

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Treose, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd - Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd - English H. C. with Praise & Worship
4th - English Holy Communion
5th - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Motto: Year of Service

2021 Year Plan

| Date | Event |
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| 12/05/2021 | Bible Sunday Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:30 AM |
| 12/11/2021 | There will be a Prayer Meeting arranged by Mr. Shaji P. Oommen & Family at 11:00 AM at Emmanuel Church Fellowship Hall. Because of this, Saturday's Prayer meeting thru ZOOM will be cancelled. |
| 12/12/2021 | Holy Communion Service in English @ 8:30 AM |
| 12/19/2021 | Sunday before Christmas Holy Communion Service in Malayalam & 10:00 AM Christmas Carol Service after service |
| 12/25/2021 | Christmas day Service thru ZOOM @ 10:00 AM |
| 12/26/2021 | Family Sunday Holy Communion Service in English @ 11:30 AM |
| 12/31/2021 | Watchnight/Covenant Service Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:00 PM Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurian will be with us. |



The Spirit of Christmas is Peace
The Message of Christmas is Love



On behalf of the Church Committee, I wish you all a joyous Christmas. May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Holy season, and throughout the year! Wish your Christmas be filled with peace and love. Merry Christmas.



From Achen's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Shalom to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We are entering into the first season of Christian calendar- The Advent season, the season of joy and hope.

Advent- Coming Soon

Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is an anglicized version of the Latin word *adventus*, meaning arriving.

Advent is the beginning of the Western liturgical year and commences on Advent Sunday. In the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian, Presbyterian and Methodist calendars, Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before December 25, this is the Sunday between November 27 and December 3 inclusive. Latin word *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

Emmanuel – God with us

Christmas is a time to reflect upon the incarnation of the son of God. We celebrate an event in the human history in which God opened up a new way for us to reach him through a newborn baby called 'Jesus'. Theologians says Christmas is the event in which God stepped on to the stage of human history to save the fallen humanity, that is why Christmas is the proclamation of good news.

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Emmanuel shows that He came down from Heaven in human flesh. We are surprised when we think of the love God showed by coming down to save us sinners! We are a fallen race. We are a people enslaved in sin. We are under the power of Satan. But God has come down to us, in Christ, to set us free. We have hope because of “God with us” – because of Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Emmanuel means that he is available to all:

Christmas gives us the message that God is nearer to all.

- God with us in the flesh – Mathew 1 :18-25
- God with us as a redeemer – Acts 20:28
- God with us in all fullness. Col. 2:9
- God with us as an example. Philip. 2:5-6
- God with us as a companion. 2 Corinth. 6:16

Jesus is called Savior! Not an example or a teacher, but a Savior! If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent an entertainer. If our greatest need had been military, God would have sent a soldier. If our greatest need had been for justice, God would have sent a judge. But, our greatest need was forgiveness and redemption, and, therefore, God sent a Savior!

“Stay Safe, Stay Healthy”

Wish You A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

**In His Service
Reni Achen**

❖ Reminders... .

Our regularly scheduled Wednesday’s Teleconference Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent via email and WhatsApp.

On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a teleconference fasting prayer meeting. First Saturday’s prayer will be led by Women’s Fellowship.

With the grace of God and with the generous support of our members, we were able to collect 2865.00 dollars to support Mr. Rajan P. of Naranganam. 214,875.00 Indian rupees will be given to Rajan through Prince Achen. Once again, thank you all for your support.

The year-end is fast approaching and any dues you may have, like Membership, Harvest Festival/Auctions or any promised money should be given to the treasurer as soon as possible. This will help our Treasurer to complete the accounts and get audited in time for our General Body Meeting. If you wish to send any donations/offerings, or dues, please mail it to our Treasurer, **Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116.** Thank you in advance for your continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Presbyter in charge.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of December. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

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| Dr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Susan Mathew | 12/01 |
| Mr. Rays John Koshy & Mrs. Maya Fenn Thomas | 12/11 |
| Prof. Koshy Thalakal & Mrs. Achamma Koshy | 12/26 |
| Mr. P. I. George & Mrs. Susie George | 12/31 |



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made. By M.S.Lowndes

Lectionary for December 2021

December 5 2nd Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 11:30 AM
Theme: Joyful Expectation of Christ Coming
1 Lesson: 1 Kings 19: 1 - 21
Psalm 119: 33 - 40
2 Lesson: Revelations 10: 1 - 11
Gospel: Luke 1: 39 - 45
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Mrs. Reena George & Family

December 12 3rd Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion Service in English at 8:30 AM
Theme: Word of God: Light to our Path
Bible Sunday
1 Lesson: Isaiah 55: 6-13
Psalm 119: 105-112
2 Lesson: Galatians 1: 11-17
Gospel: Luke 1: 67-80
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Mr. Nobby Nainan & Family

December 19 4th Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 10:00 AM
Theme: Maranatha – O Lord Come
1 Lesson: Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 22
Psalm 28
2 Lesson: 1Corinthians 16: 13 - 24
Gospel: John 1: 1 - 14
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Mr. Russal Samuel & Family

Lectionary for November/December 2021

December 25

Malayalam Matins thru ZOOM at 10:00 AM

Rev. P. J. Jose will lead the service.

1 Lesson: Isaiah 9: 1 - 7

Psalm 98

2 Lesson: Galatians 4: 1 - 7

Gospel: Luke 2: 1 – 14

Lay Ministry: Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew & Family

December 26 1st Sunday after Christmas

Family Sunday

Holy Communion Service in English at 11:30 AM

Theme: Family as Healing Space

1 Lesson: Genesis 33: 1 - 11

Psalm 91

2 Lesson: Ephesians 6: 1 - 9

Gospel: Luke 15: 11 - 24

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Sajin George & Family

December 31 Year Ending/New Year Service

Covenant Service will start at 11:00 PM

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 11:00 PM

Theme: Come to the Lord and Rejoice

1 Lesson: Isaiah 1: 1 - 20

Psalm 89: 1 - 18

2 Lesson: Acts 16: 19 - 34

Gospel: Luke 19: 1 - 10

Lay Ministry: Church Committee

Birthday Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of December. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

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| Miss Shreya Susan Mathew | 12/06 |
| Mrs. Annamma Cherian (Teacher) | 12/07 |
| Mrs. Sunu Mathew | 12/20 |
| Mr. Sasin George | 12/21 |
| Miss Melina John | 12/21 |
| Miss Elin Mary Varughese | 12/22 |
| Miss Sharon Liz Mathew | 12/29 |
| Mrs. Vineetha Samuel | 12/30 |



God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

