LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

Cuba Presbyterian Church, Jemez Springs Community Church,
Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church and Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

10:30 am

the Rev. Matthew Baugh, 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~

- Happening at LPPC: Please see the insert for meetings this week.
- *Leading Worship Today:*

  Combined Choir

  Elliot Smith, Director of Music, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

  Mindy Sampson, Accompanist, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

  The Rev. Ken Cuthbertson, Honorably Retired

  The Rev. Tom Ulrich, Co-Interim Pastor, Jemez Springs Community PC

  The Rev. Matthew Baugh, Pastor, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

  The Rev. Deborah Huggins, Pastor Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

  Elder Judie Hendry, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

  Elder Janelle Chavez, Cuba Presbyterian Church

  Communion servers from Las Placitas, Jemez Springs Community, and Cuba

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- 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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October 4, 2026 World Communion Sunday 10:30 am

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 <u>everybody</u> 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

WELCOME TO THOSE ON ZOOM

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

INTROIT "Santo Espíritu, Desciende" Combined Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

Leader: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north;

People: We are gathered from Cuba to Placitas, Rio Rancho to Jemez Springs, and beyond.

Leader: We gather today to worship and sit together at table in communion and fellowship, all kinds of people, but one in Christ.

People: Christ Our Savior invites us to share this feast which he has prepared, coming together as members of his one body in faith, hope, and love.

OPENING HYMN #509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Tom Ulrich

A beloved old prayer of the Anglican Christian tradition reminds us that we do not come to Christ's table trusting in our own righteousness, but in God's many and great mercies to us, and to all humankind. [1] Mindfully then, we confess together….

[1] *From the "Prayer of Humble Access" by Thomas Cranmer, mid-16th century.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you sent Jesus to live among us, preaching good news to the poor, and eating and drinking with sinners: lead us again to your table today and be present with us, weak and prone to wrong; that, fed by your love, we may live to praise you, joyfully remembering Christ our Savior. Help us also to be mindful of those we need to forgive in order that we may be forgiven and reconciled with one another. May we live together as one community, in peace and goodwill, for your name's sake. Amen. [2]

(a time of silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Tom Ulrich

One: Friends, we believe and trust that in Christ God was at work, being reconciled to the world and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Grace and Peace to you from God who unites us all in Christ.

All: And also to you. Thanks be to God!

SHARING SIGNS OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Tom Ulrich

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

I am the church. You are the church
We are the church together.
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world,
Yes, we're the church together!

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Rev. Matthew Baugh

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 Judie Hendry

Assist us now with your Spirit, O Christ, that daily we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Amen. [3]

[2] *Prayer adapted in part from The Worshipbook (1970) and "A Brief Statement of Faith" (1991).*

[3] *Based on the prayer of Richard of Chichester, 13th century.*

READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaías 55:1-5

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry - LPPC

«Todos los que tengan sed, vengan a beber agua;
los que no tengan dinero, vengan,
consigan trigo de balde y coman;
consigan vino y leche sin pagar nada.
¿Por qué dar dinero a cambio de lo que no es pan?
¿Por qué dar su salario por algo que no deja satisfecho?
Óiganme bien y comerán buenos alimentos,
comerán cosas deliciosas.
Vengan a mí y pongan atención,
escúchenme y vivirán.
Yo haré con ustedes una alianza eterna,
cumpliendo así las promesas que por amor hice a David.
Yo lo puse a él como testigo para las naciones,
como jefe e instructor de los pueblos.
Tú llamarás a pueblos desconocidos;
pueblos que no te conocían irán corriendo a ti,
porque yo, tu Señor, el Dios Santo de Israel,
te he honrado.

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

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

English liturgist: Janelle Casaus - Cuba

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

ANTHEM "You Are Welcome Here" Combined Choir

SERMON "The Uncounted" Rev. Tom Ulrich

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #762 "When the Poor Ones/Cuando el Pobre" Glory to God

(Alternate verses & chorus: Spanish 1, English 2, Spanish 3, English 4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Deborah Huggins

Our Abba-Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our shortcomings and wrongs as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

SPECIAL WORLD COMMUNION AND CUBA OFFERING Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

OFFERTORY Mindy Sampson

Sung Response:

A Dios el Padre Celestial,
Al Hijo nuestro Redentor
Y al eternal Consolador,
Unidos todos alabad. Amen.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O God, for all good things that sustain us in life and in death, receive these offerings now for the fellowship and communion of all your people, all around the world, and especially for our kindred in the Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada in Cuba, in Christ's name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Rev. Matthew Baugh

All who desire to participate are welcome to come to the table. This is not Las Placitas's table, or the PCUSA's table, it is Christ's table. So come, all who hunger and thirst for God's grace and peace. As we share this sacred meal today...we will serve the choir first. After they have been served, we invite you to come forward using the center aisle. We have gluten free bread available. We are doing Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup.) Anyone choosing not to do intinction may use one of the small cups in the trays. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Deborah Huggins

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the People of God! All sorts of people do come from east and west, north and south, sitting together at God's table.

All: Thanks be to God! Rev. Matthew Baugh

PRAYER OF **THANKSGIVING** **Rev. Deborah Huggins**

One: Let us lift up our hearts, and give thanks to God, for God is good…

All: God's love is everlasting.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth, and create the fruit of the vine, to sustain our lives and gladden our hearts. They shall be for us, today, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, offered in remembrance of Christ.

Dios todopoderoso, en todo tiempo y en todo lugar es verdaderamente digno y justo darte gracias. Te damos gracias por el regalo de la creación y especialmente por el don de nuestra vida. Te damos gracias por habernos hecho a tu imagen y por perdonarnos cuando pecamos.

Te damos gracias por sostenernos en tu inmenso amor.

Blessed are you, O God, and blessed is your holy child, Jesus,
Who was born of Mary
and shared the joys and sorrows of the life that we know.
You anointed him with your Spirit
to preach good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to give sight to the blind,
and to liberate the oppressed,
proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor.
In Christ you made a new and everlasting covenant with us
by water and the Spirit,
by the breaking of bread and the sharing of a cup.
Al recordar la gracia de tu Hijo Jesucristo
tomamos este pan y este vino de la creación,
y con alegría celebramos su muerte y resurrección
esperando el día de su venida.
Pour out your Spirit once more upon your people
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
so that the bread we share and the cup we bless
will be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ Jesus.

On the night before his death Jesus instructed his disciples to remember him in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. Later, according to Luke, when the risen Christ was later at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

All: Come, O Christ, and stand among us here, be known to us in this sharing of the bread and cup.

Haznos uno con Cristo,
uno con nuestro prójimo,
y uno en servicio a todo el mundo.
All glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE FEAST

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread in his hands, and, after giving thanks to God, he broke it, saying:
"This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
Así también, después de la cena él tomó la copa y dijo: "esta copa es el nuevo pacto confirmado en mi sangre. vez que beban, háganlo en memoria de mí."
Sisters and brothers, everyone, this is the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the gifts of God for the people of God.
Hermanas y hermanos, todos, este es el pan de vida y la copa de salvación, los dones de Dios para el pueblo de Dios.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Rev. Deborah Huggins

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all of your people in all times and places. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, making known your saving love to the world and walking together in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Glory to God

BENEDICTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

Benediction Response Blest Be the Tie that Binds - vs. 1

(please turn toward the center aisle, and join hands as able)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.

Postlude Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	**10/4/26**	**8:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		10:30 am	**World Communion Sunday**
		11:30 am	Four Church Pot Luck
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	10/5/26	5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	10/6/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	10/7/26		Matthew's Birthday--welcome to Medicare!
		9:00 am	Jardineros de Placitas--presentation by Joe Cook, Regent Professor of Biology, UNM, on the Southwestern Biology Museum at UNM. The museum contains the 2nd largest collection of mammals in the world.
		3:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting PAS
Thursday	10/8/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10/9/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	10/10/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	**10/11/26**	**8:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		10:30 am	**Traditional Service: Sanctuary**
			Nominating Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance:

Sunday September 27, 2026

8:30 am service: 16 plus 1 dog

10:30 am service: 36

Zoom: 6

Our thanks to.....

	10/4/26	10/11/26
English Liturgist	Janelle Casaus	Jeanette Swent
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Miguel Zulueta
Ushers	Joyce Hoses	Bev Schippers
	Wendy Ingram	Virginia Watkins
Refreshments	***Karen Alsbrook***	***volunteer needed***
	Barm Alsbrook	
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Acolyte	Allen Rhoads	Harvey Vigil
Church Lock-up	Steve Chewning	Steve Chewning

	10/18/26	10/25/26
English Liturgist	Janice Langdale	Virginia Watkins
Spanish Liturgist	Geri Escarcida	Dana Howarth
Ushers	Chris Mink	Dawn Wolf
	Russell Mink	Reta Price
Refreshments	***volunteer needed***	***volunteer needed***
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	
Acolyte	Aspen Moore	Harvey Vigil
Church Lock-up	Steve Chewning	Steve Chewning

Our prayers for.....

Willie Arriola
Bill Baugh
BethAnne Bethel
Susan Booth
Doug Chapman
Charlie DeLara
Johnathan DeLara
Missy DeLara
Viola Duran
Charlene Filip
Marisol Garray
The family of Georgiana Gore
J.J. Herrera
Susan Hickman
Gordon Higby
Sue Hoff
Dan Howarth
David Howarth
Tommy Lucero
The family of Bruce MacLauchlan
Henry Maestas
George Mueller and family
Marisa Navarette
Patty Ortiz
Reta Price
Ruby Sanchez Rodriques
Anna Sanchez
Herman Santillanes
The family of Clara Stephenson
Edwina Trujillo
Rita Valdez
Harvey Vigil

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. 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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Ruling Elders:
Class of 2027: Carl Allen, Janice Langdale, Maggie Gregg
Class of 2028: Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry, Mike Potter
Class of 2029: Don Turton, Tom Lee, Linda Davey
Deacons:
Class of 2027: Sue Hoff, Anna Howarth
Class of 2028: Katherine Gustafson, Kathy Peterson, Warren Peterson
Class of 2029: Ivona McCrary, Eloise Sanchez

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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