

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

Good News:

Rev. P. J. Jose and family had their interview for the R1 VISA at the US Embassy in Mumbai (Bombay) on February 4th, 2022. Everything went well with the interview and achen and family will be getting the visa documents in two weeks. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

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Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
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Ash Wednesday: Few Facts

While Ash Wednesday is perhaps most closely associated with Catholicism, there are many Christian sects that recognize it, including Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and some Baptists. There are also Christians that refrain from Ash Wednesday celebrations. Mormons, Evangelicals, and Pentecostal Christians are some of the denominations that don't take part in the holy day.

The Ashes used on Ash Wednesday are meant to represent dust. When receiving ashes on their foreheads, parishioners hear the words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This is a reference what God says to Adam when exiling him from the Garden of Eden (in the Christian Bible, Adam is literally formed from dust). On Ash Wednesday, the saying is a reminder to be humble in the face of mortality.

The first Ash Wednesday ceremonies were likely held sometime in 11th century. It's never mentioned in the Bible, but there is a verse in the Book of Daniel that links fasting to ashes, and some scholars believe this is the origin of the Lenten practice.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are surprisingly eco-friendly. On Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, many churches pass out palm fronds like those used to welcome Jesus Christ to Jerusalem days before his crucifixion. Some churches save those palms to burn them and make the ashes that are applied to peoples' foreheads roughly 11 months later.



**Motto: Year of
Witnessing**

From Achen's Desk

Dear Beloved in Christ. Shalom to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God, we were able to conduct virtual general Body and Committee election. I want to appreciate all who took up the challenge to lead church in difficult times. Really glad to hear that Rev P. J. Jose achen got his visa. Let's hope that He will arrive soon. The Epiphany season talks about the Hope we have in Jesus Christ.

KEEP THE HOPE ALIVE!

Hope arise from encounter of Jesus: Luke records the encounter of Jesus with woman who was a sinner- probably a prostitute (7:36-50). Meeting with Jesus transformed her whole life. She experienced the power of God's love and forgiveness. Though she was counted as the scum of the society by existing social structures, Jesus found in her the value of human being who carries god's likeness. Overwhelmed by the way in which Jesus conveyed God's love and forgiveness, she joins the dinner party at which he was a guest. Kneeling at his feet, she burst his alabaster box and poured expensive perfume on him and mixed it with tears of joy.

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Acknowledging her simple faith, Jesus said: ‘your faith has saved you: go in peace. Yes, there is a hope and it comes from the Lord Almighty because we are hope givers and we are called to live in the hope. Are we ready to say this biblical truth to the world around?

Hope arises from God’s Love We are living in an age in which most of the people live in hopelessness. Incurable diseases, poverty, starvation, alienation, joblessness etc have created a sense of hopelessness in the minds of people and robbed of the meaning of life from the consciousness of the human minds? We always hear the questions like: Is there any hope for this world? Can we make things better? Bible says that the love of God gives us the hope to move forward in life. Psalmist says, “I put my hopes in the Lord Almighty”. God’s love means that he gives himself to us, accepts us as we are and opens a new life for us. God of the Bible is a God who comes down to the plane of human realm. His love covers whole humanity, and it transcends all barriers. As the disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect God’s love in our lives and to live in hope.

With Love and Prayers,
Reni Achen (2674012535)

Our regularly scheduled Prayer Fellowships will be held on Wednesday nights at 9:00 PM and Saturday Mornings at 10:0 AM. Everyone’s prayerful participation requested.

Church Committee for 2022-2023

Vicar/President: Rev. Reni Philip

Vice President: Mr. Jacob Korah

Secretary:

Joint Secretary: Mr. Maxwell P. Gifford

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Committee Members:

Mr. Cherian Abraham

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Mr. Abraham Kunnel

Mr. Ivan Patterthanam

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Sunday school: Mrs. Tina Arun

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Mrs. Anu Reny

Mrs. Deepa Ninan

Mrs. Susie George

Picnic Coordinator: Mr. Saju Issac Mathew

Web Master: Miss Reeba Ivan

Birthday Greetings:

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

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| Mr. Jacob Russal | 02/10 |
| Dr. Benjamin George | 02/17 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Anish Mathew | 02/17 |
| Miss. Aubrey Maria Thomas | 02/17 |
| Dr. Mrs. Prameela George | 02/22 |
| Mr. Ivan Patterthanam | 02/23 |
| Mr. Tony Mathew | 02/24 |
| Ms. Lena Cherian | 02/24 |
| Mrs. Annamma Mathew | 02/25 |
| Mrs. Teena Annie John | 02/27 |



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 February 2022

February 06 **8th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **Christ, the Pattern for Life**

1 Lesson: Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 72: 11 - 20

Lesson: Hebrews 3: 1 - 14

Gospel: Luke 10: 25 - 37

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Arun Cherian & Family

February 13 **9th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **Healing Ministry Sunday**
 Healing in Sickness

1 Lesson: Exodus 4: 10 - 17

Psalm 103: 1 - 10

2 Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12: 1 - 10

Gospel: John 9: 1 - 17

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Anish Mathew & Family

February 20 **8th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **The Corruption of Creation**

1 Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1 - 13

Psalm 8

2 Lesson: Galatians 1: 5 - 10

Gospel: Luke 10: 13 - 16

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Jacob Korah & Family

Lectionary for February 2022

February 27 **5th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **Life Saving Faith**

1 Lesson: 2 Kings 4: 1-7
Psalm 72
2 Lesson: Acts 5: 12-16
Gospel: Luke 5: 17-26
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Mr. Ivan Pattermthanam & Family

March 02 **Ash Wednesday**
Theme: **Cross: A Call to Vicarious Suffering**

1 Lesson: 1 Kings 17: 12 - 24
Psalm 102
2 Lesson: Philippians 2: 1 - 11
Gospel: Mark 8: 31 - 38
Songs:
Lay Ministry:

March 06 **1st Sunday in Lent**
Theme: **Being with the Outcasts & Marginalized**

1 Lesson: Esther 4: 1 - 17
Psalm 43
Lesson: Acts 15: 12 - 21
Gospel: Mark 1: 40 - 45
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Dr. Benjamin George & Family

Importance days of the Church Calendar

| Date | Event |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/23/2022 | Annual General Body Meeting |
| 03/02/2022 | Ash Wednesday |
| 04/03/2022 | Passion Sunday |
| 04/10/2022 | Palm Sunday |
| 04/14/2022 | Maundy Thursday |
| 04/15/2022 | Good Friday |
| 04/17/2022 | Easter Sunday |
| 05/08/2022 | Mother's Day |
| 05/26/2022 | Ascension of our Lord |
| 06/12/2022 | Trinity Sunday |
| 06/19/2022 | Father's Day |
| 08/07/2022 | Mission Sunday |
| 09/18/2022 | Senior Citizen's Day |
| 09/25/2022 | CSI Platinum Jubilee Sunday |
| 10/16/2022 | Youth Sunday |
| 10/16/2022 | Emmanuel CSI Church Day |
| 10/30/2022 | Reformation Sunday |
| 11/06/2022 | Sunday school Sunday |
| 11/13/2022 | Unity Sunday |
| 11/20/2022 | Sunday for the Girl Child |
| 11/27/2022 | Thanksgiving Sunday |
| 12/04/2022 | Bible Sunday |
| 12/25/2022 | Christmas Day |
| 12/26/2020 | Family Sunday |
| 12/31/2022 | Covenant/Watchnight Service |
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