

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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~

- ✿ The Annual Congregational Meeting is today, January 25th after the 10:30 am service. There is a potluck luncheon after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✿ Happenings this week:
 - Monday, January 26 at 10:00 am: Spanish class; Session at 6:30 pm
 - Tuesday, January 27 at 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm: Yoga classes
 - Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm: Choir practice
 - Friday, January 30 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and 6:00 pm: Yoga
- ✿ Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 pm, the Placitas Artist's Series will have a pre-concert talk and art reception. The concert, featuring the John Funkhouser Group will follow at 3pm.
- ✿ 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 "Arise and Shine Forth" Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 27) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: As we gather together, who is the one we worship?

PEOPLE: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

LEADER: What shall we ask of our god?

PEOPLE: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

LEADER: I feel safe in the presence of my God.

PEOPLE: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

LEADER: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

PEOPLE: "Come," my heart says, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

OPENING HYMN # 821 "My Life Flows On" Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Matthew 11:28-30) Lynn Coburn

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You call us to grow in wisdom and faith, to listen for Your voice, and to seek You above all else. Yet we confess that we often lose our way. We rush ahead in our own understanding, searching everywhere except where You are already at work. Forgive us when we grow impatient with Your timing, and when we forget that our lives belong to You. Restore in us a desire to trust You and to follow You more faithfully. Meet us in our need and help us grow in wisdom and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

St. Paul writes: "Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life."

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 - lulia
Alle - Alle - Alle - lulia
Alle - Alle - Alle - lulia
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

Lynn Coburn

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. Amen.

Lectura de las Escrituras Hebreas:

Isaías 9:1-4

Spanish liturgist: Dana Howarth

A pesar de todo, no habrá más penumbra para la que estuvo angustiada. En el pasado Dios humilló a la tierra de Zabulón y a la tierra de Neftalí; pero en el futuro honrará a Galilea de los gentiles, desde el Camino del Mar, al otro lado del Jordán.

El pueblo que andaba en la oscuridad

ha visto una gran luz;
sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombra de muerte[a]
una luz ha resplandecido.

Tú has hecho que la nación crezca;
has aumentado su alegría.

Y se alegran ellos en tu presencia
como cuando recogen la cosecha,
como cuando reparten el botín.

Ciertamente tú has quebrado,
como en la derrota de Madián,
el yugo que los oprimía,
la barra que pesaba sobre sus hombros,
el bastón de mando que los subyugaba.

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

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 4:12-23

English liturgist: Lynn Coburn

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

ANTHEM	"Ridin' the Train"	Choir
SERMON	"Leave the Nets Behind"	Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"	Glory to God
<i>verses in English, refrain in Spanish</i>	

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	(United Church of Canada)
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No estamos solos, vivimos en el mundo de Dios.

Creemos en Dios: quien ha creado y sigue creando, quien vino en Jesús, la Palabra hecha carne, para reconciliar y renovar, quien obra en nosotros y en los demás por medio del Espíritu.

Confiamos en Dios.

Estamos llamados a ser la Iglesia: a celebrar la presencia de Dios, a vivir con respeto en la Creación, a amar y servir a los demás, a buscar la justicia y resistir el mal, a proclamar a Jesús, crucificado y resucitado, nuestro juez y nuestra esperanza.

En la vida, en la muerte, en la vida más allá de la muerte, Dios está con nosotros.

No estamos solos.

Gracias sean dadas a Dios.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	(Aramaic) ¹
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O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos/ you create all that moves in light. Focus your light within us--make it useful: as the rays of a beacon show the way. Create your reign of

unity now--through our fiery hearts and willing hands. Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight: subsistence for the call of growing life. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt. Don't let us enter forgetfulness, but free us from unripeness. From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. Truly—power to these statements—may they be the source from which all my actions grow. Sealed in trust & faith. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God #240, refrain

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #170

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

¹This version is often presented as the original Aramaic version of the Lord's prayer. Actually, it is a modern attempt by author Neil Douglas-Klotz to reconstruct what the prayer might have been in Jesus' spoken language.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	1/25/26	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
			<i>Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck</i>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	1/26/26	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	1/27/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	1/28/26		
Thursday	1/29/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	1/30/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
Saturday	1/31/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	2/1/26	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		2:00 pm	Placitas Artists Series Pre-concert talk and Art Reception
		3:00 pm	Placitas Artists Concert featuring the John Funkhouser Group
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Attendance January 18

8:30 am Service: 10

10:30 am Service: 45

Zoom: 10

Our thanks to.....

	1/25/26	2/1/26
English Liturgist	Lynn Coburn	Jill Hensley
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Missy DeLara
Ushers	John Muldrow	Jeannine Potter
	Eloise Sanchez	Mike Potter
Refreshments	<i>Annual Potluck</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	Judie Hendry	Judie Hendry

	2/8/26	2/15/26
English Liturgist	Lynn Coburn	Carl Allen
Spanish Liturgist	Mia Archibeque	Judie Hendry
Ushers	Joan Chewning	Bev Schippers
	Steve Chewning	Virginia Watkins
Refreshments	<i>2nd Sunday Coffee Hour</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	Matthew Baugh

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

Lexi Rae Hargrave

J.J. Herrera

Gordon Higby

Sue Hoff

Dan Howarth

David Howarth

Mike Huffstetler

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

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

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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