

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

March 22, 2026

Fifth 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
- ☼ There will be a short Congregational Meeting today, 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.
- ☼ On Friday, April 3, there will be a Good Friday service at 3:00 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 Chewing
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
INTROIT “She Comes Sailing On the Wind” Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Proverbs 1:20-21) Rev. Matthew Baugh
LEADER: Let us gather for worship, seeking God’s wisdom for our lives.
PEOPLE: Wisdom is like a woman who cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
LEADER: Let us not ignore the voice of wisdom. Let us listen and learn God’s ways.
PEOPLE: At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates, she speaks:
LEADER: Like a woman, wisdom is too often ignored. When this happens, justice fails.
PEOPLE: We will listen, O God, for we long for your wisdom to guide us.
OPENING HYMN # 174 “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” Glory to God
CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8) Nancy Walker
“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 sentence before Almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Isaiah 49:15–16)

Gracious and loving God, we love you and we love our neighbors, yet we must confess our love is imperfect and our lives are imperfect. We hear your words but we do not always follow them. We see our sisters and brothers suffer through the pains and injustices of life, but we turn away so often. We feel unworthy of your forgiveness, and forget that it is never a question of worthiness. We are humbled by the words you say to us: “Can a woman forget her nursing child or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these might forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; you... are continually before me.” Forgive us when we falter, O God, and keep the example of your gracious love fresh in our minds. Guide us as we strive to be better people, we pray.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Joel 2:13-14)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

Hear the good news: "Even now, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity." In the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness.

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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

Nancy Walker

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: Geri Escarcida

Advertencia contra el rechazo a la sabiduría

Clama la sabiduría en las calles; en los lugares públicos levanta su voz.

Clama en las esquinas de calles transitadas; a la entrada de la ciudad razona:

«¿Hasta cuándo, muchachos inexpertos, seguirán aferrados a su inexperiencia?

¿Hasta cuándo, ustedes los insolentes, se complacerán en su insolencia?

¿Hasta cuándo, ustedes los necios, aborrecerán el conocimiento?

¡Respondan a mis reprensiones! Yo les compartiré mis pensamientos y les daré a conocer mis enseñanzas.

Como ustedes no me escucharon cuando los llama ni me hicieron caso cuando les tendí la mano, sino que rechazaron todos mis consejos y no acataron mis reprensiones, ahora yo voy a reírme de ustedes cuando caigan en desgracia. Yo seré quien se ría de ustedes cuando les sobrevenga el miedo, cuando el miedo les sobrevenga como una tormenta y la desgracia los arrastre como un torbellino..

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

Wisdom cries out in the street;
 in the squares she raises her voice.
 At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
 “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
 How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
 and fools hate knowledge?
 Give heed to my reproof;
 I will pour out my thoughts to you;
 I will make my words known to you.
 Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
 and because you have ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,
 I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when panic strikes you,
 when panic strikes you like a storm
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
 when distress and anguish come upon you.

English Liturgist: Nancy Walker

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM #216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Glory to God

text by Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane

#264 "At the Name of Jesus"

text by Caroline Maria Noel

#634 "To God Be the Glory"

Text by Fanny Jane Crosby

SERMON "Yet, She Persisted" Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator of all, who made every person in the divine image, equal in dignity and worth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who welcomed women, challenged injustice, and calls us into a community of love and mutual service.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives gifts and calling to all people without distinction.

We confess that the Church has often failed women, and we commit ourselves to repentance, renewal, and equality.

We believe that in Christ there is no hierarchy of worth, but a new creation where all are one.

We commit ourselves to justice, to the full inclusion of women, and to the flourishing of all God's people.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Bill Wallace)

O most Compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you; May we work with you to establish your new order of justice, peace and love; Give us what we need for growth, And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil, For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and 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

Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #24 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Glory to God


BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	3/22/26	8:30 am Early worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		Congregational Meeting
		3:00 pm Placitas Artists Series presents “The Inner Workings of Chamber Music”
		7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	3/23/26	7:00 pm Yoga
		5:30 pm Yoga
Tuesday	3/24/26	9:30 am Yoga
		10:30 am Yoga
		5:30 pm Yoga
Wednesday	3/25/26	
Thursday	3/26/26	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday	3/27/26	8:00 am Yoga
		10:30 am Yoga
Saturday	3/28/26	8:00 am Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	3/29/26	Palm Sunday
		
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		10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance March 15

8:30 am Service: 10

10:30 am Service: 41

Zoom: 11

Our thanks to.....

	3/22/26	3/29/26 Palm Sunday
English Liturgist	Nancy Walker	Jill Hensley
Spanish Liturgist	Geri Escarcida	Dana Howarth
Ushers	Katherine Gustafson Karl Gustafson	Jeannine Potter Mike Potter
Refreshments	<i>Toups family</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	John Bullock
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Maddalyn Moore
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	Matthew Baugh
	4/5/25 Easter	4/12/26
English Liturgist	Jeanette Swent	Lucca Moore
Spanish Liturgist	Mia Archibeque	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Joan Chewning Steve Chewning	Donna Ebers/Aspen Moore Maddalyn Moore
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Allen Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Mike Potter	Mike Potter

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.

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

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