

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

March 15, 2026

Fourth 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
- ☼ Please join us today after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services for Conversations with the Session. Ask questions, share observations, get to know Session members better.
- ☼ There will be a short Congregational Meeting on March 22, after the 10:30 am service to elect a new elder.
- ☼ Also on March 22, at 3:00 pm, the Placitas Artists Series presents "The Inner Workings of Chamber Music", at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. Featuring C armelo de los Santos, violin, and Natasha Stojanovska, piano, with Oliver Prezant, who says: "Listen here...and here...and here! It's fascinating to listen closely and to watch the way musicians work together when they play chamber music. The intimate dialogue between instruments, the shifting roles of leading and following, the whispers of tenderness, the thunderings of passion, the contrasts of character, and the boldness of individual expression are on full display in this marvelous genre where musicians meet, person to person, in the music that they share with you. "The music we'll hear is C esar Franck's Violin Sonata, a Romantic-era favorite that is sure to delight. ***This event is a gift to the community from Placitas Artists Series, made possible by the generosity of Harriet and Jim Neal. This event is free, but you must register to attend, maximum of four tickets per registrant. Series website, click on "Outreach" and scroll down to March 22.***
- ☼ A candlelight vigil, in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, will be held at Second Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque on Sunday, March 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- ☼ 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 “Part of It” Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalms 40) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Oh God, you created us—all of us—and called us good! In all of our diversity, your likeness is found in us.

**PEOPLE: We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us. And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim: Sacred are our bodies of every size and degree of ability.**

LEADER: Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds. Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways.

**PEOPLE: Blessed is our skin, beautiful in every shade. Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world, these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created good, very good.**

OPENING HYMN #20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 2:1–2) Warren Peterson

“If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, he righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world.” Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and forgiving God, we come before you in painful honesty. We are not the people you want us to be, the people we long to be. We love you but we often listen to other voices, seeking comfort in prosperity rather than service. We seek the values of our culture rather than seeing the world through your eyes. We love our neighbors, but we do not always stand in solidarity with them. We think of their problems as separate from our lives, though you call us to loving solidarity. When we drift away from compassion and justice, forgive us. Convert our hearts, convict us of the rightness of your ways, and consecrate us until we are wholly yours.**

## SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (The Pastor's Workshop)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

Hear the good news: Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness which means we fail to see God amongst us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when you fail to see God, God still sees you, and still loves you. Sisters and brothers, your 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.

**Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness.**

**You are welcome here.**

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## 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

Warren Peterson

**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.**

Spanish liturgist: Vivian DeLara

Así dice el Señor:

«Observen el derecho y practiquen la justicia, porque mi salvación está por llegar; mi justicia va a manifestarse. Dichoso el que así actúa y se mantiene firme en sus convicciones el que observa el sábado sin profanarlo y se cuida de hacer lo malo».

El extranjero que por su propia voluntad se ha unido al Señor no debe decir: «El Señor me excluirá de su pueblo». Tampoco debe decir el eunuco: «No soy más que un árbol seco».

Porque así dice el Señor: «A los eunucos que observen mis sábados, que elijan lo que me agrada y sean fieles a mi pacto, les concederé ver grabado su nombre dentro de mi Templo y de mis murallas; ¡eso les será mejor que tener hijos e hijas! También les daré un nombre eterno que jamás será borrado. El Señor, el redentor, el Dios Santo de Israel, dice al pueblo que ha sido totalmente despreciado, al que los otros pueblos aborrecen, al que ha sido esclavo de los tiranos: «Cuando los reyes y los príncipes te vean, se levantarán y se inclinarán delante de ti porque yo, el Señor, el Dios Santo de Israel, te elegí y cumplo mis promesas.

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

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come  
and my deliverance be revealed.

Happy is the mortal who does this,  
the one who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say,  
“The Lord will surely separate me from his people,”  
and do not let the eunuch say,  
“I am just a dry tree.”

For thus says the Lord:

To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,  
I will give, in my house and within my walls,  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

English Liturgist: Warren Peterson

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM                      “You Are the Salt of the Earth”                      Choir

SERMON                                      “What is to Prevent It?”                      Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #387                      “Lluvias de Gracia”                      El Himnario

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.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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, The power, and The glory, For ever and ever. 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.



# Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/15/26</b>	<b>8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room</b> Conversations with the Session <b>10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b> Conversations with the Session 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	3/16/26	7:00 pm Yoga
Tuesday	3/17/26	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:30 am Yoga 10:30 am Yoga 5:30 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wednesday	3/18/26	
Thursday	3/19/26	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday	3/20/26	<b>Mr. Rogers Birthday</b> 8:00 am Yoga 10:30 am Yoga 6:00 pm Yoga
Saturday	3/21/26	8:00 am Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/22/26</b>	<b>8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room</b> <b>10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b> Congregational Meeting 3:00 pm Placitas Artists Series presents "The Inner Workings of Chamber Music" 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

*Attendance March 8*

*8:30 am Service: 5*

*10:30 am Service: 40*

*Zoom: 10*

*Our thanks to.....*

	3/15/26	3/22/26
English Liturgist	Warren Peterson	Nancy Walker
Spanish Liturgist	Vivian DeLara	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Reta Price	Katherine Gustafson
	Janice Langdale	Karl Gustafson
Refreshments	<i>Toups family</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	Matthew Baugh

	3/29/26 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	4/5/25 <i>Easter</i>
English Liturgist	Jill Hensley	Jeanette Swent
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Jeannine Potter	Joan Chewning
	Mike Potter	Steve Chewning
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	

Our prayers for.....

Willie Arriola

BethAnne Bethel

Susan Booth

Doug Chapman

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

Jeannine Potter

Jack Patterson

Reta Price

Alicia Rodarte and family

Ruby Sanchez Rodriques

Anna Sanchez

The family of Marcella Sanchez

Herman Santillanes

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. 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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Mindy Sampson

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

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