EMMANUEL C.S.I CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

Worshiping at

St. Andrews Episcopal Church 500 Somerton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19116

Worship Services at 11:00 AM Sunday School at 09:45 AM

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English Contemporary Service with H. C. 2nd Sunday

English Holy Communion 4th Sunday

Malayalam Matins Service 5th Sundays

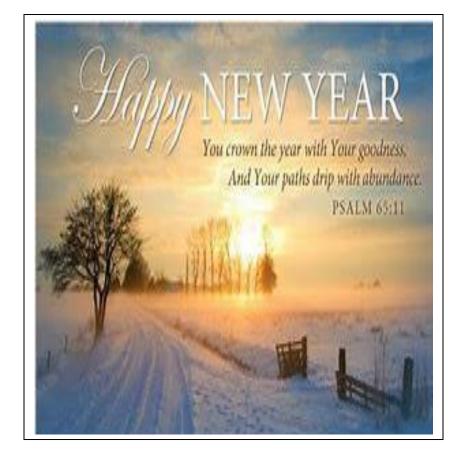
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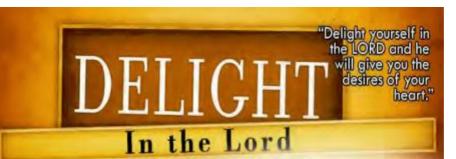




SPEAK OUT @ EMMANUEL January 2020 <u>Motto of the Year</u>

Year of Service

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45



Delighting in God

Before the psalmist writes that God "will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4), there is something that seems to be necessary in order for God to grant you that, which would be delighting in God. Here's a good definition of delight: a child seeing all of their Christmas presents under the tree. At that moment, the child is delighting in all the presents and in their parents, who are with them. When God says to "delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4), He is saying you should delight yourself in Him and only then will He give you the desires of your heart.

Committing to God

To receive the desires of your heart, you must also "commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act" (Psalm 37:5), which means you are committed to following God and obeying His commands. God will never bless anyone that doesn't strive to live a life of holiness. None of us will live it perfectly, of course, but we should endeavor to live as if we are committed to God and His purposes, & that will be well pleasing to God

Trusting in God

Paul wrote that "everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame" (Romans 10:11). Believing in Him means having trust in Him. If we truly "trust in him...he will act" (Psalm 37:5). Trusting Him means not trusting what we see. We must see with the eyes of faith and not the eyes of the flesh. I would rather trust an unknown future to a known God than to trust my future with what I know!

Waiting on God

A good portion of Psalm 37 talks about waiting upon God. Waiting is one of the hardest things to do, I must admit. But I must "be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7), for "in just a little while, the wicked will be no more" (Psalm 37:10a). We should wait for God and "refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off" (Psalm 37:8-9a) and rest in the fact that "those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land" (Psalm 37:9b).

Conclusion

We may not receive the greatest desires of our heart for the very reason that God knows it's not best for us. We might think it is, but God knows the beginning from the end. What we think is our desire may not be God's purpose for us. But if you really seek God and find delight in Him, commit to Him, trust in Him, and wait upon Him, He may grant you the desires of your heart, whatever they may be.



from Achen's desk.....

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

I am wishing you everyone a very Happy New Year this time. This year we celebrating as YEAR OF SERVICE and our church motto is Micah 6:8" And what does the lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". People who walk in favor will be easy to notice in everyday life. The happiest, most peaceful people on Earth are the ones who are walking in the favor of the Lord. Those who have realized their calling in life, those who know what their dreams are, and are actively reaching towards them will only see them come to fruition by following the path that God has laid out before them.

People who aren't walking in favor sit and wonder what they are going to do. They are too focused on how they are going to figure life out. Those who walk in the favor of God may not always know where their next step will take them, but they know that the road has already been paved.

Walking in favor ultimately requires two major tasks:

To remain plugged in & To live in favor.

Remaining plugged in means to be plugged into your Bible. Read the Word regularly, to remind and refresh yourself on the teachings of God. I make a point to read my morning devotional daily, as it clears my mind and removes the stresses from my life. It takes me to a higher spiritual level and allows me to prepare for my day at work. Stay plugged in, stay open to the plans that the Lord has in store for you.

Walking in favor is the only way that you can realize your true destiny. Everyone has a destiny. The word of God came to Jonah to declare unto him his destiny. It's very interesting to know that the presence of the Lord goes before you to prepare your place of blessing. When you WALK in favor, then you will reach the destination that God set on your map! And where that destination is, is where your destiny is.

Walking in favor is just that, walking. It is an action, a movement and decision that you must make on your own. It isn't always the easiest decision. In fact, sometimes it's the most difficult decision there is.

But it's the best decision that you will ever make.

Yours loving, Princeachen

| LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2020 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Jan 5 | 2 nd Sunday after Christmas God's Revelation to All | OT Psalm Epistle Gospel | Isa. 60:1-7 Psalm 98 Heb. 1: 1-12 Matt. 8: 5-13 | Lay Ministry Arun Cherian & Family | |
| Jan 12 | <i>Ist Sunday after</i> <i>Epiphany</i> Honoring the Body as Temple of God | OT Psalm Epistle Gospel | Eccl. 6:1-12 Psalm 1 1Corin. 3:16 -23 Matt. 5 :21-30 | Lay Ministry Youth Fellowship | |
| Jan 19 | 2 ^{ad} Sunday after Epiphany Called to Unity | OT Psalm Epistle Gospel | Ezek. 37:15-23 Psalm 133 Eph. 4:1-6 John 15:1-12 | Lay Ministry Jacob Korah & Family | |
| Jan 26 | 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Unity in Faith and Action | OT Psalm Epistle Gospel | Joshua.3: 9 -17 Psalm: 53 Acts 9:20-25 Mark 1: 21-34 | Lay Ministry Ivan Pattemthanam & Family | |

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B I B L E EMERGENCY NUMBERS

| When in sorrow | John 14 |
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| When men fail you | Psalm 27 |
| When you have sinned | Psalm 51 |
| When you have worry | Matthew 6:19-34 |
| When you are in danger | Psalm 91 |
| When God seems far away | Psalm 139 |
| When your faith needs stirring | Hebrews 11 |
| When you are lonely and fearful | Psalm 23 |
| When you grow bitter and critical | 1 Cor. 13 |
| When you feel down and out | Romans 8:31-39 |
| When you want peace and rest | Matthew 11:25-30 |
| When the world seems bigger than God | Psalm 90 |
| When you want Christian assurance | Romans 8:1-30 |
| When you leave home for labor or travel | Psalm 121 |
| When your prayers grow narrow or selfish. | Psalm 67 |
| When you want courage for a task | Joshua 1 |
| When you think of investments/returns | Mark 10 |
| How to get along with fellowmen | Romans 12 |
| For great invention/opportunity | Isaiah 55 |
| For Paul's secret to happiness | Col. 3:12-17 |
| If you want to be fruitful | John 15 |
| If your pocketbook is empty | Psalm 37 |
| If your losing confidence in people | 1Cor. 13 |
| If people seem unkind | John 15 |
| If discouraged about your work | |
| If you find the world growing small, and yo | ou greatPsalm 19 |

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* Teleconference prayer meeting will be held every Wednesday from 9:00 PM. Please join us with prayers by dialing 1-302-202-1116 and entering Conference code 714031

* Weekly Prayer meeting will be held at the Parsonage every Friday from 7 PM.





* Bible study for Women's Fellowship will be held on every first and third Sundays. All Women's fellowship members are requested to attend.



Wedding Anniversaries in Jan.2020

| 1/8 | Saju Issac Mathew& Bindu Mathew |
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| 1/22 | Ninan Mathew & Omana Mathew |
| 1/23 | Koshy Varghese & Jessy Koshy |

Birthdays in January

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



| Date | Name of celebrant |
|------|-------------------|
| 1/2 | Arun Cherian |
| 1/5 | Leni K.Verghese |
| 1/14 | Annamma Jacob |
| 1/14 | Zoeh Acha John |
| 1/15 | Jubin Jacob |
| 1/16 | Sosamma Philip |
| 1/23 | Cherian Abraham |
| 1/23 | Hannah Acha John |
| 1/23 | Aleyamma John |
| 1/24 | Reeba Ivan |
| 1/28 | Prasad Philip |
| 1/30 | Rev.Prince John |