

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
4937 Church Avenue,  
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Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - English H. C. with Praise & Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> - 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
12/05/2020	Door to Door Carol - Cancelled
12/12/2020	Ecumenical Fellowship Christmas Program
12/19/2020	Christmas Carol Service
12/25/2020	Christmas Day
12/31/2020	Watchnight Service



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.*

*Rev. Prince John*



**Motto: Year of Service**

**From Achen's Desk**

### *Immanuel*

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. Once again, we are now in the Advent season. Let us thank our God for His gifts and blessings which we received throughout this year. Especially even we are passing through the most difficult situation of this year. But even in the midst of this also we are realizing that what a miracle that the God of the universe chose to come to earth as a baby—such grandeur and humility all in one. It can be easy to question how this could be, and that's exactly what Mary did when the angel Gabriel greeted her with the news that she would conceive the Son of God.

Gabriel responded in Luke 1:35 NIV, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy child shall be called the Son of God."

Over 600 years before this miraculous exchange, the prophet Isaiah spoke the same news of the virgin birth, declaring that the son would be called Immanuel, which translated means, "God with us." With that, Isaiah told us the who and what of Jesus' birth, but it was Gabriel who brought the news of how: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you...and for that reason the holy child shall be called the Son of God."

As we consider the miracle that is "God with us" by the power of the Holy Spirit that came upon Mary, remember to rejoice that, through Jesus, the Holy Spirit is still available to us today and during this difficult pandemic situation also. When Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure from the world, He told them that it was actually good that He would leave, that they would then receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit.

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You see, on earth, Jesus was fully God and fully man—He could only be in one place at a time. But through the power of the Holy Spirit, each of us has access to Him all the time, wherever we are!

The Holy Spirit who conceived Jesus in Mary’s womb, making it possible for Him to be with us on earth, is the same Spirit that Jesus said would come in His place to be with us always. When God sent His Son through the power of the Holy Spirit, He created and confirmed a lasting presence for those who call Him Lord.

This Christmas allow the power of the gifts God set in motion long ago to resonate in your heart. Whether you’re celebrating over gifts and dinner with loved ones or if you find yourself in a place of mourning, know that Immanuel has come for you. He didn’t just come to occupy a manger, a cross, or a tomb—He came to live in your heart through the everlasting power of His Holy Spirit. The gift of Christmas was always meant for you, and He is with us always!

Yours loving,  
Princeachen

### *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.

Dr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Susan Mathew	12/01
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**

### ❖ Reminders... .

After six months of services on ZOOM, we were able to partially open our church on the last Sunday of August. Again, due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases, now we are forced to close our church again. Pennsylvania State now allows in person religious gatherings for up to 5% capacity of the building. We still must obey all CDC guidelines for the safety of our members. We must 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 Zoom Video conference facilities 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.

Miss Shreya Susan Mathew	12/06
Mrs. Annamma Cherian (Teacher)	12/07
Ms. 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
Mr. Gijo George	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.*



## Lectionary for December 2020

**December 06**      **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**December 13**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Advent**  
**Theme:**            **Hope and Salvation**

**1 Lesson:**    Zephaniah 3: 14-20  
**Psalm**        43  
**2 Lesson:**    2 Peter 3: 8-13  
**Gospel:**      Matthew 1: 18-25  
**Songs:**  
**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Mary John & Family

**December 20**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**Theme:**            **Rejoice, the Lord is Near**

**1 Lesson:**    Zechariah 2: 6-13  
**Psalm**        50: 1-15  
**2 Lesson:**    Thessalonians 5: 12-24  
**Gospel:**      John 16: 16-24  
**Songs:**  
**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Mathew Abraham & Family

## Lectionary for December 2020

December 25      **Christmas Day**  
**Theme:**            **Finding Space for the Prince of Peace**

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 9: 2-7

**Psalm**        85: 8-13

**2 Lesson:** Ephesians 1: 3-14

**Gospel:**        Luke 2: 1-14

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Mathew Mangalath & Family

December 27      **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas**  
**Theme:**            **Peace and Conflict Resolution**

**1 Lesson:** Genesis 13: 2-12

**Psalm**        16

**2 Lesson:** Acts 6: 1-6

**Gospel:**        Matthew 20: 1-16

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Maxwell P. Gifford & Family

December 31      **Year Ending Service**  
**Theme:**            **Come to the Lord with Thanksgiving**

**1 Lesson:** 2 Samuel 6: 6-15

**Psalm**        91

**Lesson:**        Colossians 3: 12-17

**Gospel:**        Luke 17: 11-19

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Mathew Thomas & Family

## The Three Wise Men (Magi)

**1. They made it a priority to pursue the Lord** (v. 1). These men came from a great distance to encounter the Savior. They weren't just *casual* Believers but were committed to having a personal encounter with the newborn King. In the same way, shouldn't we make it a priority to pursue the Lord and spend time in His presence?

**2. They came to worship Him** (v. 2). Right from the beginning, the magi made the purpose of their journey clear: "*We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.*" May that be *our* focus as well during this Christmas season. Instead of being distracted by all the trappings of the holidays, let's take time to worship Jesus!

**3. Nothing could divert them from their mission** (vs. 3-8). When God gives us a dream to pursue, we often have to deal with a "King Herod" who tries to distract us along the way! The magi truly proved to be "*wise men,*" able to discern that King Herod had no intention of furthering their mission.

**4. They not only worshiped Jesus with their words and their time, but they also worshiped Him with a generous offering.** "When they had opened their treasures, they presented to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (v. 11). If we have a genuine encounter with our Savior, the King of Kings, how can we not honor Him with our possessions? True worship demands nothing less.

**5. They returned home "another way"** (v. 12). Genuine worship will transform us and cause us to walk on a different path than we started on. If necessary, we'll even be given supernatural direction or "*divinely warned in a dream.*" As you worship Jesus this holiday season, He wants to instruct you, change your life, and give you the breakthrough you need!

(Later telling of the story identified the magi by name and identified their lands of origin: **Melchior** hailed from Persia, **Gaspar** (also called "**Caspar**" or "**Jaspar**") from India, and **Balthazar** from Arabia)

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