

# LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of 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~

**Happy New Year!**

☞ Things are going back to normal with meetings this week:

Monday, January 5 at 10:00 am: Spanish class

Tuesday, January 6 at 9:30 and 10:30 am: Yoga classes

Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 am: Jardineros Native American Flute Demonstration

Thursday, January 8 at 10:00 am: Bible Study, 6:00 pm: Finance Committee Meeting,  
7:00 pm: Choir practice

Friday, January 9 at 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

INTROIT Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

Leader: In the beginning was the word.

**People: God spoke and the world came into being.**

Leader: The word was with God and the word was God.

**People: We cannot fully separate the creator from the act of creation.**

Leader: By God's word we were created in God's image and likeness, creative beings, male and female.

**People: Let us gather to hear God's word that we may follow God's word in loving and creative ways that God has given us.**

OPENING HYMN #459 "O Word of God Incarnate" Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Matthew 11:28-30) Jeannette Swent

"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 Jeannette Swent

**Almighty God, you are the source of every good gift. We praise your name for all that you have given, and especially for the greatest gift of your son, Jesus Christ. As we lift him up,**

**we also humble ourselves before you. We confess that we often fail to do what is right. We do things that we know dishonor you and fail to show love to our neighbors. Help us when we stumble, Lord, when we are slow to admit our faults and when we wander from the path of righteousness. Forgive us, and empower us by your spirit to honor and serve you as Christ has taught us. In his name we pray. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 32:1) Rev. Matthew Baugh

“Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” 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

Eloise Sanchez

**Dios Todopoderoso, en ti se hallan ocultos todos los tesoros de la sabiduría y del conocimiento. Abre nuestros ojos para que podamos contemplar las maravillas de tu Palabra; y concédenos la gracia de comprender con claridad y elegir libremente el camino de tu sabiduría; por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.**

(Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may behold the wonders of your Word; and grant us the grace to understand clearly and freely choose the path of your wisdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

#### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Sabiduría 10:15-21

Spanish liturgist: Eloise Sanchez

La sabiduría libró a tu pueblo santo, a tu gente irreprochable, de la nación que lo oprimía. Entró en el alma de Moisés, tu siervo, y con milagros y prodigios hizo frente a reyes temibles.

Dio a tu pueblo santo la recompensa de sus sufrimientos, y lo condujo por un camino

maravilloso; durante el día le daba sombra, y de noche era como la luz de las estrellas.

Lo hizo atravesar el Mar Rojo a pie, y lo guió a través de aguas caudalosas; a sus enemigos, en cambio, los hundió, y luego los sacó del fondo del abismo.

Así los justos se apoderaron de las riquezas de los impíos, alabaron, Señor, tu santo nombre, y todos a una te dieron gracias porque tú los defendiste: la sabiduría enseñó a hablar a los mudos y soltó la lengua de los niños.

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

Holy people and blameless offspring  
wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors.  
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord  
and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.  
She gave to holy people the reward of their labors;  
she guided them along a marvelous way  
and became a shelter to them by day  
and a starry flame through the night.  
She brought them over the Red Sea  
and led them through deep waters,  
but she drowned their enemies  
and cast them up from the depth of the sea.  
Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly;  
they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name  
and praised with one accord your defending hand,  
for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute  
and made the tongues of infants speak clearly.

#### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:1-18

English liturgist: Jeannette Swent

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who

received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

ANTHEM

Choir

SERMON

"The Word is Given"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

**~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~**

HYMN OF RESPONSE #103

"Astro, el Más Bello"

El Himnario

*Hail to the Brightness*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"A Simple Creed"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

**I believe in God.**

**I believe that God made the whole world.**

**I believe that God made all of the people, places, and things in the world.**

**I believe that God loves every person and thing that God made.**

**I believe that God loves me.**

**I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.**

**I believe that Jesus was good, and wise, and loved everyone.**

**Even when people were cruel and crucified him Jesus still loved them.**

**I believe that Jesus came back to life on Easter morning.**

**This helps us know that we will be with him, even when we die.**

**I believe that I should follow Jesus in what I believe and in the way I act.**

**This means I should be kind, truthful, and forgiving.**

**I believe that God's Spirit is always with me.**

**It is invisible, like the wind, but I know it is there.**

**When a miracle happens, I know that God's Spirit made it happen. When I get a warm feeling in my heart, I know that is God's Spirit too.**

**Because I believe these things, I promise to live a good life. I will pray to God, and help other people whenever I can. I know that, if I do, God will fill my life with joy.**

**Thank you, God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (The Message Version)

**Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo,**

**Santificado sea tu nombre.**

**Venga tu reino,**

**Hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**

**Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.**

**No nos dejes caer en la tentación,**

**Y líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos.**

**Amén**

INVITATION TO GIVE

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, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God #240, refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to God's name.**

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 the sin of humanity and have made intercession for both the prosecutors and the persecuted, we lifted our voices to proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Sanctify now this bread and cup and all of us as we share them. Make us truly the body of Christ. Grant us wisdom and courage to face the world with faith and love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

**~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~**

CLOSING HYMN #24 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson



## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/4/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Early worship Service: Upper Room</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	1/5/26	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	1/6/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Wednesday	1/7/26	9:30 am	Jardineros de Placitas
Thursday	1/8/26	10:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	1/9/26	10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	1/10/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/11/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Early worship Service: Upper Room</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>PAS Pre-concert talk and Art Reception</b>
		<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>PAS Concert</b>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

*Attendance December 24*

*4:00 pm Service: 68*

*Zoom: 7*

*Attendance December 28*

*8:30 am Service: 10*

*10:30 am Service: 29*

*Zoom: 14*

*Our thanks to.....*

	1/4/26	1/11/26
<b>English Liturgist</b>	Jeannette Swent	Michael McPherson
<b>Spanish Liturgist</b>	Eloise Sanchez	Miguel Zulueta
<b>Ushers</b>	Jacque Fletcher	Reta Price
	Don Turton	Janice Langdale
<b>Refreshments</b>	volunteer needed	2nd Sunday Coffee Hour
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	John Bullock	Mike Potter
<b>Church Lock-up</b>	Judie Hendry	Judie Hendry

	1/18/26	1/25/26
<b>English Liturgist</b>	Nancy Walker	Lynn Coburn
<b>Spanish Liturgist</b>	Geri Escarcida	Missy DeLara
<b>Ushers</b>	Katharine Gustafson	John Muldrow
	Karl Gustafson	Eloise Sanchez
<b>Refreshments</b>	volunteer needed	volunteer needed
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
<b>Church Lock-up</b>	Judie Hendry	Judie Hendry

## 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

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](http://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](http://www.lasplacitaschurch.org/give)

## CONTACT US

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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

# **LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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 35<sup>th</sup> church organized, 17<sup>th</sup> 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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