# Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia 4937 Church Avenue, Feasterville-Trevose, 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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# Newsletter of Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia October 2021



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Formation of CSI Church in Philadelphia





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#### 2021 Year Plan

Date	Event
TBD	Mid-year General body Meeting
10/10/2021	Youth Sunday
10/24/2021	Church Day (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
10/31/2021	Reformation Sunday
11/07/2021	Unity Sunday
11/14/2021	Sunday school Sunday
11/28/2021	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/05/2021	Bible Sunday
TBD	Christmas Carol
12/25/2021	Christmas Day
12/26/2021	Family Sunday
12/31/2021	Watchnight Service

# Founding Families of CSI Church in Philadelphia:

- 1. (Late) Mr. T. C. John & Family, Warminster
- 2. (Late) Mr. Thomas George & Family, Bensalem
- 3. Mr. Cherian Abraham & Family, Bensalem
- 4. Mr. Thomas K. Thomas & family, Broomall
- 5. Mr. George Mathew & Family, Atlanta
- 6. Mr. Samuel Varkey & Family, Dallas
- 7. (Late) Mr. Varghese Mathew & Family, Houston
- 8. (Late) Mr. K. M. Thomas & Family, Nedungadappally
- 9. (Late) Mr. C. S. Abraham & Family, Philadelphia

#### FROM THE DESK OF PRESBYTER

Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

The month of October is packed with special Sundays especially- Senior citizen Sunday, differently abled Sunday, Youth Sunday and our church 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday. As we are gradually coming to normal days with more attendance let us thank God for his care and protection.

# **Church Reformation Movement - Protestant Movement Christianity before Protestant Movement.**

After Jesus Resurrection and Ascension Disciples went out to the world to spread Gospel. In Middle East and Europe many accepted Christ as personal savior. It was the time of roman reign. Roman Emperors persecuted Christians. But in AD 325 Roman Emperor Constantine accepted Jesus became Christian declared Christianity as official religion. The Roman Church (Catholic) developed strongly compare to the churches in Syria and Middle East. All Europe was under Catholic Church.

#### 500 Years of Reformation / Protestant Movement of Church

The protestant reformation was a broad movement in sixteenth century Europe. When the reformers sought to purify the church of unbiblical doctrine and practice, they often spoke of the need to "reform" the church according to God's word. Although this was a reaction against the Roman Catholic Church, it was also an embrace of the Scriptures' unique authority, a return to the doctrine and practice of the apostolic church, and an outgrowth of various reforming currents in the medieval church.

The Reformation is usually considered to have started with the publication of the <u>Ninety-five theses</u> posted by a German monk and university professor on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1517. Luther argued that the church had to be reformed. He believed that individuals could be saved only by personal faith in Jesus Christ and the grace of God.

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After Luther's protest a century later, the reform movement erupted in several places, especially in Germany, and spread throughout western Europe. It was led by famous reformers such as John Calvin (1509–1564) and Huldrych Zwingli (1484–1531) in Switzerland and John Knox (1513–1572) in Scotland. The separation of the Church of England from Rome under Henry VIII, beginning in 1529 and completed in 1537, brought England alongside this broad Reformation movement. The CSI Church is a Union of reformed churches In India. We are united & Uniting Church and dreaming that one day 'the all may be one'.

#### **Foundation of Reformation Movement:**

The five foundations of the Reformation highlight its five distinct and defining points of difference and belief. Although these foundations are never used together as a creed, each was held as a basic and specific belief of Reformation doctrine:

*Sola Scriptura* -"by Scripture alone," meaning that the Bible is the only source of spiritual authority;

Solus Christus - "by Christ alone," meaning that there is salvation through no other.

Sola fide - "by faith alone," which was perhaps the theme of the Reformation.

Sola gratia - "by grace alone," meaning that salvation is always a gift, never earned; and,

*Soli Deo gloria* - "by giving glory to God alone," and not to any other person or thing.

In Jesus feet

Rev Reni Philip

### \* Reminders....

# **Upcoming Services**

10/03/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 11:30 AM

10/10/2021 - English Holy Communion @ 8:30 AM

10/17/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 8:30 AM

10/24/2021 - English Holy Communion @ 11:30 AM

10/31/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 8:00 AM

11/07/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 11:30 AM

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.

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

# Birthday Greetings:

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

Miss Nina Susan Issac	10/02
Mr. Ryan Nainan	10/10
Mrs. Annie Nainan	10/13
Miss Sony Mathew	10/18
Dr. Mrs. Soby Jacob Russal	10/23
Dr. Mathew Thomas	10/24
Miss Rhea Liz Mathew	10/26



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.



## Motto For 2021: Year of Healing

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. Jeremiah 33:6

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## **Lectionary for October 2021**

October 3 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:30 AM

Theme: Youth in Search of a Meaningful Life

(Youth Sunday)

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 53: 1 - 6

**Psalm** 20

**2 Lesson:** 2 Timothy 2: 1 - 10 **Gospel:** Matthew 10: 9 - 13

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Youth

October 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in English @ 8:30 AM Sunday for Mentally and Physically Challenged

Theme: Differently Abled: Dignity & Dependance

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 4: 10 - 17

**Psalm** 103: 1 - 13 **2 Lesson:** Acts 3: 1 - 10

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 14 - 21

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Ivan Pattemthanam & Family

October 17 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 8:30 AM

Theme: My Peace I Give You

**1 Lesson:** Zechariah 8: 12 - 19

Psalm 119 161-176

2 Lesson: Romans 5: 1 - 5

Gospel: John 16: 16 - 33

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Jacob Korah & Family

# **Lectionary for October/November 2021**

October 24 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in English @ 11:30 AM

**Theme:** Christian Response to Poverty

**Family Sunday** 

**1 Lesson:** Amos 8: 4 - 7

**Psalm** 145

**2 Lesson:** James 2: 1 - 7 **Gospel:** Luke 16: 19 - 31

Lay Ministry: Mrs. Jiji Verghese & Family

October 31 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 8:30 AM

Theme: Church: Reformed and Reforming

**Reformation Sunday** 

1 Lesson: Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 11

**Psalm** 109 21 - 31 **2 Lesson:** Acts 2: 43 - 47

**Gospel:** Matthew 13: 33 - 35

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & Family

November 07 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:30 AM

Theme: Lights on the Lamp Stands

**UNITY SUNDAY** 

1 Lesson: Zechariah 4: 1 - 14

Psalm 27

**2 Lesson: 1** Corinthians 3: 10 - 15

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 14 - 16

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family

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

Mr. Biju Mathew Muthuthottathil & Mrs. Annamma Mathew 10/29



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

Source: Wikipedia



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Established on October 18, 1981
Let us join together on Sunday, October
24, 2021to give thanks to our God for
His faithfulness for 40 years of ministry
in Philadelphia.