

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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2020 Year Plan

| Date | Event |
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| 11/01/2020 | Sunday School Sunday |
| 11/29/2020 | Thanksgiving Sunday – (Malayalam Holy Communion) |
| 12/05/2020 | Door to Door Carol - Cancelled |
| 12/12/2020 | Ecumenical Fellowship Christmas Program |
| 12/19/2020 | Christmas Carol Service |
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| 12/25/2020 | Christmas Day |
| 12/31/2020 | Watchnight Service |



Motto: Year of Service

From Achen's Desk

Yes, God Can!

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. The slogan ‘*Yes, We Can!*’ has been used in political campaigns, songs, and exercise programs throughout the years. It’s a powerful little three-word statement meant to inspire confidence as people rally together. It’s a simple phrase that has the ability to rouse people to action. This all sounds wonderful on the surface. The problem is, no matter how loudly we chant, ‘*Yes, We Can!*’ the real truth of the matter is, *No, We Can’t*. We simply can’t solve the world’s problems on our own. Any formula that edits God out of the equation is doomed to failure.

Imagine the disciples’ astonishment when Jesus tells them it’s really difficult for rich people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 19:23-24).

“Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked (19:25).

Back then, and even in many cultures today, there’s this idea that if you’re wealthy, you must be blessed by God. With this idea in mind, it’s not surprising that these disciples would have been scratching their heads in response to the Rabbi’s words.

“Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.” (19:26)

Jesus is telling these confused disciples and he tells us today, “On your own, NO YOU CAN’T.” No amounts of money, awards, or good works are sufficient for us to enter the Kingdom of God. The rich man who had approached Jesus thought he was a pretty big deal. But he walked away sad after Jesus pinpoints his idol of money and possessions (19:22).

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If we as human beings are to have any chance of entering God's Kingdom, we have to begin with, YES, GOD CAN! We have to fall to our knees in humility as we admit our impoverished state apart from God. "Yes We Can" may be a brilliant political slogan, but it ultimately feeds the idolatry of our self-sufficiency.

As we'll see in the days ahead, Jesus now makes possible what previously had been impossible. So we should keep a belief that together we can overcome this difficult global pandemic situation and He turns our 'No' into a resounding 'YES!'

Yours loving,
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Wedding Anniversaries:

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

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| Mr. Arun Cherian & Mrs. Tina Arun | 11/10 |
| Mr. Maxwell Gifford & Mrs. Vivija Maxwell | 11/20 |
| Mr. Mathew Mangalath & Mrs. Gracy Mangalath | 11/21 |
| Dr. Davis Samuel & Mrs. Novina Samuel | 11/26 |



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**

❖ Reminders... .

After six months of services on ZOOM, we partially opened our church on the last Sunday of August. Pennsylvania State now allows in person religious gatherings for up to 20% capacity of the building. We still must obey all CDC guidelines for the safety of our members. We have to follow Social distancing guidelines provided by the Federal Government as well as State/Local Governments. Members who are over sixty, especially those with any pre-existing conditions, should refrain from attending the service. We will continue to have Church service, prayer meeting and Fellowship meetings available through Video conference/Telephone conference calls until further notice. Your cooperation is requested.

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.

If you wish to send any donations/offerings, please mail it to our Treasurer Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116. Thanks to everyone who already contributed and continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Vicar/President.

Birthdays Greetings:

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

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| Master Nathan Samuel | 11/01 |
| Master Rohan Samuel | 11/01 |
| Mrs. Mani Mathew | 11/01 |
| Mrs. Elsen Sam Mathew | 11/03 |
| Mrs. Sokly Chou Thomas | 11/03 |
| Mrs. Susie George | 11/04 |
| Mrs. Jiji Verghese | 11/06 |
| Mrs. Achamma Andrews | 11/06 |
| Mr. Abhinav Philip Prasad | 11/13 |
| Mr. Vipin Maxwell | 11/16 |
| Mrs. Tina Arun Cherian | 11/18 |
| Mr. Anish Mathew | 11/25 |
| Mr. Russal Samuel | 11/26 |
| Mr. Jacob John | 11/27 |
| Mrs. Bindu Saju | 11/28 |
| Mrs. Novina Samuel | 11/30 |



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.



Lectionary for November 2020

November 01 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Theme: **Treasures in Clay Jars**
 Unity Sunday

1 Lesson: Micah 6: 1-8

Psalm 106:1-12

2 Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-29

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Ivan Pattermthanam & Family

November 08 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Theme: **Be a Good Soldier of Christ**
 Sunday School Sunday

1 Lesson: Judges 6: 11-16

Psalm 91

2 Lesson: 2 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel: Matthew 20: 20-28

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Sunday School Children

November 15 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Theme: **Assuring Future for the Girl Child**
 Sunday for the Girl Child

1 Lesson: 2 Kings 5: 1-5

Psalm 8

2 Lesson: Acts 12: 11-17

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Jacob Korah & Family

Lectionary for November/December 2020

November 22 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: **Taking Risk for the Reign of God**

1 Lesson: Esther 8: 1-17

Psalm 12

2 Lesson: Philippians 2: 25-30

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mrs. Jiji Verghese & Family

November 29 1st Sunday in Advent
Malayalam Holy Communion Service
Theme: **Joyful Expectation of Christ Coming**
Thanksgiving Sunday

1 Lesson: Jeremiah 33: 10-16

Psalm 68:11-20

2 Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & Family

December 06 2nd Sunday in Advent
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. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family

Thanksgiving Facts

Here are Few fun facts about Thanksgiving to share around the dinner table.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

Turkey was not on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries.

Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.

The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation – and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo.

There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.

More than 50 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday every year. (*Definitely it is not going to happen this year*).

Source: Worldstrides