

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Trevoose, 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 @ 8:30 PM

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Important Days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
11/29/2025	House to House Caroling
12/13/2025	House to House Caroling
12/20/2025	Christmas Carol Guest Speaker: Rev. Lijo George Vicar, CSI Christ Church in PA
12/25/2025	Christmas Day
12/31/2025	Watchnight Service AT 11:00 PM



From Achen's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 As we step into the month of December, our hearts are drawn once again to the astonishing truth that God became human and dwelt among us. The Incarnation is not just a story we remember; it is the very heartbeat of our faith. At the manger we witness the humility and sacrificial love of God, who chose to come not with power but in vulnerability and painfulness. In Jesus, God steps into our world, our struggles, and our ordinary days, bringing heaven's light into earth's deepest shadows.

In the Christ Child, God assures us that darkness will never have the final word. For those facing uncertainty, grief, or weariness, Christmas proclaims that God is still at work, renewing, restoring, and redeeming. Christmas joy is a spiritual gladness that flows from knowing that God is with us. Even when circumstances remain difficult, the presence of Emmanuel kindles joy that cannot be taken away.

This month is also a time when we celebrate our songs. Our hearts are filled not only with the themes of Advent and Christmas, but also with the beautiful hymns and carols that shape our celebration. The angels' song, "Peace on earth, good will to all," reminds us that Christ alone is our true peace—peace between God and humanity, and peace within our hearts. Some of the timeless songs are more than melodies—they are proclamations of faith, echoes of Scripture, and reminders of the wondrous mystery of Christ's birth.

"Joy to the World" reminds us that Christmas is a celebration of the King who reigns with truth and grace.

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As we rejoice, may we open our hearts for Christ to “prepare Him room,” allowing His joy to overflow into our homes, relationships, and community.

Throughout this month, our parish will gather in worship and fellowship to enter fully into the story of Christ’s birth. I warmly encourage you to join our special services, carol gatherings, and Christmas celebrations. Let us come together at the altar where the Word-made-flesh continues to feed and strengthen us.

As you prepare your homes and hearts for Christmas, I invite you to reflect on the light that Christ brings. In a world often marked by division, worry, and distraction, may we become bearers of His light—reaching out to the lonely, comforting the broken, and sharing kindness wherever it is needed.

May the Christ Child fill your hearts with wonder, your homes with peace, and your lives with the warmth of God’s everlasting love. May this December be a season of renewal for you and your families, and may the joy of Christmas carry you with hope into the coming year.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and a grace-filled Christmas.

Rev. Sandeep Jacob

Wedding Anniversaries:

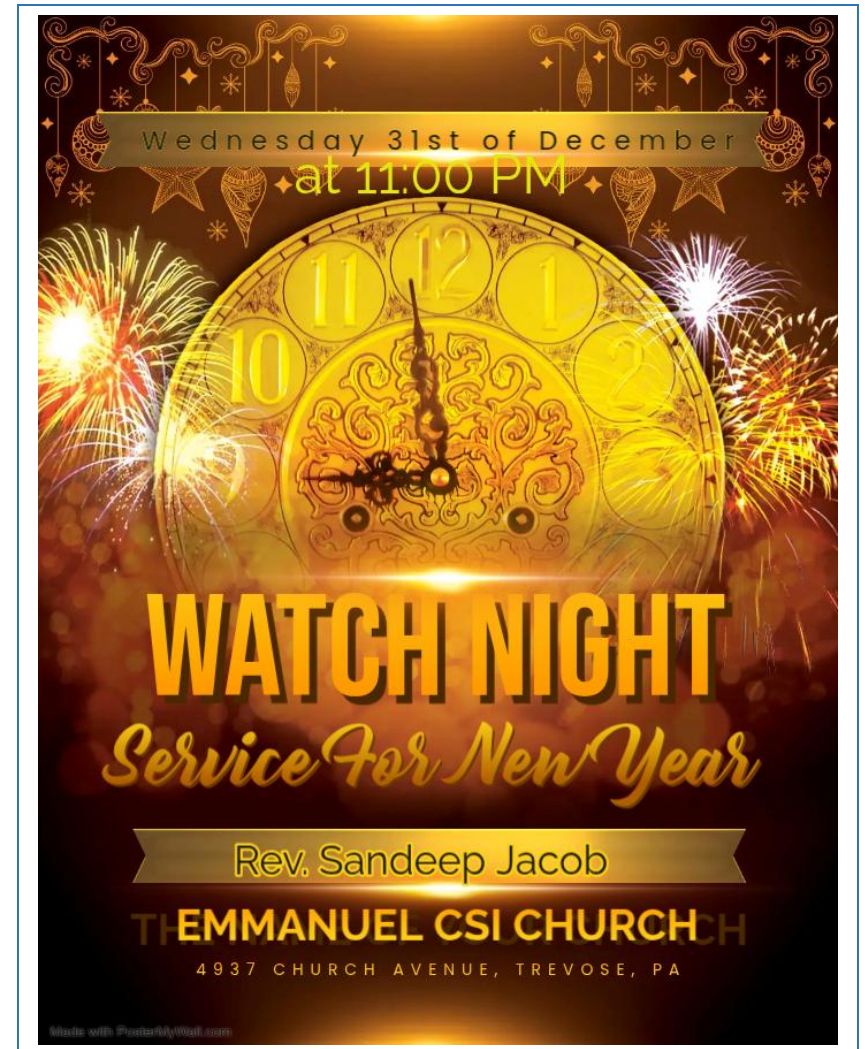
Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of December. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Ninan David & Mrs. Deepa Ninan	12/06
Mr. Rays John Koshy & Mrs. Maya Fenn Thomas	12/11
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



On behalf of the Church Committee, I wish you all a joyful and blessed 2025. May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Holy season, and throughout the year! Happy New Year.

BirthDay Greetings:

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

Miss Shreya Susan Mathew	12/06
Master Lian Russal Samuel	12/11
Mr. Brent Evans	12/16
Mrs. Sunu Mathew	12/20
Dr. Sasin George	12/21
Miss Melina John	12/21
Miss Elin Mary Varughese	12/22
Mrs. Christy Christopher Jacob	12/24
Mr. Jeremiah Thomas	12/27
Miss Sharon Liz Mathew	12/29
Mrs. Vineetha Samuel	12/30



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 2025

December 07 2nd Sunday in Advent

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. Koshy K. Varghese & Family

December 14 3rd Sunday in Advent

Council Sunday

Holy Communion Service (English)

Theme: Deliverance from the Grip of Fear

1 Lesson: Joshua 1: 1 - 9

Psalm 27

2 Lesson: 1 John 4: 13 - 21

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Lay Ministry: Council Members

December 21st 4th Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)

Theme: Maranatha: Life in Waiting

1 Lesson: Isaiah 2: 2 - 5

Psalm 75

2 Lesson: Revelations 22: 10 - 21

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 14

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Russal Samuel & Family

Lectionary for December 2025

December 25 **Christmas**
Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)

Theme: **Christ: Guiding Light of Hope**

1 Lesson: Isaiah 9: 1 - 7

Psalm 96

2 Lesson: Titus 3: 4 - 7

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Lay Ministry: Rev. Sandeep Jacob & Family.

December 28 **First Sunday after Christmas**
Holy Communion Service (English)

Theme: **Family: Sanctuary of Non-Violence**

1 Lesson: Genesis 50: 15 - 21

Psalm 133

2 Lesson: Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Gospel: Luke 15: 11 - 32

Lay Ministry: Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & Family

December 31 **Year Ending**
Watch Night Service at 11:00 PM

Theme: **Counting God's Blessings**

1 Lesson: Lamentations 3: 21 - 31

Psalm 66

Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15

Gospel: Luke 7: 11 - 17

Lay Ministry: Mr. Cherian Abraham & Family



**House to House
Carol Rounds**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

Carol Service at Church:
Saturday, December 20, 2025



*Welcome Santa and his Friends
to your home...*

*On November 29 & December 13
Philadelphia Phila Suburbs & NJ*