

## Welcome to Rocky Peak!

We're glad you're here. Our vision is to unleash a movement of passionate Christ-followers, who are pursuing God, loving people, serving sacrificially, and sharing Christ. We hope you'll join the movement!

We have an excellent weekend program for kids from birth to fifth grade, as well as for middle school, high school and college students. We help single adults grow in community through monthly gatherings. Celebrate Recovery, used in churches nationwide, meets at Rocky Peak every Thursday evening.

### upcoming



series starts jan 4/5



series starts jan 18/19

### life groups winter session begins the week of january 12

Life Groups are the core ministry at The Church at Rocky Peak. A Life Group is a small group of 10-16 people who come together each week to grow, encourage, challenge, and support one another. They are the best way to get connected at Rocky Peak. The winter session of Life Groups will start the week of January 12. Joining a Life Group requires a ten-week commitment to attend. If you are already in a Life Group, you are good to go. If you're not, or if you want to try a new group, sign-ups will open online Friday, January 3.

### generosity initiative los angeles christian school

This Christmas, we're partnering with Los Angeles Christian School (LACS) for our Generosity Initiative, supporting their mission to provide a quality Christian education to inner-city families. Since 1982, LACS has empowered students with strong academics and spiritual growth, helping them break free from stereotypes and become world-changers for Christ. However, their facilities—over 100 years old—now require major renovations, including classroom remodels, playground upgrades, and parking lot repairs. Our goal is to raise \$230,000 to support these critical updates. You can give online at [rockypeak.org](http://rockypeak.org)!

### REGULAR WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES

**Saturdays at 5:30PM • Sundays at 9AM & 11AM**

**WATCH ONLINE** at [rockypeak.org](http://rockypeak.org): Sat at 5:30pm • Sun at 9am, 11am, and 6pm

**ROCKY PEAK KIDS** All services

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** Sat at 5:30pm • Sun at 9am

**HIGH SCHOOL** Sat at 5:30pm

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# GOD WITH US

CHRISTMAS AT ROCKY PEAK

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### *The Angel's Perspective*

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." (Luke 1:26-37)

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").**

(Matthew 1:18-23, emphasis added)

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:8-14)

## The Visited Planet

### *J. B. Phillips*