the throne says to us: “See, I am making all things new!”
A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God’s people.
God’s future is epic, and it’s good news.
Remember God’s future, for this is our story!

CALL TO WORSHIP
Becky Short, Elder
Inspired by Revelation 21:16

SERMON
Jack Haberer
Rooted in Christ...As Disciples
It’s Morphing Time

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND GLORIA PATRI
Hymn # 579
Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be,

MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Please complete your information in the Friendship Register and pass the folder down your pew and back again. If you have a prayer request, use the prayer request card in the pew rack and place it in the folder as well.

Offertory
Chancel Choir
"Rejoice in the Lord Alway"
Henry Purcell (1658-1695)
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice!
Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 592)
OLD HUNDREDTH
Traditional:
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.
Inclusive:
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN No. 275
God of Our Life
SANDON

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Exodus 34:29-35 (O.T. p. 81)
2 Corinthians 3:17, 18 (N.T. p. 180)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from the Mennonite church of Canada
We believe that Jesus Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow him. Through the gift of God’s saving grace, we are empowered to be disciples of Jesus, filled with his Spirit, following his teachings and his path through suffering to new life. As by faith we walk in Christ’s way, we are being transformed into his image. We become conformed to Christ, faithful to the will of God, and separated from the evil in the world. ... In all areas of life, we are called to be Jesus’ disciples. Jesus is our example, especially in his suffering for the right without retaliation, in his love for enemies, and in his forgiveness of those who persecuted him. Yet, as we follow Jesus, we look not only to the cross but, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. We place our hope in God’s vindication of those who take the narrow way that leads to life. “If we have died with him, we will also live with him. If we endure, we will also reign with him.”

HYMN No. 421
The Church of Christ in Every Age
WAREHAM

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Hymn No. 339, verse 3
SLANE
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

POSTLUDE
III. Allegro from "Concerto in A minor" from l’estro Armonico
A. Vivaldi/J.S. Bach

+ Those who are able may stand.
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
“Living God’s Love”

First Presbyterian Church of Allentown is a diverse body of faith committed to living God’s love in the way of Jesus Christ. We do this through worship, study, service, and relationships for the common good of our community and the world.

Telephone: (610)395-3781 Fax: (610)398-2191
Website: www.fpcallentown.org E-mail: office@fpcallentown.org

Information for First Time Visitors can be found in the Welcome Centers.
Ushers are available to direct you or to answer any questions you may have.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

PRAISE
40 Days

PREPARE
Confession—Absolution
(8:45) Children’s Time
Welcome, Announcements, Minute for Mission and Ministry & Greeting

RECEIVE
(10:10) Children’s Time
Sermon: Rooted in Christ...As Disciples
It’s Morphing Time

RESPOND
I Surrender
Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

GO FORTH
You Make Me Brave
Benediction

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with those who have been hospitalized recently. So that we might keep each other in prayer, it is the custom of this congregation to publish hospitalizations unless requested not to do so.

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest/I-78:
Bea Daniel
Phoebe Home:
Jane Savage
St. Luke’s Hospital - Bethlehem:
Kitti Myers
Discharged: Albert Attieh, Jack Lapp, Miriam Lapp, Don Mellowe, Tom Ritter, Betty Sobier

PARISH PRAYER LIST: On February 20th the staff will pray for the following members of our church family who comprise a portion of Parish #15:
Michael McCready
Linda Miller
Dot Oullette and Tim Fritz
Mike, Rhonda, and Jared Rodriguez
Todd and Melissa Sassaman
Jane Snyder

WEATHER EMERGENCIES We can expect that snow may cause the delay or cancellation of church programs at some point. In the event of inclement weather, you have the following choices to get the most up-to-date status on church programs and activities:
1. Call the church office (610-395-3781). Select Menu Item #4 to hear cancellation or weather-related information. If for any reason the church office number is inoperable, please call the church’s answering service (610-433-7511).
2. Tune in to WFMY Channel 69.
3. Go to www.wfmy.com and follow the link to “Storm Center Update” OR, go to www.fpcallentown.org.

CHURCH OFFICE RECEPTIONIST TEAM MINISTRIES We are looking for individuals to join the Weekday Receptionist Team. Volunteers are needed twice a month on Tuesday, or Friday afternoons from 1:00-4:30 p.m. Some experience in an office environment is desired, but training will be provided. Please contact Joanne Stock in the church office at 610-395-3781 ext. 36 or joanne.stock@fpcallentown.org for additional information.
WORSHIP

Kitchen Fellowship Hour
Sundays: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES We are so glad your family is here this morning! We want to support you and your family in worshipping together and encourage your children to join us for as much of the service as they are able. We also understand that worshipping with young children can be challenging. If you need to leave at any time, please feel free to do so, knowing that you can come back whenever you are ready.

CHILD CARE for infants through 5-year-old children is provided by Safe Sanctuary approved child care providers. These caring individuals await your children in the nursery, Room 112, from 7:45 - 11:45 a.m. Following the Children's Time at the 10:10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, children through kindergarten may be escorted to the nursery, Room 112, so you may worship knowing your child is in a welcoming and engaging environment.

LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS Our weekly Lenten Recitals take flight at 3 p.m. today, featuring Mark Laubach, Organist/Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Laubach is the past Dean of the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Next Sunday's recital will feature Stephen Williams, from the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa.

SUNDAY FLOWER DELIVERERS NEEDED Would you join a team of Church members responsible for the delivery of the flowers each Sunday following the morning worship services? Flower deliverers are provided with the names and addresses of the flower recipients. It is a great way to connect with other members of FPCA! If you are interested in delivering flowers on a scheduled basis, please contact Stuart Dubbs at (484) 239-0950 or stuartdubbs@gmail.com

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of those who have come before.

LAST SUNDAY’S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 612

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
8:45 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Arabic Language Worship in the Chapel - Moufid Khoury, Commissioned Lay Pastor
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Chin Language Worship in the Chapel - Abraham Pa Cawi, Worship Leader

STUDY - Faith Formation for all ages

WORLD AND FAITH SEMINAR Being rooted in Christ entails being transformed into his very image, even to the point of following him to the cross. But how do we do this? We're beginning a new series about what it means to be disciples of Jesus, and how we do this in our daily lives. Join us Sunday mornings in Room 115 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., as together we explore Jesus’ commission to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations…”

CONFIRMANDS AND SPONSORS participating in the bowling party this afternoon from 3:00-4:30 p.m. should meet at Jordan Lanes in Whitehall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH in grades 6-8 are invited to come for an evening of fun and fellowship starting with a visit to the Escape Room, then returning to the church for homemade pizza, and to set-up for the Youth Brunch. When? Friday, February 23 from 5:30p.m.-12 midnight. Registration deadline is TONIGHT, February 18. Cost: $25.

WINTER YOUTH BRUNCH Are you hungry for pancakes, eggs, and sausage? Excited to share brunch with your church friends? Come support this Youth Ministry fundraiser and good causes, too! We will tithe and collect a freewill offering that will help the Allentown Warming Station and the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank do their good work. We will be serving next Sunday, February 25 from 7:30 a.m. through 12 noon. Follow your nose to the first floor classroom hallway.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming: Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus! Save the dates! July 16-20, 9:00 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday. To join the VBS team, contact JoAnn Jones, joann.jones@fpcallentown.org.

YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12 Bring your schedule of sport games, plays, recitals, concerts, … to church (Faith Formation hour, Youth Choir, and Fellowship). Your friends and leaders want to come see you perform! Let us know when and where so that we can be there! Sign-up sheet is outside of Room 220.

TWEEN MISSION: PRETZEL SALE Sunday, March 4 is our annual Tween Pretzel Sale. You can help by making pretzel dough for us to bake and by buying pretzels that day. The proceeds from our sale will support Francis, a Malawi youth, and the Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator here in Allentown. Find the dough recipe at the church office, in kiosks, and on the church website (Forms and Events, Tweens).

MALAWI BOOK COLLECTION DIG CREW invites their entire church family to purchase black character, English language picture books and/or make a monetary donation (Check memo line: Malawi books) for the same to support Malawi village children who have no books. Please visit the kiosks to pick up a list of suggested titles or visit the church website (Forms and Events, Children). Drop off books and/or donations at the church office beginning February 18 through March 25. For more information, contact JoAnn Jones or Donna Barnwell in the church office.

YOUTH CHOIRS Youth Handbells rehearse in the Sanctuary from 4:00-5:00 p.m. this afternoon. Youth Choir will rehearse from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Come on out for Middle and High School Fellowship from 6:15-8:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:15. Bring $4 for dinner, please. And invite a friend to come!
WHAT IS ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING? Every year during Lent, the Presbyterian Church (PCLUSA) offers a special opportunity to impact those in need in the United States and around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a multi-faceted offering. Divided into three important ministries, OGHS provides food for the hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program; it empowers those in need to better their lives, through Self Development of People; and offers relief after natural disasters, through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This one special offering makes a tremendous difference. You can support OGHS through specially-marked envelopes located in the pews and Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCING A SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE! Many Christians “give up” something during Lent. This year’s clothing drive provides a way to make a Lenten sacrifice that will benefit those in need around the world. Green Threads will collect the clothing and distribute it around the world to people in need. Give up something for Lent! Bring your clothing, shoes, linens, scarves, ties, belts, handbags and stuffed animals to the Commons March 11-18.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Due to recent illnesses and other medical issues causing a shortage, the Food Bank is looking for additional volunteers to help at the Food Bank. Our church serves the 1st and 5th Tuesday of every month from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. Not only will you be supporting a great cause, but also sharing your time with a wonderful group of FPCA friends. Ride sharing from the church would be a plus. Please contact Beverly Levenson 610-481-9540.

GRANT WRITER The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank is seeking a volunteer to join our board serving as our Grant Writer who will research grant opportunities and foundations, write and prepare previous/new grant proposals, establish and maintain relationships with foundation contacts and maintain deadlines. All aspects will be done in accordance with federal, state and local guidelines, as well as the Food Bank’s mission. The current Grant Writer will remain to mentor as long as needed. Contact Tom Ehrets 610-437-4376 or Beverly Levenson 610-481-9540.

WHY DO VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEER? A group of 20 people are volunteering to travel to Honduras for the April 2018 medical mission. Why do they feel called to volunteer? Watch for their answers in Sunday bulletins starting today (see below) with Dr. Mark Knouse, an infectious disease specialist. It’s interesting to know that even though Dr. Knouse didn’t travel with the previous medical mission, he was an integral part of diagnosing and curing a long-suffering patient in Honduras - and he did it from Pennsylvania. Read the full story here: http://vacationmigration.com/2017/02/06/honduras-jose-mysterious-disease/

WHY I AM GOING TO HONDURAS I have decided to go on this medical mission trip as I had previously worked with Afaf Khoury and Dr. MacKenzie regarding difficult challenges they had seen there. I would very much like to share my expertise with this group and also with the people of Honduras. If Afaf, Rick, and others from FPC Allentown keep going, then I know it is the right thing to do. I would also love to meet the people and experience the culture from that region. Sincerely, Mark C. Knouse

2018 LENT SMALL GROUPS There are still spaces available in our Lent Small Groups, which begin this week. We invite you to travel your Lent journey with brothers and sisters from our church family. If you would like to be in a group, stop by the church office to sign up for a group and purchase the book, The Life You’ve Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People by John Ortberg.

THE MIDDLE EASTERN MEMBERS OF FPCA would like to invite the congregation at large and friends to share fellowship together through a Middle Eastern meal on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This dinner is free of charge and provided as a gift to the congregation. SAVE THE DATE!!

THE NEXT FPCA FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY STARTS MARCH 9!!!! More than 1 million families have attended FPU, paying off an average of $5,300 in debt and saving $2,700 in the first 90 days. Classes will be held Friday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m. March 9 through May 4, in Room 115. Online Sign up: https://fpu.com/1060688 Discounted kits can be purchased for $77.50 at the church office or at https://fpu.com/1060688. Feel free to come to the first class without a kit, if you would like to check it out. Childcare will be provided if requested by Sunday, March 4. For more information, please contact the FPCA FPU Coordinator Shawn Morgan at 610-291-4844 or Susan at the church office at 610-395-3781.

STEPHEN MINISTRY Do you feel weary? Are your burdens too much to bear? Do you feel a loss of God’s presence? Do you question how God is working in your life? God has called some people within our midst to Stephen Ministry. These people are trained and supported in walking with others through difficult times in their lives. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact Lindsay Harren-Lewis at (610) 395-3781 or lindsay.harren-lewis@fpcallentown.org.

Did You Know... DIG Crew and Weekday Pre-School collected 157 pairs of pajamas for children at Sheridan Elementary School while we learned about being disciples in community. DIG children made 22 fleece blankets to accompany the pajamas and helped the Knitting Ministry by writing 128 notes of encouragement to include with washcloths for the Food Bank clients.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support our Youth at the

WINTER YOUTH BRUNCH

SUNDAY, February 25
SERVING FROM 7:30 A.M. - 12 NOON

In 1st Floor Classrooms on the
Cedar Crest Side of the Building

This seminar is an opportunity for FPCA to acquire and refine knowledge and skills necessary to continue our discipleship journey.

- Understand the connection between theology and leadership
- Learn and expand knowledge of personal and team leadership skills
- Understand our church organization and operation
- Build relationships while having fun

Almost 50% of this seminar will be new information, so we encourage everyone to attend the class even if you have taken it in the past.

Saturdays, February 24 and March 24 8:30-11:30 a.m.
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)
Mondays, March 5, 12, 19 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Register now! Kelsey.doney@fpallentown.org or 610-395-3781

LOOKING AHEAD...

Sunday, February 18
First Sunday in Lent
8:00 a.m. Communion Worship
8:45 a.m. Alternative Worship
9:00 a.m. DIG
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:00 a.m. Arabic Worship
10:15 a.m. Alternative Worship
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Arabic Fellowship
11:45 a.m. Cantate Domino Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. International Mission Team
12:15 p.m. Chin Language Worship
1:30 p.m. Chin Burmese Fellowship
3:00 p.m. Confirmand & Sponsor Bowling Party
4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Middle & High School Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Caron Parent Support

Monday, February 19
President’s Day
8:00 a.m. William Allen Chorale
5:30 p.m. Yoga
6:00 p.m. AIN’T NO SHAME IN CHRONIC PAIN Support Group
7:00 p.m. G.R.A.S.P., Long Range Planning Team
9:00 a.m. Serenity Al-Anon Group
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, February 20
9:00 a.m. Pastoral Staff
Weekday Preschool
10:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting
Stay and Play
1:00 p.m. Tuesday Bridge
3:30 p.m. Worship Planning Team
5:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Together (TNT)
5:30 p.m. Planned Giving Team
6:30 p.m. Dementia Care Givers
7:00 p.m. Camerata Singers
7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21
Ash Wednesday
6:45 a.m. Men’s Discipleship Group
9:00 a.m. Quilting and Craft Group Ministry

Thursday, February 22
9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders
6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
8:00 a.m. Chin Burmese Band Rehearsal
10:10 Band Rehearsal

Friday, February 23
9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Bulletin Assembly Team
5:30 p.m. Middle School Late-Nighter
7:30 p.m. Chin Burmese Band Rehearsal

Saturday, February 24
8:00 a.m. Girl Scouts-World Thinking Day
8:00 a.m. The Next Level
9:00 a.m. Saturday Men’s Group

Sunday, February 25
Second Sunday in Lent
7:30 a.m. Winter Youth Brunch
8:00 a.m. Communion Worship
8:45 a.m. Alternative Worship
9:00 a.m. DIG
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Faith Formation
10:10 a.m. Alternative Worship
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Arabic Fellowship
11:45 a.m. Cantate Domino Rehearsal
12:15 p.m. Chin Language Worship
1:30 p.m. Chin Burmese Fellowship
3:00 p.m. Stephen Williams Organ Concert
4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Middle & High School Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Caron Parent Support

Room numbers for this week’s meetings and events can be found by clicking the calendar link from the home page at www.fpallentown.org or contacting the church office during normal office hours 610-395-3781. Calendars with room numbers listed are also posted in display cases at church entrances.