

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

the Rev. Matthew Baugh, Stated Supply Pastor



Welcome to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

Your presence is a gift. We are glad you are here and hope you find the worship service to be meaningful. May God's peace go with you as you begin a new week. If you are looking for a church home, know you are welcome here.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

- ☼ Today: Conversations with the Session after both services

Placitas Artists Series Pre-Concert talk at 2:00 pm, Art Reception at 2:00 pm and Concert featuring the Volterra Project Trio--Classical Guitar at 3:00 pm. Refreshments are available from Soma Coffee.
- ☼ The New Mexico Flute Association presents Mafer Guglielmina in recital on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are free to LPPC members.
- ☼ There will be a short Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, October 26.
- ☼ A memorial service for long-time member, beloved Clara Stephenson, will be held on November 1 at 11:00 am. Other details to follow.
- ☼ A Gratitude Piano Concert featuring the music of composer and Steinway artist Louis Landon will be presented on November 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
- ☼ Please see the special invitation from Tom Ulrich enclosed.

Welcome Visitors - We welcome everyone visiting our service, whether this is your first time or you have worshipped with us before. We would love to be in touch with you, and ask that you fill out one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will have an opportunity in the near future for you to meet with our Pastor and Session, in order to get to know each other better and invite you to consider joining our wonderful church.

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Order for Worship

~THE PEOPLE GATHER~

Welcome to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign one of the visitor cards to place in the offering plate, and everybody is encouraged to wear a name tag!

~ Please silence your cell phones. ~

Please stand or rise in spirit where items are noted with an asterisk.

~GATHERING AROUND THE WORD~

GATHERING MUSIC

Mindy Sampson/Elliot Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Chewning

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

INTROIT

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 103)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

PEOPLE: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

PEOPLE: God redeems our lives from the Pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

PEOPLE: God satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*OPENING HYMN #795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we gather to worship, we confess our faith in God and in Christ, our Savior. Part of confessing this is confessing the ways in which we have seen and fallen short of God's call for us. Therefore, let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, we come to you, knowing that we often fall short. You called us to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We know this to be

the best and highest calling, yet sometimes we fail to follow it. When we let selfish desires or petty grudges pull us away from your path, forgive us. Draw us back into the way that faithfully follows you, loving you and seeking justice and mercy for all people. When we find ourselves discouraged and ready to give up, strengthen us and help guide us to follow Christ's footsteps, wherever they may lead. Strengthen all that is good within us and help us resist the temptations to go our own way instead. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and the one whose example we follow. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on Isaiah 35:10)

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.

Sing a song of redemption!

Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

SHARING SIGNS OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As God's beloved and forgiven people, let us greet each other with words and signs of God's peace.

Alle - Alle - Alle - luia

Alle - Alle - Alle - luia

Alle - Alle - Alle - luia

Alleluia, Alleluia

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Cristo me ama, bien lo se, Su palabra me hace ver

Que los niños son de Aquel, Quien es nuestro Amigo fiel

Cristo me ama, Cristo me ama, Cristo me ama, La Biblia dice así.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

English liturgist:

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now, the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young

girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

One: The mystery of the ages, revealed to all. **All: Thanks be to God.**

READING from the New Testament

Lucas 17:11-19

Spanish liturgist: Dana Howarth

Yendo Jesús a Jerusalén, pasaba entre Samaria y Galilea. Y al entrar en una aldea le salieron al encuentro diez hombres leprosos, los cuales se pararon a distancia, y alzaron la voz, diciendo: ¡Jesús, Maestro, ten compasión de nosotros! Cuando él los vio, les dijo: Id y mostraos a los sacerdotes. Y aconteció que mientras iban, fueron limpiados.

Entonces uno de ellos, viendo que había sido sanado, volvió, glorificando a Dios a gran voz, y se postró rostro en tierra a sus pies, dándole gracias; y éste era samaritano. Tomando la palabra Jesús, dijo: ¿No son diez los que fueron limpiados? Y los otros nueve, ¿dónde están?

¿No hubo quien volviese y diese gloria a Dios sino este extranjero?

Y le dijo: Levántate y prosigue tu camino; tu fe te ha sanado.

One: El misterio revelado para todos. **All: Gracias a Dios.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

ANTHEM

Choir

SERMON

“Healing or Wholeness”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #792

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A New Creed—United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone;
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (The Message)

**Our Father in heaven,
reveal who you are.**

**Set the world right;
Do what's best—
as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
Yes. Yes. Yes.**

INVITATION TO GIVE

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God #240, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to God's Name.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Tom Schuman)

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #309

“Segura Mi Esperanza Está”

El Himnario

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson/Elliot Smith

Attendance :October 12

8:30 am Service: 6

10:30 am Service: 45

Zoom: 10

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10/19/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room Conversations with the Session
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary Conversations with the Session
		2:00 pm	Placitas Artists Series Pre-Concert Talk and Art Reception
		3:00 pm	Placitas Artists Series Concert featuring the Volterra Project Trio, Classical Guitar
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	10/20/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	10/21/25	6:00 pm	Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wednesday	10/22/25	11:00 am	Las Acequias Bid Opening
		1:00 pm	Health and Safety Committee Meeting
		2:00 pm	Raffle baskets assembly for Holiday Market
Thursday	10/23/25	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10/24/25		
Saturday	10/25/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		9:30 am	Dignity Mission truck loading
		11:00 am	New Mexico Flute Association Master Class
		3:00 pm	New Mexico Flute Association Concert
Sunday	10/26/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary Congregational Meeting
		1:00 pm	Bead Society
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	10/19/25	10/26/25
English Liturgist		Cliff Dahm
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Rhea Graham
Ushers	Joan Chewning Steve Chewning	Bev Schippers Virginia Watkins
Refreshments	<i>Ruth Allen/Parke Rhoads</i>	<i>Leigh and Dave Plante</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	Janice Langdale
	11/2/25	11/9/25
English Liturgist	Michael McPherson	John Bullock
Spanish Liturgist	Miguel Zulueta	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Janice Langdale Tom Lee	Jill Hensley Gia Archibeque
Refreshments	<i>Ivona McCrary</i>	<i>2nd Sunday Coffee Hour</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up		

Our prayers for.....

Charlie DeLara

Jonathan DeLara

The family of Clarence Duran

Viola Duran

Bear Eriksson

Annette DeLara Good

Dan Howarth

Diana Howarth's family

George Mueller and family

Leonard Prairie

Reta Price

Rob Richmond

Alicia Rodarte and family

Ruby Sanchez Rodriques

Herman Santillanes

Sharon Santillanes

Clara Stephenson's family

Edwina Trujillo

Rita Valdez

Harvey Vigil

Frontera de Cristo, 30 de septiembre 2025

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." --Galatians 5:1

Dear friends,

While we are free to choose to use our words and actions to encourage or discourage, to love or to hate, to recognize the divine image in our neighbor or to demonize them, to welcome the stranger or to fear them, Jesus calls us to use our freedom to reflect gospel values.

In our increasingly polarized world, may we use our freedom to build bridges of love and understanding and to cultivate communities that reflect God's justice and peace. While there are plenty of physical, cultural, economic, religious and political walls that seek to divide us, we give thanks to God that God has torn down the dividing walls of hostility and is forming us into community that seeks to be [Friends Across Borders](#).

Thank you for being a part of the FDC community and for all the ways you use your freedom to cultivate friendship across borders here on the US/Mexico border, in your own communities and in different parts of the world.

As Café Justo looks forward to 2026, they recognize that the year ahead will be shaped by the challenges and lessons of 2025. The past year has been marked by significant hurdles—chief among them are supply shortages, cash flow difficulties spurred by rising costs, and a landscape of uncertainty around import/export requirements and tariffs.

The leadership of Café Justo reached out to Frontera de Cristo (FDC) seeking support in several areas, to position itself to avoid the challenges faced in 2025 that caused inconsistent coffee delivery to the churches, farmer's market vendors, organizations, and individuals who have been faithful partners of Café Justo in creating relationships across borders and addressing root causes of migration.

Café Justo's response to this year's challenges will be multifaceted, with the goal of minimizing disruptions and delivering high-quality coffee to their customers in a timely way. Café Justo's mission remains unchanged: to cultivate relationships across borders by providing high-quality coffee while supporting our communities. With the lessons of 2025 guiding us, Café Justo is well-positioned to thrive in 2026 and beyond. We are grateful for their invitation to work with them and we cherish your prayers and suggestions.

A Special Invitation from Tom Ulrich

On Wednesday evening, November 12, at 6:00 p.m., the Presbytery of Santa Fe is invited to an alternative worship service at Second Presbyterian Church. This service will utilize the Scriptures to address the socio-political climate that is affecting our country, and it will seek to shine the beacon of God's light, truth, and peace for those who strive for justice, resist tyranny, and fight for the oppressed.

Because the Bible does indeed speak to the issues of politics, economics, and community relationships, we as the body of Christ have a specific responsibility to stand up to violent authoritarianism and to address how Scripture is being misused in many contexts, for, in doing so, we can engage in the ministry of connecting faith and politics for the common good, and to confront the issues that are present in the public square.

In this service, the prayers, liturgy, and message will center upon how our sacred texts connect to our contemporary political realities in a hopefully credible and faithful way. After all, faith does not linger in fear; instead, faith is confident that the future of our church, the future of our country, and the future of our world can indeed embrace "a more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12:31).

If this vision perhaps resonates with you, I would encourage you to join us for this initial service (which we hope will be held monthly at different churches around the presbytery). And in a context of worship, let us inspire and equip our communities of faith to harmonize our different voices in singing the Lord's song in order to work for that day when God's kingdom will come on earth as it already is in heaven.

Spanish Heritage! In honor of our congregation's Spanish heritage, and out of respect for the ongoing cultural diversity of New Mexico, we include Spanish elements in the Sunday Service. The worship service is recorded each week and edited onto a CD. There are free copies of recent services on the table in Fellowship Hall. Sermons may also be heard on our website: www.lasplacitaschurch.org/worship-at-lppc/sermons.

Hearing Assistance. Las Placitas Presbyterian Church offers a loop system for hearing aid wearers with a "T" (telecoil) setting. The worship service is broadcast directly through the hearing aid. Others desiring hearing assistance may check out a portable receiver and headset. Our public address system operates on a radio frequency which is transmitted to special assisted hearing devices that are available from the greeters or sound technician.

Online Giving. Las Placitas Presbyterian Church (LPPC) offers the convenience of donating online to support our ministries and missions. It is easy, safe, and secure. Thank you so much for your generosity and blessings! Simply go to www.lasplacitaschurch.org/give

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Mindy Sampson

Ruling Elders:

Class of 2026: Donna Ebers, Jacque Fletcher, Colleen Rust

Class of 2027: Lauren Mueller-Skinner, Carl Allen, Janice Langdale

Class of 2028: Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry, Mike Potter

Deacons:

Class of 2026: Martha Brown, Ivona McCrary, Eloise Sanchez

Class of 2027: Missy DeLara, Sue Hoff, Anna Howarth

Class of 2028: Katherine Gustafson, Kathy Peterson, Warren Peterson

Clerk of Session: Carl Allen

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Gather for conversation and food after the 10:30 am Service!



MISSION STATEMENT

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of all ages gathering for worship, prayer, learning, fellowship and spiritual growth. As members of the body of Christ, we celebrate God's grace in our lives and seek to extend God's love and promise through service, outreach, education, music, arts and witness. We are committed to peace and justice in the world, and to care for the earth as God's gift to humankind.

We cherish our origin as an early Spanish village mission church and honor this heritage in all of our activities.

We are Presbyterian in theology and governance, but welcome and support all people as they explore their personal life paths, emphasizing Christ's word, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"

~Matthew 18:20

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

In 1882, José L. A. Gurulé, a descendant of settlers of Spain's 1768 San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant, invited Rev. José Ynés Perea, a native of Bernalillo and the first ordained Hispanic Presbyterian minister in the United States, to come to a meeting in Placitas. This led to holding monthly Presbyterian services.

On February 25, 1894, all 95 adults present at Sunday service led by Rev. James Menaul and Rev. Perea voted to organize the Presbyterian Church at Las Placitas. Presbyterian Churches began to be established in the New Mexico Territory starting with Santa Fe in 1867, and Placitas followed as the 35th church organized, 17th among those extant.

Early church services were held in the same one-room adobe house used from 1893 until 1900 as the Presbyterian Mission School. In 1913, the adobe house was renovated and a tower added for the bell purchased in 1894 from the San Felipe Pueblo. In 1930, a new church building was built in the same location, after razing the adobe house and reusing its bricks. In the early 1980s, an addition gave us the current sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall and a kitchen. Construction from August 2004 to May 2005 expanded the kitchen and added the administrative and educational wing.

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