

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

December 24, 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div><div>CAST</div><div>ALL YOUR</div><div>ANXIETY</div><div>ON HIM</div><div>BECAUSE</div><div>HE CARES</div><div>FOR YOU</div></div> <div><div>1 PETER 5:7</div></div> <div><div><div>The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.</div></div></div> <div><div>December services:</div><div><div>No evening service today</div><div>Fellowship lunch, 1:00 devotional on the 31st</div></div></div> <div><div>Minister: Timothy Agee</div><div>timothy@teamagee.com</div><div>615-330-8652</div></div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div>Weston Johnson is cancer-free</div> <div>Elizabeth Demonbreun will have surgery after Christmas</div> <div>Steve Webb's cancer has spread</div> <div>Patricia Stroud is home, but still dealing with effects of pneumonia</div> <div>Bigge Shepherd's cancer has spread to his liver and brain</div> <div>Kristine Garrett's cancer has metastasized to her bone marrow</div> <div>Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</div> <div>Continue to pray for: Those affected by the tornados, Belinda Mayo, Hunter Crouch, Michael & Regan Loosli, the Walker family, the Mayo family, Doug Demonbreun, the Coleman family, Rebecca Brown, the Tabor family, the Buchanan family, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, and Bill Gillock</div>	<div>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we continue our study of Romans</div> <div>Serving Today</div> <div>Song Leader: Jeff Baker</div> <div>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Sam Baker</div> <div>Prayer: Charlie Baker</div> <div>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Lowell Gregory Philippians 2:5-11</div> <div>Wait On Table: Mike Reed</div> <div>Serve: Jared Roaden Josh Demonbreun</div> <div>Prayer: Dwight Pennington</div>
<div>Service Times</div> <div><div>Sunday Bible Study</div><div>9:30 am</div></div> <div><div>Sunday AM Worship</div><div>10:30 am</div></div> <div><div>Sunday PM Worship</div><div>6:00 pm</div></div> <div><div>Wednesday Bible Study</div><div>7:00 pm</div></div>	<div>Follow Us</div> <div><div><div><div>f</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div></div></div><div>pleasantviewcoc</div></div> <div>pleasantviewchurchofchrist.net</div>	

Emmanuel - Philippians 2:5-11
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This morning, on Christmas Eve, let's consider the name "Emmanuel", which is found only twice in scripture. The first is from a prophecy concerning the coming Messiah found in **Isaiah 7:14**. The second is from the record of when this prophecy was fulfilled in **Matthew 1:22-23**. In Matthew's account, he tells his readers the name "Emmanuel" means "God with us". What is the significance of God coming to be with us in the form of man? To answer this question, let's look at Paul's great summary of the life of Christ in **Philippians 2:5-11**.

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Philippians 2:5-7 (ESV) - ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

For many, Christmas marks a time of celebration of the birth of Christ. This celebration is usually centered on a view of the birth in terms of a "Nativity" scene with a beautiful baby boy in a manger filled with hay, surrounded by Mary and Joseph, animals, shepherds, and even wise men (though they did not visit Jesus when he was in a manger). Paul presents Jesus' birth from a different perspective in these verses. Here the emphasis is on what Jesus gave up in order to be "born in the likeness of men". To be "with us," Jesus had to give up EVERYTHING!

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Philippians 2:8 (ESV) - ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

While there is nothing wrong with celebrating the birth of Christ, there is a reason why the only prescribed memorial is for His death (**Matthew 26:26-28**). The birth of Jesus would have meant nothing if His mission had not been fulfilled with His sacrifice. Without this sacrifice, there would be no forgiveness of sin (**Hebrews 9:22-28**). His death was made possible by His willingness to give up everything and become fully human in order to be "with us". To experience pain, sorrow, temptation, and even death.

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Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Now that His mission to be "with us" has been completed, what is the significance of Paul emphasizing the glory that is due to Him? Among many other things, it says that He is ALIVE! He would no longer have a "name above every name" or we would not be able to "confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" if He were still in the tomb. The fact that He is no longer in the tomb, that death could not hold Him, is proof that He who came to be "with us" was fully God. Without the death of God Himself, the sacrifice would not be sufficient to pay for the sins of everyone.