

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent

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~

- ☼ An abundance of "Thank Yous" to all who helped with the organizing, shopping, cooking, taking orders, filling orders and cleaning up for the Holiday Market. It was a great success. We don't have the final figures yet, but we will net over \$1000.
- ☼ The Thanksgiving Dinner was lovely and very tasty! Thanks to Miguel and Michael for suggesting the dinner and for organizing it.
- ☼ Special Events this week:
 - Today at 1:00 pm, there will be a memorial service for long-time PAS member and Library volunteer, Harriet Neal
 - Monday, December 1, there will be a reception in remembrance of Marcella Sanchez
 - Wednesday, December 3, at 9:30 am, Jardineros de Placitas will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary.
 - Saturday, December 6, please join us for the Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary at 9:00
- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Lots of other meetings this week, please see the calendar in the bulletin,
- ☼ **Books & stuffed animals + beans & rice for our Sisters & Brothers this Christmas.** Thanks to everyone for sharing children's books and stuffed animals for the Dignity Mission this Christmas! And for your ongoing offerings of beans and rice. Our cup (and wagon!) runneth over! *And, you still have time to contribute! Donations by Sunday, December 14th are greatly appreciated.* The LPPC youth will assemble special holiday "kids kits" in early December. And the last distribution of the year packs up for El Paso on December 15th.

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 “Star Bright” Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Once again, we set out on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

PEOPLE: We journey together toward the day that the whole earth awaits.

LEADER: We look at the struggles and hardships of the present day, and realize how much we need the good news of Christmas.

PEOPLE: We long for the promise of peace on earth and goodwill to all to become a reality.

LEADER: Come, let us worship God, who lights the path to peace and justice for all creation as we join in lighting our first Advent candle.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

ELLIOT: The prophet Isaiah calls us to imagine a future when God’s reign will be fully realized. It shall be a time of peace on earth and goodwill to all. On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this first candle as a symbol of HOPE.

ELLIOT: We follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

*OPENING HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Hebrews 4:14-16)

Ivona McCrary

If we claim we have no sin, the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is gracious and just and will forgive our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we sincerely want to serve you and to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we fall short. Forgive us the wrongs we do to others, the times we fail to honor you with the way we live, and the good we fail to do. Transform us and make us instruments of faith and healing for a world that needs these things so much.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on Joel 2:12-13)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” In the name of Jesus Christ, your 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

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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

Ivona McCrary

O God, open our ears to hear your word and our hearts to understand. For to understand is to believe, to believe is to care, and to care is to do. Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 2:1-5

English liturgist: Ivona McCrary

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romanos 13:11-14

Spanish liturgist: Vivian DeLara

Y esto, dándoos cuenta del momento actual, que es ya hora de levantarnos del sueño; porque ahora la salvación está más cerca de nosotros que cuando creímos. La noche está avanzada, y se acerca el día. Desechemos, pues, las obras de las tinieblas, y vistámonos las armas de la luz. Andemos como de día, honestamente; no en orgías y borracheras, no en lujurias y lascivias, no en contiendas y envidia, sino vestíos del Señor Jesucristo, y no hagáis caso de la carne para satisfacer sus concupiscencias.

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

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ANTHEM

"Prayer of St. Francis"

Choir

SERMON

"Now the Waiting Begins"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #79 "Vuestras Cabezas hoy Alzad"

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

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 triune 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,
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We trust in God,

**whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created
the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male
and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring
God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and
ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and**

threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Mother), who is in Heaven, holy is your name.

**May your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Based on Luke 4:18–19)

Gracious God, accept these gifts and use them to do the work of Jesus Christ. "...to bring good news to the poor, ...to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Bless these gifts and the givers that we may do the work of Christ in the world. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #734

"Hope of the World"

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Attendance November 23

9:00 am Service: 38

Zoom: 8

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	11/30/25	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Harriet Neal
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	12/1/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
		Noon	Reception in remembrance of Marcella Sanchez
Tuesday	12/2/25	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		1:00 pm	Jardineros set up for meeting
Wednesday	12/3/25	9:30 am	Jardineros 60th Anniversary Brunch
		1:00 pm	Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday	12/4/25	10:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Finance Committee
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	12/5/25	10:00 am	Conversational Spanish Class
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	12/6/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		9:00 am	Hanging of the Greens
		10:00 am	Sound Bath
Sunday	12/7/25	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		2:00 pm	Installation of Rev. Matthew Baugh
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	11/30/25	12/7/25
English Liturgist	Ivona McCrary	Lauren Mueller-Skinner
Spanish Liturgist	Vivian DeLara	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Leigh Plante Dave Plante	Chris Mink Russell Mink
Refreshments	<i>Clarissa “Cyd” DuBois</i>	<i>Sue Hoff</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up	Mike Potter	Janice Langdale

	12/14/25	12/21/25
English Liturgist	Lynn Coburn	Virginia Watkins
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Donna Ebers Sara Moore	Dawn Wolf Sue Hoff
Refreshments	<i>2nd Sunday Coffee Hour</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	Janice Langdale

Our prayers for.....

BethAnne Bethel

Susan Booth

Charlie DeLara

Johnathan DeLara

Missy DeLara

The family of Clarence Duran

Viola Duran

Bear Eriksson

Charlene Filip

Annette DeLara Good

Gordon Higby

Dan Howarth

David Howarth

Tommy Lucero

George Mueller and family

Leonard Prairie

Reta Price

Alicia Rodarte and family

Ruby Sanchez Rodriques

The family of Marcella Sanchez

Herman Santillanes

Sharon Santillanes

Joe Schroeder

The family of Clara Stephenson

Edwina Trujillo

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. 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

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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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