

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

December 17, 2017

In these days of doubts and uncertainties, we at The Christian Church of Los Alamos have confidence that God still communicates to us through His Word, the Bible. Surely, the Creator is able to make Himself understood. We have confidence, therefore that the ultimate expression of God's will is in the Bible, supremely in the person of Jesus Christ, whom we confess to be God's Son, our Savior and Lord who gave His life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We welcome to our fellowship every person, regardless of previous affiliation, who accepts Jesus as the Christ, and who will share a willingness to conform their lives and practices to the guidance of the Scripture. In the essentials of faith clearly expressed in its pages, we seek unity of conviction. In areas where Scripture does not clearly speak, we seek liberty for each person. In our relationships with each other, we advocate love and trust.

The adventure of discipleship has led us to some practices that may seem novel to Christians more bound by church tradition. It has led us to a weekly observance of the Lord's Supper, to limiting baptism to those old enough to make a personal commitment of faith for themselves, and to the dramatic and ancient practice of baptism by immersion---an unmistakable burial and resurrection with Christ.

When one accepts the good news of Christ, they discover all that they need to make it through life, and all that they need to be prepared for eternity. In Christ is met all of our ultimate needs for a sense of significance, meaning, and eternal purpose. In Him as well is met our need for acceptance, love, and freedom from guilt. This liberating gospel becomes the wellspring from which our service to God through the ministries of our church flow. We reach out to our community in His name with His love that they too may encounter the good news.

At the Christian Church, we practice the principle of the ministry of all believers, for God's Spirit indwells and gifts each one. We encourage, train, and support every member to be faithful followers and servants of Jesus Christ. As a result, we believe you will find a fresh and vital kind of Christian faith here. You will also find a vigorous church life in which you and your family can get involved. Your growth and development in Christ is our principal concern. Let us know how we can help you!

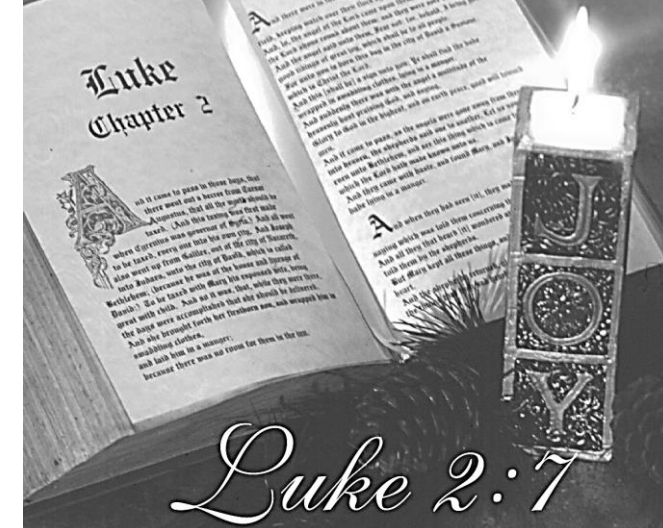
*And now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.*



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## *The Baby Is Born*

“And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”



*Luke 2:7*

## TODAY'S SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### OPENING SONG

*Light of the Stable*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SCRIPTURE READING

If you have a prayer request, please fill out the card in front of you. If you would like it to be mentioned publicly, please pass it toward the center aisle at this time. If you are a visitor, we ask that you please fill out the information side.

### OUR PRAISE

*My Savior, My God*  
*The First Noel*  
*O Holy Night*

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Communion Meditation

We prohibit no one from this act of worship, but ask that you examine yourself before you eat the bread and drink the cup, for in partaking you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (See 1 Cor. 11:23-31, Mt. 26:26-28, Mk.14:22-24, Lk. 22:17-20).

#### Communion Hymn

*Jesus Paid It All*

### THE LORD'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Prayer / Offering

### OUR PRAYERS

### CHILDREN'S ADVENT MOMENT

Children dismissed to go to Wee Worship & Children's Church)

### THE LORD'S MESSAGE – THE CHRISTMAS STORY

*The Baby Is Born.....Lk. 2:1-7*

### INVITATION HYMN

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Those who desire to accept Christ as their Savior and be united with Him through baptism, and those already a part of the body of Christ who desire to dedicate their lives or unite with this congregation by statement of faith are encouraged to come forward during this time.

### CLOSING PRAYER

## SCHEDULE OF REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, December 17, 2017

- Sun.** 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Coffee and Donut Welcome Time  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship – Nursery, Wee Worship and Children's Church participants will be dismissed from the worship  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling – Meet at the Church
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Men's Coffee Group at Ruby K's  
3:00 – 5:30 p.m. MSM – Middle School Ministry
- Wed.** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Rayburn Hall  
7:00 p.m. Prayer in the Sanctuary
- Thurs.** 2:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice
- Fri.** 9:00 a.m. **Women With Women** at Morning Glory

### Coming Events

Deadline for bulletin articles/information is noon on Wednesday. Late submissions published the following week.

- Dec.** 24 Regular morning service at 10:30 on Christmas Eve Day –  
\*Includes the Children's Pageant  
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m.  
31 New Year & Doug's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration as Pastor here!
- Jan.** 3 Stewardship Meeting at Noon  
7 Elders Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



— THIRD SUNDAY OF —  
**ADVENT**