

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

November 2, 2025

Twenty-first 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~

- ☼ Welcome to our PASTOR Matthew Baugh! The vote was unanimous! Thank you to the Pastor Nominating Committee for their dedication and untold hours of work. Thank you to Matthew for his willingness to serve God with us. Our prayers to God for a long, blessed journey together.
- ☼ The last day to vote is Tuesday, November 4. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- ☼ Several meetings this week, please see the enclosed calendar.
- ☼ Casa Rosa is doing an important food distribution on Monday, November 2nd. Please see message enclosed.
- ☼ There will be a very special Jardineros meeting on Wednesday, November 5th, at 9:30 am. "Show Your Stuff" is a chance for the members to show off their talents--jewelry, art, fiber art. All items are for sale. This is a great way to start your holiday shopping.
- ☼ The Placitas Artists Series concert will feature the Telegraph Quartet on Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 pm.
- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Also enclosed is information the Project Heart Start AED training on November 14.

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 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Amos 5:21-24) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: How shall we come to worship the Lord? With festivals and solemn worship?

PEOPLE: God says, “I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.”

LEADER: Shall we impress God with our generous offerings?

PEOPLE: God says, “Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.

LEADER: Will our hymns and praise songs please our God?

PEOPLE: God says, “Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.”

LEADER: Then what is it that God wants from us?

PEOPLE: God says, “But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

*OPENING HYMN # 692 “Spirit, Open My Heart” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION Michael McPherson

The Psalmist writes: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” With this desire, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we come to you confessing our faith and confessing the times we have fallen short of the true expression of that faith. When we have settled for the appearance of faith, righteousness, generosity, and compassion, forgive us. When we think we can please you with superficial piety, remind us that you know our innermost hearts. Teach us to love deeply, and to let our love flow from our lives, sharing the blessings you offer with everyone we meet. We pray this, and all the confessions we lift to you silently, in Jesus' name.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Psalm 28:6-7)

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in God my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to God.” In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

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

God, source of all light, by your word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 1:10-18

English liturgist: Michael McPherson

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.
When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!
Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure
solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil;
learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

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

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 Tesalonicenses 1:1-4, 11-12

Spanish liturgist: Miguel Zulueta

Pablo, Silvano y Timoteo, a la iglesia de los tesalonicenses en Dios nuestro Padre y en el Señor Jesucristo:

Gracia y paz a vosotros, de parte de Dios nuestro Padre y del Señor Jesucristo. Debemos siempre dar gracias a Dios por vosotros, hermanos, como es digno, por cuanto vuestra fe va creciendo, y el amor de todos y cada uno de vosotros abunda para con los demás; tanto, que nosotros mismos nos gloriamos de vosotros en las iglesias de Dios, por vuestra paciencia y fe en todas vuestras persecuciones y tribulaciones que soportáis.

A este fin asimismo oramos siempre por vosotros, para que nuestro Dios os tenga por dignos de su llamamiento, y cumpla todo propósito de bondad y toda obra de fe con su poder, para que el nombre de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo sea glorificado en vosotros, y vosotros en él, por la gracia de nuestro Dios y Señor Jesucristo.

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

Choir

SERMON

“Skin Deep”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #494 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,
Our Mother,
Who is in heaven,
Who fills the earth,
Your name is Holy,
Whatever name we use when we speak to you.
May the time come when we follow your will of love and justice,
Everywhere on earth, just as faithfully as the stars in heaven follow their courses.
Give us each day bread to keep our bodies alive,
And forgiveness to let our souls be renewed,
And inspire us to give bread and forgiveness to everyone we meet.
Lead us away from the things that tempt us to be selfish or cruel,
Give us the strength to resist evil in every form.
For yours is the leadership we belong to follow,

**Yours is the power of love that overcomes every other power,
Yours is the glory of hope and joy,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

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 (Source: Jeff Shrowder)

Gracious and holy God,

accept what we offer today:

our cheques and cash, our faltering steps,

our brokenness, our leftovers,

our hope, our risking, our lives.

Bless and transform all that we offer

and all that we hold back,

that new life may be ours,

to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let us Pray.

God of all life, new life, and eternal life, through you, the power of your love, defeated the power of death. Unite us with you and with all who seek to follow your life-giving way, so that with all those in the family of faith, and with all our sisters and brothers, who may have lost hope, we

bring to you our songs of praise. We join the angelic chorus, in honoring you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

You are indeed holy and blessed, oh Lord, for you saw sickness, and as the great physician, you healed it. Now, believing that you are the one who calls us to new life, and trusting that you have made intercession for both the prosecutors and the persecuted, we lift our voices to proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, consecrate this bread and cup as holy symbols of Christ's sacrifice. May we partake with reverence, humility, and gratitude. Bless this bread and cup and bless all of us as we partake. Make us truly the body of Christ. Let us be salt and light and yeast so that we can draw the world ever closer to your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #695

"Change My Heart, O God"

Glory to God

first in English, then in Spanish

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Attendance :October 26

8:30 am Service: 4

10:30 am Service: 49

Zoom: 11

Weekly Calendar

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday	11/2/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	11/3/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	11/4/25		Election Day 
Wednesday	11/5/25	9:30 am	Jardineros "Show Your Stuff"
Thursday	11/6/25	9:00 am	Boiler Inspection
		10:00 am	Bible Study
		5:00 pm	Nominating Committee
		6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	11/7/25		
Saturday	11/8/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	11/9/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		2:00 pm	Placitas Artist Series Pre-Concert Talk Placitas Artist Series Art Reception
		3:00 pm	Placitas Artist Series Concert featuring string quartets by the Telegraph Quartet
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	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	Mike Potter	Mike Potter

	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>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Mike Potter	Mike Potter

Our prayers for.....

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

Dear Neighbors,

Casa Rosa Food Pantry invites you to drive through our facility parking lot on Monday, November 2nd from 3-4pm to receive a free box of food for your family for the coming week. The food pantry is located next to the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church on Highway 165. There will be no forms or questions, other than your family name so that we can track who still needs a box. The distribution will include fresh and non-perishable food. A volunteer will hand you the food so that you can be on your way quickly to take your children home from school. If it is impossible for you to pick up your box at this time on Monday, please contact Tammie Griego at the Elementary School office for information about how to claim a box.

This is a collaboration between Casa Rosa and the Placitas Elementary School while the government shutdown is impacting the SNAP program. If the shutdown continues into additional weeks, you will be eligible for Casa Rosa's regular no cost food shopping and clothing/household items services. To become a regular client, join us on Saturday mornings from 8-10:45AM and ask for the Volunteer In Charge to register.

We look forward to serving you on Monday.

Warmly,

Your Neighbors at Casa Rosa

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.

On November 14 from 9-12 there will be an opportunity for Project Heart Start AED training! It is open to all LPPC members and to the Placitas community partners who use our space and have graciously financially supported our AED program. The training will include 2 pieces. First, watch a short video at your leisure at home. It can be found at

https://youtu.be/owTO-1lkgDU?si=b94_f89p9lewD6Ci

Secondly, stop by LPPC on November 14 anytime between 9-12 to practice chest compressions and familiarize yourself with the AED unit. Leigh Plante and Maddalyn Moore will be available to answer your questions and help you practice.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

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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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!



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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