

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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.
- ☼ The monthly meeting of Jardineros de Placitas will be on Wednesday, April 1, starting at 9:30 am. The program "Designing Resilient Landscapes" will be presented by Maria Thomas, the ABQ BioPark Curator of Plants.
- ☼ Services this week:
On Friday, April 3, there will be a Good Friday service at 3:00 pm.
There will be three services on Easter:
Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden at 6:30 am
Early Service in the Upper Room at 8:30 am
Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am
- ☼ A memorial service for Steve Bassett will be held in the Memorial Garden on Wednesday, April 8, at 11 am.

- ☼ 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

PROCESSIONAL “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Judie Hendry, flute and John Bullock, guitar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Chewning

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

LEADER: He comes with joy and hope.

PEOPLE: He comes to set us free from fear.

LEADER: Hosanna!

PEOPLE: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

OPENING HYMN #199 “Filled with Excitement” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 4:16) Jill Hensley

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like Peter, we promise to follow Jesus, yet we sometimes deny him. Like Thomas, we pledge to trust in Christ, yet sometimes we doubt him. Like the disciples, we say we will stand with Christ, yet sometimes we become afraid and scatter. Like these long-ago followers, we confess that we are far from perfect followers. Like the crowds, we celebrate Christ's coming with cries of "Hosanna," yet sometimes we waver and those cries can become shouts of "crucify him." Like Judas, we embrace all the things Jesus teaches us, yet we are sometimes tempted to betray him and his teachings.

We are influenced by the desires of the world, and are always tempted to put our wants ahead of the needs of people around us. We are tempted to let our fears override your call to the witness of compassion and justice in the world. When this happens, forgive us, Lord. Help us hear your call more clearly and give us the courage to follow it faithfully.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Luke 23:34) Rev. Matthew Baugh

Hear the good news: Even at the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father, for they do not know what they are doing." In the name of Jesus Christ, our 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.

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

Dana Howarth

Señor, abre nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes por el poder de tu Espíritu Santo, para que, al leerse las Escrituras y proclamarse tu Palabra, escuchemos con gozo lo que hoy nos dices. Amén.

Spanish liturgist: Dana Howarth

Den gracias al Señor porque él es bueno; su gran amor perdura para siempre.

Que lo diga Israel: «Su gran amor perdura para siempre».

Ábranme las puertas de la justicia para que entre yo a dar gracias al Señor.

Esta es la puerta del Señor, por ella entran los justos.

¡Te daré gracias porque me respondiste, porque eres mi salvación!

La piedra que desecharon los constructores ha llegado a ser la piedra angular.

Esto ha sido obra del Señor y nos deja maravillados.

Este es el día que hizo el Señor; regocijémonos y alegrémonos en él.

Señor, te ruego, ¡danos la salvación! Señor, te ruego, ¡concédenos la victoria!

Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor. Desde la casa del Señor los bendecimos.

El Señor es Dios y nos ilumina.

Con ramas en las manos, únense a la procesión festiva hasta los cuernos del altar.

Tú eres mi Dios, por eso te doy gracias; tú eres mi Dios, por eso te exalto.

Den gracias al Señor porque él es bueno; su gran amor perdura para siempre.

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 21:1-11

English Liturgist: Jill Hensley

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Elliot Smith

SERMON

"The Two Processions"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"¡Hosanna!"

The first unnumbered hymn inside the cover of El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth and everything that fills them. God made us in the divine image and likeness and called us to follow the ways of justice and compassion.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who was born as one of us and yet brought God's presence among us. We remember his humble entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. We remember him calling out the hypocrites, turning over the tables in the temple, and sharing a last supper with his disciples. We remember that he was arrested, given a mockery of a trial, and crucified. We remember that one of his closest betrayed him, another denied him, and the rest hid in fear. We remember that this was not the end of the story for on the third day, he rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit that God gave to those who follow Jesus, that they may heal, speak out, and stand up for all who are in need, bring healing and wholeness to a broken world.

Believing, we are moved to lives of faith in action, that this world might reflect more truly God's kingdom of justice and mercy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. May your kingdom come, and 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours 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

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 #200

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

3/29/26

Palm Sunday



8:30 am Early Worship Service: Upper Room

10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Monday

3/30/26 7:00 pm Yoga

5:30 pm Yoga

Tuesday

3/31/26 9:30 am Yoga

10:30 am Yoga

5:30 pm Yoga

Wednesday

4/1/26 9:30 am Jardineros de Placitas

Thursday

4/2/26 4:15 pm Placitas Studio Tour Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday

4/3/26 8:00 am Yoga

0:30 am Yoga

3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday

4/4/26 8:00 am Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution

Sunday

4/5/26

Easter



6:30 am Sunrise Service

8:30 am Early Worship Service: Upper Room

10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance March 22

8:30 am Service: 9

10:30 am Service: 45

Zoom: 8

Our thanks to.....

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

	4/12/26	4/19/26
English Liturgist	Lucca Moore	Carl Allen
Spanish Liturgist	Eloise Sanchez	Judie Hendry
Ushers	Donna Ebers/Aspen Moore Maddalyn Moore	Bev Schippers Virginia Watkins
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Acolyte	Allen Rhoads	Harvey Vigil
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

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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Ruling Elders:

Class of 2027: Carl Allen, Janice Langdale, Maggie Gregg

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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