

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

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~

- ☼ Happenings this week: Please see the insert for meetings this week
- ☼ Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm.
- ☼ Upcoming events to put on your calendar:
- ☼ Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, February 21 at 9:15 am at Sandia Presbyterian.
- ☼ We will be celebrating the 132nd birthday of our beloved church after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, February 22nd. Please join us for cookies and drinks.
- ☼ The next Placitas Artist's Series concert is on February 22nd, featuring our local treasure, David Felberg.
- ☼ The Placitas Studio Tour is hosting "A Taste of the Tour" on Saturday, February 28, from 2:30-5:00 pm. This a delightful opportunity to preview the art that will be available on the Placitas Studio Tour, May 8-10, 2026.
- ☼ An Evening of Song with Dr. Andrew Alegría and Mindy Sampson on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature music of Donizetti, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Poulenc and some contemporary musical theater favorites. Dr. Alegría is a former choir director of LPPC.
  
- ☼ 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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February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am

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 “A New Heart I Give to You” Choir

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

LEADER: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

**PEOPLE: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

LEADER: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

**PEOPLE: We are not sure we are ready for that.**

LEADER: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**PEOPLE: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.**

OPENING HYMN # 189 “O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8–9) Carl Allen

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Let us confess our sins before God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to “Listen to Him!” You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are**

**stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where there is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8:1) Rev. Matthew Baugh

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” 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

Carl Allen

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS HEBREAS

Salmos 99

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry

El Señor es rey: que tiemblen las naciones. Él tiene su trono entre los querubines: que se estremezca la tierra. Grande es el Señor en Sión, ¡excelso sobre todos los pueblos! Sea alabado su nombre grandioso e imponente: ¡él es santo! Rey poderoso que amas la justicia: tú has establecido la equidad y has actuado en Jacob con justicia y rectitud.

¡Exalten al Señor nuestro Dios! ¡Póstrense ante el estrado de sus pies! ¡Él es santo!

Moisés y Aarón se contaban entre sus sacerdotes, y Samuel, entre los que invocaron su nombre.

Invocaron al Señor y él respondió; les habló desde la columna de nube. Cumplieron con sus mandatos, con los estatutos que él les entregó. Señor y Dios nuestro; tú les respondiste; fuiste para ellos un Dios perdonador, aun cuando castigaste sus iniquidades.

¡Exalten al Señor nuestro Dios! ¡Póstrense ante su santo monte! ¡Santo es el Señor nuestro Dios!

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

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees

and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 17:1-9

English liturgist: Carl Allen

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and

touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Choir

SERMON

"Mountaintop Moments"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #204

"Ven a Cristo"

El Himnario

*"Come to Jesus Just Now"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Kupu Whakapono)<sup>1</sup>

**We confess that we believe in and belong to the one true and living God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Love before all love.**

**We believe in God the Father, sovereign and holy, Creator and nurturer of all, Father of Jesus Christ, sender of the Holy Spirit, and Judge of all the earth.**

**We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, truly human and truly divine, who lived among us full of grace and truth. For our sin he was crucified and by the power of God was raised from death, forgiving us, setting us free and bringing to birth God's new creation. Now ascended, he calls us to repentance and faith and restores us to God and to one another.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life at work in all creation, who inspired the Scriptures and makes Christ known, who transforms hearts and minds and gathers us into the community of Christ, empowering the Church in worship and in mission.**

**We belong to this triune God, women and men, young and old, from many nations, in Christ we are one people, witnesses to God's love in word and action, servants of reconciliation, and stewards of creation.**

**As God's people, we look forward in hope and joy to the return of Christ, to the new heaven and earth, where evil and death will be no more, justice and peace will flourish, and we shall forever delight in the glory of God.**

<sup>1</sup>This is a statement from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, originally written in the Maori language.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Big Bible Storybook)

**Praise you, God.**

**You are very great in every way!**

**Please give us the things we need today.**

**For You will give us what we need.  
We're sorry that we do wrong things and disobey.  
For You forgive us when we say we are truly sorry.  
God, help us in everything we do.  
Please help us to live for you all through each day.  
For You always listen when we talk – help us to listen when You talk, Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God #240, refrain

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

# Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/15/26</b>	<b>8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room</b> <b>10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b> 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	2/16/26	<b>President's Day</b> 7:00 pm Yoga
Tuesday	2/17/26	9:30 am Yoga 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm Fellowship Committee 6:00 pm Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wednesday	2/18/26	6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	2/19/26	10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday	2/20/26	8:00 am Yoga 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Yoga
Saturday	2/21/26	8:00 am Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution 9:15 am Presbytery Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/22/26</b>	<b>8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room</b> <b>10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b> <b>Celebration of LPPC--132 Years</b> 2:00 pm PAS Pre Concert Talk and Art Reception 3:00 pm PAS Concert 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

*Attendance February 8*

*8:30 am Service: 12*

*10:30 am Service: 63 + 1 dog*

*Zoom: 11*

Our thanks to.....

	2/15/26	2/22/26
English Liturgist	Carl Allen	Ivona McCrary
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Vivian DeLara
Ushers	Bev Schippers Virginia Watkins	Janice Langdale Tom Lee
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<b><i>LPPC Birthday Celebration</i></b>
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	Janice Langdale
	3/1/26	3/8/26
English Liturgist	John Bullock	Joyce Hoses
Spanish Liturgist	Eloise Sanchez	Sally Curro
Ushers	Jill Hensley Gia Archibeque	Yvonne Brown Grant Richard Grant
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	Matthew Baugh

## Our prayers for.....

Willie Arriola

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

Marisa Navarette

Jack Patterson

Reta Price

Alicia Rodarte and family

Ruby Sanchez Rodriques

Anna Sanchez

The family of Marcella Sanchez

Herman 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)

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Ruling Elders:

Class of 2027: Carl Allen, Janice Langdale

Class of 2028: Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry, Mike Potter

Class of 2029: Don Turton, Tom Lee, Linda Davey

Deacons:

Class of 2027: Missy DeLara, Sue Hoff, Anna Howarth

Class of 2028: Katherine Gustafson, Kathy Peterson, Warren Peterson

Class of 2029: Ivona McCrary, Eloise Sanchez, Greg Filip

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 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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