

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

February 8, 2026

Fifth 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~

⌘ Today is the Annual Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 am service. Please join us for the potluck luncheon after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

⌘ Happenings this week:

Monday, February 9 at 10:00 am: Spanish class; Session at 6:30 pm; Yoga at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, February 10 at 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm: Yoga classes; 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Thursday, February 12 at 10:00 am: Bible Study; 7:00 pm: Choir Practice

Friday, February 13 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and 6:00 pm: Yoga

⌘ Upcoming events to put on your calendar:

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, October 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.



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 Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 40) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: We hear the voice of God calling,

PEOPLE: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

LEADER: We feel the Spirit moving among us,

PEOPLE: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.

LEADER: We know the love of Jesus.

PEOPLE: We love because Christ first loved us.

LEADER: Come, worship God together.

PEOPLE: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.

OPENING HYMN # 451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION ¹ Lynn Coburn

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those fault and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God’s grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together.

¹Confession is from the Blog “Hold Fast to What is True”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.

Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Matthew Baugh

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

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 - Iulia

Alle - Alle - Alle - Iulia

Alle - Alle - Alle - Iulia

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

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 19:12-29

English liturgist: Lynn Coburn

Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city—bring them out of the place. For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it.” So, Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up, get out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be consumed in the punishment of the city.” But he lingered, so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and left him outside the city. When they had brought them outside, they said, “Flee for your life; do not look back or stop anywhere in the plain; flee to the hills, or else you will be consumed.” And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords; your servant has found favor with you, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life, but I cannot flee to the hills, for fear the disaster will overtake me and I die. Look, that city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!” He said to him, “Very well, I grant you this favor too and will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there, for I can do nothing until you arrive there.” Therefore, the city was called Zoar. The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven, and he overthrew those cities and all the plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground. But Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord, and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the plain and saw the smoke of the land going up like the smoke of a furnace.

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had settled.

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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Mateo 25:31-46

Spanish liturgist: Mia Archibeque

»Cuando el Hijo del hombre venga en su gloria, con todos sus ángeles, se sentará en su trono glorioso. Todas las naciones se reunirán delante de él, y él separará a unos de otros, como separa el pastor las ovejas de las cabras. Pondrá las ovejas a su derecha, y las cabras a su izquierda.

»Entonces dirá el Rey a los que estén a su derecha: “Vengan ustedes, a quienes mi Padre ha bendecido; reciban su herencia, el reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo. Porque tuve hambre y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed y me dieron de beber; fui forastero y me dieron alojamiento; necesité ropa y me vistieron; estuve enfermo y me atendieron; estuve en

la cárcel y me visitaron". Y le contestarán los justos: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos o sediento y te dimos de beber? ¿Cuándo te vimos como forastero y te dimos alojamiento o necesitado de ropa y te vestimos? ¿Cuándo te vimos enfermo o en la cárcel y te visitamos?". El Rey les responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo que hicieron por uno de mis hermanos, aun por el más pequeño, lo hicieron por mí".

»Luego dirá a los que estén a su izquierda: "Apártense de mí, malditos, al fuego eterno preparado para el diablo y sus ángeles. Porque tuve hambre y ustedes no me dieron nada de comer; tuve sed y no me dieron nada de beber; fui forastero y no me dieron alojamiento; necesité ropa y no me vistieron; estuve enfermo y en la cárcel, y no me atendieron". Ellos también contestarán: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento o sediento, o como forastero, o necesitado de ropa, enfermo o en la cárcel y no te ayudamos?". Él responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo que no hicieron por el más pequeño de mis hermanos, tampoco lo hicieron por mí".

»Aquellos irán al castigo eterno y los justos a la vida eterna».

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

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

SERMON

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #387

“Lluvias de Gracia”

El Himnario

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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

Our Father in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what’s best— as above, so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You’re in charge! You can do anything you want! You’re ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

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 #727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" Glory to God

BENEDICTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	2/8/26	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
			Congregational Meeting and Potluck
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	2/9/26	10:00 am	Spanish Class
		6:30 pm	Session
		7:00 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	2/10/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
		6:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday	2/11/26		
Thursday	2/12/26	10:00 am	Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	2/13/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
Saturday	2/14/26		<i>Valentine's Day</i> 
		8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	2/15/26	8:30 am	Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Attendance February 1

8:30 am Service: 14 + 1 dog

10:30 am Service: 40 + 1 dog

Zoom: 11

Our thanks to.....

	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>Annual Meeting Pot Luck</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	Janice Langdale

	2/22/26	3/1/26
English Liturgist	Ivona McCrary	John Bullock
Spanish Liturgist	Vivian DeLara	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Janice Langdale	Jill Hensley
	Tom Lee	Gia Archibeque
Refreshments	<i>LPPC Birthday Celebration</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	

Our prayers for.....

Willie Arriola

Dan Howarth

BethAnne Bethel

David Howarth

Susan Booth

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Doug Chapman

Tommy Lucero

Jerry Clayton

George Mueller and family

Rob Clayton

Jack Patterson

Charlie DeLara

Reta Price

Johnathan DeLara

Alicia Rodarte and family

Missy DeLara

Ruby Sanchez Rodriques

The family of Clarence Duran

Anna Sanchez

Viola Duran

The family of Marcella Sanchez

Bear Eriksson

Herman Santillanes

Annette DeLara Good

Sharon Santillanes

Lexi Rae Hargrave

Joe Schroeder

J.J. Herrera

The family of Clara Stephenson

Gordon Higby

Edwina Trujillo

Sue Hoff

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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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 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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