

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 & 4th – English Holy Communion
5th – Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer – Wednesday @ 8:00 PM

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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2024 Year Plan

Important Days of the Church Calendar

12/01/2024	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/07/2024	Ecumenical Christmas Program
12/08/2024	Bible Sunday
12/14/2024	House to House Caroling
12/22/2024	Christmas Carol at 5:30 PM
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jeff Jack Philips Youth Chaplain, Marthoma Churches	
12/25/2024	Christmas Day
12/22/2024	Family Sunday
12/28/2024	Family Night Program
12/31/2024	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.



From Achen's Desk

Praise the Lord, God bless the Emmanuel family, once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel family, through this month's newsletter.

Christmas

Christmas is the good news of great joy. Celebration of life is the essence of Christmas and God's universal love for the entire creation. Unto us a child is born, unto us a Saviour is gifted who dwells with us full of great and truth. We search for joy in negative places, in wrong priorities and wrong concepts. This can be seen in the way Christmas is celebrated today. It is more commercialized than internalized. It has become a festival of buying and selling. Most often we try to express and experience the joy of Christmas in mundane things.

In the first christmas we see that it is a story of insecurity. Mary had asked "how can this be?." Joseph wanted to silently desert Mary, but ultimately they found each other as being called for a divine task. They start off from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey's back. Joseph was a stranger there, though he had historical connection to Bethlehem. He had none to accommodate even in that momentous time. It was an anxious, stressful moment. Therefore it's a story of insecurity and stress.

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Our families, churches and communities could live the meaning of Christmas in its fuller sense. May I once again wish you all a Grace-filled Christmas and spirit-filled new year. Amen.

Yours loving
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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 Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Ninan David & Mrs. Deepa Ninan	12/06
Mr. Rays John Koshy & Mrs. Maya Fenn Thomas	12/11
Prof. Koshy Thalakal & Mrs. Achamma Koshy	12/26
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**



Christmas

Carols

Emmanuel CSI Church
Christmas carols

Starts at 5:30 PM

Lectionary for December 2024/January 2025

Year Ending Service

Covenant Service will start at 11:00 PM

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 11:30 PM

Theme: Come to the Lord and Rejoice

1 Lesson: Isaiah 1: 1 - 20

Psalm 89: 1 - 18

2 Lesson: Acts 16: 19 - 34

Gospel: Luke 19: 1 - 10

Lay Ministry: Church Committee

January 05 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Theme: God's Revelation to All

1 Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1 - 7

Psalm 98

2 Lesson: Hebrews 1: 1 - 12

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5 - 13

Lay Ministry: Prof. Koshy Thalakal & Family

January 12 1st Sunday in Epiphany

Holy Communion Service in English

Theme: Honoring the Body as Temple of God

1 Lesson: Ecclesiastes 6: 1 - 12

Psalm 1

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3: 16 - 23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 21 - 30

Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship

Birthday Greetings:

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

Miss Shreya Susan Mathew	12/06
Master Lian Russal Samuel	12/11
Mrs. Sunu Mathew	12/20
Dr. 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



Miss Nitina Mohan 01/01

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 2024

December 01 **Thanksgiving Sunday** **(First Sunday in Advent)**

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Theme: Celebrating the Good News

1 Lesson: Exodus 2: 1 - 10

Psalm 117

2 Lesson: Acts 9: 10 - 18

Gospel: Luke 1: 46 - 56

Lay Ministry: Mr. Kizhakayil Mathew & Family

December 08 **2nd Sunday in Advent**

Holy Communion Service in English

Theme: Word of God: Inspired to Inspire
(Bible Sunday)

1 Lesson: 1 Kings 19: 1 - 21

Psalm 119: 33 - 40

2 Lesson: Revelations 10: 1 - 11

Gospel: Luke 1: 39 - 45

Lay Ministry: Mr. Jacob P. Korah & Family

December 15 **3rd Sunday in Advent**

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Theme: Deliverance from the Bondage of Sin

1 Lesson: Exodus 14: 1 - 14

Psalm 37: 1 - 12

2 Lesson: Romans 8: 1 - 11

Gospel: John 8: 31 - 38

Lay Ministry: Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family

Lectionary for December 2024

December 22 **4th Sunday in Advent**

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam
& Carol Service At 5:30 PM

Theme: Peace on Earth

1 Lesson: Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 (Mr. Koshy K. Varghese)

Psalm 96 (Mrs. Bindu Saju)

2 Lesson: Titus 2: 11 – 14 (Miss Josephine Reny)

Gospel: Luke 1: 67 – 79

Lay Ministry: Choir Members

December 25 **Christmas Day**

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Theme: Christmas: A New Dawn

1 Lesson Isaiah 9: 1 - 7

Psalm 98

2 Lesson: Galatians 4: 1 - 7

Gospel: Luke 2: 1 - 14

Lay Ministry: Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew & Family

December 29 **First Sunday after Christmas**

Holy Communion Service in English

Family Sunday

Theme: Family as a Healing Space

1 Lesson Genesis 33: 1 - 11

Psalm 91

2 Lesson: Ephesians 6: 1 - 9

Gospel: Luke 15: 11 - 24

Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship Members