

## LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

February 1, 2026

Fourth 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 will be on February 8, 2026, after the 10:30 am service. There is a potluck luncheon after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The Placitas Artists Series concert is today, February 1. The pre-concert talk and art reception begin at 2:00 pm with the concert, featuring the John Funkhouser Group, following at 3:00 pm.

⌘ Happenings this week:

Monday, February 2 at 10:00 am: Spanish class; Session at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 3 at 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm: Yoga classes

Wednesday, February 4 at 9:30 am: Jardineros. *Breaking Down the Brick Walls: How the Albuquerque Genealogical Society can Help You Discover Your Roots*

Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 pm; Finance Committee Meeting: at 7:00 pm: Choir Practice

Friday, February 6 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and 6:00 pm: Yoga

⌘ It's Cookie Time! Your friendly, neighborhood LPPC Girl Scouts will be ready to take orders during the potluck on February 8th! Cookies can be delivered the following Sunday or thereafter and payment is due when you get your boxes (still \$5.50 each this year). Or you can contact Ruth Allen (see church directory). With the proceeds that stay with our local troop, the Scouts are planning a wilderness camping adventure. Thanks for your support!

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 "You Are My Hiding Place" Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 13) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: O God, hear us in our grief. Be with us as we mourn the deaths of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti, and the violence facing so many others.

**PEOPLE: How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever? How long will you hide your face from us?**

LEADER: Be with us as we struggle to know what to do in this painful and confusing situation.

**PEOPLE: How long must we bear pain in our souls and have sorrow in our hearts all day long?**

LEADER: Give us strength, for we feel helpless and unable to bring about the peace, justice, and mercy that seems so lacking in our world.

**PEOPLE: Consider and answer us, O Lord our God! Give light to our eyes.**

LEADER: Guide us out of this difficult time and show us a future that offers hope for everyone.

**PEOPLE: We trust in your steadfast love; and our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation.**

OPENING HYMN # 345 "In an Age of Twisted Values" Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8-9) Jill Hensley

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSTION

Loving and gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins as a people. Too often we see the demonization of those who are different, the immigrant, the racially and ethnically different, those who are different in gender identity or sexual orientation. When we give in to the message that these are people to be feared and hated, forgive us. When we see people as the other and not as the neighbor Jesus taught us to love, forgive us.

**Forgive us also when we hear these messages, see the violence that accompanies them and dismiss them. When we say it is somebody else's problem, or that that's just the way the world is, forgive us and remind us it is not what you say the world should be. Remind us of your vision of a world of peace and love, where your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Remind us and recommit us to work for that vision, now more than ever. In Jesus name we pray.**

## SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 147) Rev. Matthew Baugh

The Lord is righteous in all his ways,  
and gracious in all his works.

The Lord is near to all those who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him.

He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserves all those who love him.

## 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 - Iuia

## Alle - Alle - Alle - lula

## Alle - Alle - Alle - lujia

**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

Jill Hensley

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS HEBREAS:

Isaías 58:6-9

Spanish liturgist: Missy DeLara

¡Eso no es ayuno!

El ayuno que a mí me agrada es que dejen de oprimir a quienes trabajan para ustedes y liberen a los que están esclavizados y que ¡acaben con toda injusticia! Ayuno es que comparten su alimento con los hambrientos y que alberguen en sus hogares a los indefensos y menesterosos, que vistan a los que padecen frío y ayuden a todo aquel que necesite de su auxilio. Los que practican esta clase de ayuno brillarán como la luz de la aurora, y el Señor sanará todas sus heridas. Además, la justicia será su guía y la gloria del Señor será su protección a sus espaldas. Cuando me invoquen, yo les responderé. Si gritan pidiendo ayuda, yo les diré: «¡Sí, aquí estoy!».

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

Is not this the fast that I choose:

    to loose the bonds of injustice,

    to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

    and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

    and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them

    and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

    and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you;

    the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

    you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Romans 12:12-21

English liturgist: Jill Hensley

I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

SERMON

“Overcoming Evil with Good”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

A TIME OF FAITHFUL DIALOGUE

**~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~**

“Adagio for Strings” by Samuel Barber

as performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(United Church of Christ)

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: I cannot say, "Our Father" or "Our Mother."

**PEOPLE: Unless I am willing to live as your child.**

LEADER: I cannot say "Holy is your name,"

**PEOPLE: Unless I am willing to represent your name, and the values it represents, faithfully.**

LEADER: I cannot say, "your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

**PEOPLE: Unless I am willing to follow your will of love and justice over every human authority.**

LEADER: I cannot say, "Give us this day our daily bread"

**PEOPLE: Unless I am committed to helping my neighbors with food, shelter, and their daily needs.**

LEADER: I cannot say, "Forgive me my sins"

**PEOPLE: Unless I am ready to forgive those who have sinned against me.**

LEADER: I cannot say, "Lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil"

**PEOPLE: Unless I am willing to commit to what is faithful and does good.**

LEADER: I cannot say "Amen."

**PEOPLE: Unless I am committed to everything I have just said.**

## 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 mercy, we come to you in desperate need of what you have to offer. Surrounded by news of death, we seek life. Surrounded by fear, we seek hope. Surrounded by anger, we seek peace. Surrounded by death, we seek the new life Christ brings. Through Christ, 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 as we say:

**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. Where you saw sickness, you brought healing, where you found despair, you brought hope, and where you saw conflict, you brought peace. Now, believing that you are the one who calls us to new life, we lift our voices to proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Bless now the gifts of bread and cup, and bless each of us as we join in this holy meal. Make us truly the body of Christ. Make us salt and light and yeast to transform the world. Equip us for discipleship, and strengthen us to live each day in the light and life of the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #329

“En el Seno de Mi Alma”

El Himnario

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

**God, we long for peace in our communities, peace that is promised, peace that is everlasting. We cry out for the loss of lives to violence in the streets of the United States. Grant us the courage to see and speak the truth. Help us to be witnesses to your presence and to the call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Restore peace to the land and to our communities. Set things right among us we pray. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/1/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Early worship Service: Upper Room</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		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
Monday	2/2/26	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	2/3/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	2/4/26	9:30 am	Jardineros
Thursday	2/5/26	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	2/6/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
Saturday	2/7/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/8/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Early worship Service: Upper Room</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
			<b>Congregational Meeting and Potluck</b>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

*Attendance January 25*

*Cancelled due to weather*

## Our thanks to.....

	2/1/26	2/8/26
English Liturgist	Jill Hensley	Lynn Coburn
Spanish Liturgist	Missy DeLara	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Jeannine Potter	Joan Chewning
	Mike Potter	Steve Chewning
Refreshments	<b><i>volunteer needed</i></b>	<b><i>Annual Meeting Pot Luck</i></b>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	Matthew Baugh

	2/15/26	2/22/26
English Liturgist	Carl Allen	Ivona McCrary
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Vivian DeLara
Ushers	Bev Schippers	Janice Langdale
	Virginia Watkins	Tom Lee
Refreshments	<b><i>volunteer needed</i></b>	<b><i>LPPC Birthday Celebration</i></b>
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
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](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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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 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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