

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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
- ☼ We will be celebrating the 132nd birthday of our beloved church after the 10:30 am service today, February 22nd. Please join us for cookies and drinks.
- ☼ Placitas Artist's Series concert scheduled for this afternoon, February 22nd, has been cancelled due to illness.
- ☼ 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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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

“Part of It”

Avery and Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Do we come to worship as individuals, needing nobody and nothing?

PEOPLE: We resist this temptation and choose to gather as a faithful community, supporting each other.

LEADER: Do we come to worship needing flashy miracles and displays of self-importance?

PEOPLE: We resist this temptation and come humbly, knowing God will meet us where we are.

LEADER: Do we come seeking power so that our agenda can be accomplished?

PEOPLE: We resist this temptation, knowing that following where Christ leads is greater than any degree of power.

OPENING HYMN # 301 Glory to God

“Let Us Build a House”

CALL TO CONFESSION Ivona McCrary

(Hebrews 10:22)

“Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water.” Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 35:10) Rev. Matthew Baugh

“Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.” In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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.

Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness.

You are welcome here.

Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness.

You are welcome here.

You are welcome here.

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

Ivona McCrary

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS HEBREAS

Lucas 4:1-12

Spanish liturgist: Vivian De Lara

Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, volvió del Jordán y fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto. Allí estuvo cuarenta días y fue tentado por el diablo. No comió nada durante esos días, pasados los cuales tuvo hambre.

—Si eres el Hijo de Dios —propuso el diablo—, ordénale a esta piedra que se convierta en pan.

Jesús respondió:

—Escrito está: “No solo de pan vive el hombre”

Entonces el diablo lo llevó a un lugar alto y le mostró en un instante todos los reinos del mundo.

—Sobre estos reinos y todo su esplendor —le dijo—, te daré la autoridad, porque a mí me ha sido entregada y puedo dársela a quien yo quiera. Así que, si me adoras, todo será tuyo.

Jesús contestó:

—Escrito está: “Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él”.

Luego el diablo lo llevó a Jerusalén e hizo que se pusiera de pie sobre la parte más alta del Templo y le dijo:

—Si eres el Hijo de Dios, tírate abajo desde aquí. Pues escrito está:

»“Ordenará que sus ángeles te protejan con sumo cuidado.

En sus manos te sostendrán
para que no tropieces con piedra alguna”.

—Está dicho: “No pongas a prueba al Señor tu Dios”—respondió Jesús.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

English liturgist: Ivona McCrary

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Choir

SERMON

"No Shortcuts on the Lenten Journey"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #375

"Roca de la Eternidad"

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Simple Creed)

I believe in God.

I believe that God made the whole world.

I believe that God made all of the people and 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

(Big Bible Storybook)

"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

El Himnario (inside back cover)

A Dios el Padre celestial,
Al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
Y al eternal Consolador,
Unido todos alabad.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer these gifts, O God of all people, in the hope and trust that you will use them to bring healing and hope where there is need. Where natural disaster has befallen, may these gifts help build new life. Where refugees seek safety from violence and fear, may these gifts enable caring and welcoming hearts and hands. Where hatred sullies your hope for your human family, may our gifts be a sign and instrument of reconciliation. Thank you, God, for the privilege of this offering. May it indeed do more than we can imagine! Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #313

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	2/22/26	8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room 10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary Celebration of LPPC--132 Years 2:00 pm Bead Show removal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	2/23/26	7:00 pm Yoga
Tuesday	2/24/26	<i>Las Placitas Presbyterian Church</i> <i>132nd Birthday</i> 9:30 am Yoga 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Yoga
Wednesday	2/25/26	
Thursday	2/26/26	10:00 am Placitas Studio Tour Board Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday	2/27/26	8:00 am Yoga 9:00 am Set-up for Taste of the Tour 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Yoga
Saturday	2/28/26	8:00 am Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution 2:30 pm Taste of the Tour
Sunday	2/29/26	8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room 10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance February 15

8:30 am Service: 11

10:30 am Service: 41

Zoom: 11

Our thanks to.....

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

Lexi Rae Hargrave

J.J. Herrera

Gordon Higby

Sue Hoff

Dan Howarth

David Howarth

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.

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 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 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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