

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas

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 this week:

Monday, December 29 at 10:00 am—Spanish class

Tuesday, December 30 at 9:30 am—Yoga; 10:30 am —Yoga

Friday, January 2 at 10:00 am—PAS art exhibit take down and installation; 10:30 am—Yoga

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: O come all ye, faithful, joyful, and triumphant.

PEOPLE: O come ye O, come ye to Bethlehem.

LEADER: Come, and behold him, born the king of angels!

PEOPLE: O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

LEADER: O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.

PEOPLE: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Reader 1: For four weeks we have been waiting and preparing.

Reader 2: Now the waiting is done. The baby is born in Bethlehem.

Reader 1: The baby who is our hope for the future.

Reader 2: The baby who we call the Prince of Peace.

Reader 1: The baby who brings joy into our hearts.

Reader 2: The baby who teaches us of God's love.

Reader 1: We light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Reader 2: And now we light the Christ candle, signifying the light God places in our hearts.

Reader 1: This light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

HYMNS

(Selected by Congregation)

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

Janice Langdale

**Gracious God, as we hear your words, grant us the presence of Jesus Christ, as it was told:
“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as
of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaías 9:2-7

Spanish liturgist: Dana Howarth

El pueblo que andaba en tinieblas vió gran luz: los que moraban en tierra de sombra de muerte, luz resplandeció sobre ellos. Aumentando la gente, no aumentaste la alegría. Alegraránse delante de ti como se alegran en la siega, como se gozan cuando reparten despojos. Porque tú quebraste su pesado yugo, y la vara de su hombro, y el cetro de su exactor, como en el día de Madián. Porque toda batalla de quien pelea es con estruendo, y con revolvamiento de vestidura en sangre: mas esto será para quema, y pábulo del fuego. Porque un niño nos es nacido, hijo nos es dado; y el principado sobre su hombro: y llamaráse su nombre Admirable, Consejero, Dios fuerte, Padre eterno, Príncipe de paz. Lo dilatado de su imperio y la paz no tendrán término, sobre el trono de David, y sobre su reino, disponiéndolo y confirmándolo en juicio y en justicia desde ahora para siempre. El celo de Jehová de los ejércitos hará esto.

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

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:1–20

English liturgist: Janice Langdale

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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

A TIME OF DISCUSSION (Stump the Pastor)

HYMNS

(Selected by Congregation)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy 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 lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

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

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

HYMNS

(Selected by Congregation)

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Our thanks to.....

	12/28/25	1/4/26
English Liturgist	Janice Langdale	Jeannette Swent
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Sally Curro
Ushers	Wendy Ingram	Jacque Fletcher
	Joyce Hoses	Don Turton
Refreshments	volunteer needed	volunteer needed
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	Judie Hendry
	1/11/26	1/18/26
English Liturgist	Michael McPherson	Nancy Walker
Spanish Liturgist	Miguel Zulueta	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Reta Price	Katharine Gustafson
	Janice Langdale	Karl Gustafson
Refreshments	volunteer needed	volunteer needed
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson

Our prayers for.....

BethAnne Bethel
Susan Booth
Doug Chapman
Jerry Clayton
Rob Clayton
Charlie DeLara
Johnathan DeLara
Missy DeLara
The family of Clarence Duran
Viola Duran
Bear Eriksson
Annette DeLara Good
Gordon Higby
Sue Hoff
Dan Howarth
David Howarth
Tommy Lucero
George Mueller and family
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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	12/28/25	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	12/29/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	12/30/25	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Wednesday	12/31/25		



Thursday	1/1/26	New Years Day
Friday	1/2/26 10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	1/3/26 8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	1/4/26 8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

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: Ruth Allen, 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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