

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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~

- ☼ Today is the monthly Conversation with Session. Please join Session members in the Upper Room after both services.
 - ☼ Lots of things happening this week--please see the calendar.
 - ☼ A generous donor has gifted the Placitas Artists Series with a Steinway piano that will have a place of honor in our sanctuary. This instrument will replace our current piano, lovingly donated by Sally Curro. That piano will be sold to benefit all of LPPC. The Steinway is scheduled to be installed next week, in time for our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. Please join us this Sunday to thank Sally for her generosity, and next Sunday to enjoy this new contribution to our wonderful music program.
 - ☼ The annual Placitas Holiday Market is Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There are six sites to visit including LPPC. The Chili Pepper Café will be serving homemade tamales, Frito pie, posole, chili dogs and sweet things for dessert. If you would like to donate cookies or brownies or help with the Café, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- NOTE: There will be ONE service on Sunday, November 23, at 9:00 am.
- ☼ LPPC will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for members and friends on Thursday, November 27 starting at 1:00 pm. If you don't have other plans, join us! The turkey will be furnished. We ask that you bring a side dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up or let Karen, in the office, know on or before Tuesday, November 25th that you will be attending.
 - ☼ The Rev. Matthew Baugh will be installed as our Pastor on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 pm. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Chewning

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

INTROIT Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Sue Hoff

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Matthew 5:1-10) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

PEOPLE: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

LEADER: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving.

PEOPLE: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

LEADER: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness.

PEOPLE: They will find it in God's reign forever.

LEADER: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs.

PEOPLE: We will live in God's reign forever.

LEADER: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

PEOPLE: Let us worship together, serving one another.

LEADER: And serving our God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #10

"Cantad, Naciones, al Señor"

El Himnario

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Based on 1 John 1:8–9)

Joyce Hoses

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrongs we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and grace, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Isaiah 35:10)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

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

O God, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We wait with great anticipation. Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 65:17-25

English liturgist: Joyce Hoses

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 Thesalonicens 3:6-13

Spanish liturgist: Sally Curro

Pero os ordenamos, hermanos, en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que os apartéis de todo hermano que ande desordenadamente, y no según la enseñanza que recibisteis de nosotros. Porque vosotros mismos sabéis de qué manera debéis imitarnos; pues nosotros no anduvimos desordenadamente entre vosotros, ni comimos de balde el pan de nadie, sino que trabajamos con afán y fatiga día y noche, para no ser gravosos a ninguno de vosotros; no porque no tengamos derecho, sino por daros nosotros mismos un ejemplo para que nos imitéis. Porque también cuando estábamos con vosotros, os ordenábamos esto: Si alguno no quiere trabajar, tampoco coma. Porque oímos que algunos de entre vosotros andan desordenadamente, no trabajando en nada, sino entremetiéndose en lo ajeno. A los tales mandamos y exhortamos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que trabajando sosegadamente, coman su propio pan. Y vosotros, hermanos, no os canséis de hacer el bien.

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

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

ANTHEM

Choir

SERMON

"Do Not Grow Weary of Doing Good"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #719

"Come, Labor On"

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Luke 11:2-4)

Father (Mother), may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

INVITATION TO GIVE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Words4Worship)

**For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labour, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us.
Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY**

Glory to God #240, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

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

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Glory to God

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Attendance November 9

8:30 am Service: 10

10:30 am Service: 49

Zoom: 8

Finance report for October 2025

Checking Account: Beginning Balance: \$22682.83; Deposits: \$115,015.22

Withdrawals: \$27,003.74 Ending balance: \$110,695.31

(This reflects a deposit of \$99,999.00 grant money for the Hike/Bike Trail, which is not accessible to LPPC.)

Year to date income and expenses: Operating Income: \$171,647 Program Income: \$108,484

Operating Expense: \$107,632 Program Expense: \$72,942

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	11/16/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room Conversation with Session
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary Conversation with Session
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	11/17/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	11/18/25	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Holiday Market set-up
		3:00 pm	Moving the Piano
		5:30 pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
		6:00 pm	Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wednesday	11/19/25	6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
			Holiday Market set-up
			UCC Retreat--Matthew
Thursday	11/20/25		Holiday Market set-up
			UCC Retreat--Matthew
		10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday	11/21/25	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
			UCC Retreat--Matthew
		10:00 am	Conversational Spanish Class
		11:00 am	Holiday Market set-up
Saturday	11/22/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		10:00 am	Holiday Market and Chili Pepper Café
Sunday	11/23/25	9:00 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		10:00 am	Holiday Market and Chili Pepper Café
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	11/16/25	11/23/25
English Liturgist	Joyce Hoses	Jacque Fletcher
Spanish Liturgist	Sally Curro	Missy DeLara
Ushers	Yvonne Brown Grant Richard Grant	Bev Schippers Tom Lee
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>Holiday Market</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Mike Potter	Mike Potter
	11/30/25	12/7/25
English Liturgist		Lauren Mueller-Skinner
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Leigh Plante Dave Plante	Chris Mink Russell Mink
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up	Mike Potter	

Our prayers for.....

Bethanne Bethel	Leonard Prairie
Susan Booth	Rob Richmond
Charlie DeLara	Alicia Rodarte and family
Johnathan DeLara	Ruby Sanchez Rodriques
The family of Clarence Duran	Marcella Sanchez
Viola Duran	Herman Santillanes
Bear Eriksson	Sharon Santillanes
Charlene Filip	The family of Clara Stephenson
Annette DeLara Good	Edwina Trujillo
Dan Howarth	Rita Valdez
The family of Diana Howarth	Harvey Vigil
George Mueller and family	

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

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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

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Sunday Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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

