

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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2021 Year Plan

Motto: Year of Service

From Achen's Desk

Date	Event
TBD	Mid-year General body Meeting
09/05/2021	Choir Sunday
09/11/2021	Church Picnic
09/12/2021	Grandparents Day
09/19/2021	Mission Sunday
09/19/2021	Harvest Festival
09/26/2021	Senior Citizen's Day
09/27/2021	CSI Formation Day
10/10/2021	Youth Sunday
10/17/2021	Church Day (40th Anniversary)
10/31/2021	Reformation Sunday
11/07/2021	Sunday school Sunday
11/14/2021	Unity 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

Shalom to all in the name of Lord Jesus Christ

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10.

After long one year a New in person Academic year will begin in September. I wish all the best to our children who are going to school and request them to begin their new academic year with the Lord.

Cast your burden on God

God created the world with His words and humankind with His hands. God created a world that he declared to be very good: a world in which people and the wider natural order exist harmoniously in the presence of God. Relationship with God, with others, with ourselves and with the rest of creation is central to God's loving purposes.

God has created a world where all things are interconnected, and there are natural consequences when those connections are broken. We must believe that suffering and sickness is not what God has intended for his creation. Rather it is to recognize that the brokenness of creation, and systemic and personal sin, are contributing factors in the rise and spread of things that harm us all.

Everyday challenges can be a test of our faith. Not only are people worried about their health; as schools and jobs close, but people are also concerned about childcare, elderly family in nursing homes, and bills. This pandemic is not only a threat to our health but our trust in God. I am sharing some encouraging reminders on how to keep your trust in God during a global pandemic. **Faith Over Fear:** If God took care of us before this pandemic, please know that He has not changed. Although everything is changing at rapid speed, God is not. He is the same faithful God before this outbreak that He will be once it passes. Our faith can be steady because our God is faithfully unchanging. This truth alone can strengthen us not to give in to fear. 2 Timothy 1:7

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Wisdom Over Worry: It is still important to exercise wisdom instead of becoming paralyzed by worry. If there is an action you can do to protect yourself, do it. Use wisdom and listen to sound advice.

Prayer Over Panic: Prayer is the exact prescription the Bible gives us to cure anxiety. We can panic, or we can pray, but we can't do both. Jesus called His church a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13), and now is our time. It's time to pray for God's intervention to stop the spread of this disease. It's time to ask for healing. It's time to ask for peace and comfort for those who have lost loved ones. It's time for us to ask for direction and discernment for our leaders and our homes. When we choose faith over fear, wisdom over worry, and prayer over panic, we can experience the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" that we read about in Philippians 4:7. In doing so, we become the light of Christ in a very dark situation. May God bless us all. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Your servant in Christ,
Reni Achen

Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. Jacob Russal and Dr. Mrs. Soby Jacob Russal	09/19
Mr. Prasad Philip and Mrs. Seeja Prasad	09/23
Mr. Mathew Abraham and Mrs. Rejini Abraham	09/26



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....

Upcoming Services

09/55/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 11:30 AM
09/12/2021 - English Holy Communion @ 8:30 AM
09/19/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 8:30 AM
09/26/2021 - English 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. We are canceling the fasting prayer on September 11, 2021 due to our church picnic.

Our church picnic will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Silver Lake Park, 1306 Bath Road, Bristol, PA. Please contact Mr. Nobby Nainan, our picnic coordinator, if you have any questions.

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 September. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Master Jonah Issac Mathew	09/01
Miss Lesa Thomas	09/03
Mr. Jacky Reny	09/10
Mr. Saju Issac Mathew	09/16
Mr. Marc Ivan	09/16
Miss Deepa Johny	09/16
Mr. George Vivek Koshy	09/19
Mrs. Jiji Ivan	09/19
Mrs. Reena George	09/21
Mr. Jaisen Jacob	09/21
Mr. Jacob Korah	09/24
Miss Everleigh Kay Jacob	09/27
Mrs. Susan Mathew	09/27



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 September 2021

September 05 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 11:30 AM

**Theme: Music from Worship: Affirmation of Witness
Choir Sunday**

1 Lesson: Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

Psalm 116: 5 - 17

2 Lesson: Revelations 7: 9 - 16

Gospel: Luke 1: 68 - 80

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Choir Members

September 12 16th Sunday after Pentecost

English Holy Communion Service @ 8:30 AM

**Theme: Education Sunday: Jesus the Guru
(Grandparents Day)**

1 Lesson: Proverbs 4: 1 - 19

Psalm 141

2 Lesson: Acts 22: 1 - 5

Gospel: Luke 4: 31 - 44

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Dr. Benjamin George and Family

September 19 17th Sunday after Pentecost

(Mission Sunday)

Malayalam Holy Communion Service @8:30 AM

Theme: Mission- Sharing God's Plan

1 Lesson: Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

Psalm 40: 1 - 13

2 Lesson: Acts 9: 10 - 18

Gospel: Luke 10: 1 - 11

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Arun Cherian & Family

Lectionary for September/October 2021

September 26 **18th Sunday after Pentecost
(Senior Citizens Day)**
English Holy Communion Service @ 11:30 AM
Theme: The Wisdom of the Elderly

1st Lesson Genesis 24: 1 – 14

Psalm 92

2nd Lesson 2 Timothy 1: 3 - 14

Gospel Luke 1: 5 - 7

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Cherian Abraham & Family

October 3 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
**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**
Sunday for Mentally and Physically Challenged

Theme: Differently Abled: Dignity & Dependence

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 Pattermthanam & Family

CSI Formation Day (September 27, 1947)

Four different church traditions were brought together in the CSI; Anglican (Episcopal), Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist. All these churches had been established in India through the missionary work of churches in Europe, America, and Australia, which had started their work in India at different periods from the beginning of the 18th century.

The Church of South India Scheme was the first practical attempt of its kind towards a union, based on the following points enunciated in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral:

- The Holy Scripture of the Old and the New Testaments as containing all things necessary to salvation and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- The Apostles' Creed as the Baptismal Symbol and the Nicene Creed as sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
- The two sacraments ordained by Christ Himself — Baptism and the Supper of the Lord — ministered with the unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution and elements ordained by Him.
- The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying need of the nations and people called of God into the union of His Church.

The Church of South India union ceremony happened at St George's Cathedral in Madras on 27 September 1947, a month after India achieved its independence from the United Kingdom. It was formed from the union of the SIUC, (South India United Church itself a union of churches from the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed traditions); the southern provinces of the (Anglican) Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon; and the Methodist Church of South India. The inaugural service was presided by Bishop Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, of the Anglican diocese of Travancore and Cochin. As part of it, nine new bishops, drawn from all the traditions, were consecrated to serve with five Anglican bishops already in the office.^[18] Each new bishop was ordained with the imposition of hands by the presiding bishop, along with two more Anglican bishops (Rt. Rev. A. M. Hollis and Rt. Rev. G. T. Selwynthe) and six presbyters from the uniting Churches, also laying hands.^[18] This reconciliation of the Anglican views with those of the other uniting denominations, on the doctrine of apostolic succession, realized in the formation of the Church of South India, is often cited as a landmark in the ecumenical movement.