

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

December 31, 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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## TODAY'S SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### OPENING SONG

*Joy to the World*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

#### 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

*Joy  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
We Three Kings*

### 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

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

### THE LORD'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Prayer / Offering

### OUR PRAYERS

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

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

*The Magi Bring Gifts... .....Mt. 2:1-12*

### INVITATION HYMN

*I Will Rise*

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 31, 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  
6:30 p.m. Doug's 20<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Men's Coffee Group at Ruby K's  
3:00 – 5:30 p.m. MSM – Middle School Ministry (will not meet this week)
- 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.

- Jan.** 7 Elders Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
10 Stewardship Meeting at Noon  
14 Youth Ministry Meeting after the service  
21 Elders Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Feb.** 4 Elders Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
7 Stewardship Meeting at Noon  
11 Children's Meeting after the service  
11 Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
18 Elders Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



### *Celebrating Doug's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as our Church Pastor!*

*Many thanks to him, Marci, Kyle and Lauren for serving in this church for the past 20 years. Thank you Doug for all of the tireless hours of love and care you have shown this congregation each day. May he be refreshed to serve for another 20 years!*