

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

March 8, 2026

Third 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

☼ Two announcements from the Placitas Community Library:

In celebration of Earth Day, you are invited to "Plant a Tree." Sign up now to get a free tree--register at [NeighborhoodForest.org](http://NeighborhoodForest.org). CLICK" Get Free Tress. Search Institution name "Placitas" and complete registration. The tress will be distributed from the library. They will email you the details.

Also, as many of you know, the library has two paid, part-time employees. All of the rest of the marvelous work done by the library is done by volunteers. The staff of volunteers performs day-to-day activities at the library such as assisting patrons at the Help Desk, shelving materials, and cataloging. Library volunteers also help with special events, art and design, landscaping, publicity, and more. All levels and types of skills are needed. Orientation and training are provided.

☼ 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
REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTERY		Janice Langdale
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES		
INTROIT	“Part of It”	Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP	(Based on Leviticus 19:33-34)	Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: We are called to worship the God who commands love for the stranger.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.**

LEADER: When people come from the south, speaking Spanish, let us greet them as neighbors and not as enemies.

**PEOPLE: When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien.**

LEADER: When people come from lands torn by war and violence, let us greet them with compassion rather than suspicion.

**PEOPLE: When an alien resides with you in your land, the alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you.**

LEADER: When people from other cultures raise their voices in protest, let us listen with fairness rather than defensiveness.

**PEOPLE: When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.**

OPENING HYMN #727      “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”      Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8)

John Bullock

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Clement of Alexandria, 4th century)

**Oh God, you who are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments, marvelous in strength and excellence.**

**You who are good, and faithful toward those who trust in you.**

**You who show pity and compassion.**

**Forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do not hold us to account for every sin, but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth.**

**Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart. Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(1 John 1:9)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

Hear the good news. “If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 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.**

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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

John Bullock

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry

»Cuando algún extranjero se establezca en el país de ustedes, no lo traten mal. Al contrario, trátenlo como si fuera uno de ustedes. Ámenlo como a ustedes mismos, porque también ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto. Yo soy el Señor su Dios.

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

“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 10:25-37

English liturgist: John Bullock

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

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CHORAL ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit Live in Me”

Choir

SERMON

“For We Were Once Strangers”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #237

¡Trabajad! ¡Trabajad!

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

ONE: Today we confess the Shema Yisrael, first given to Israel and still prayed daily by the Jewish people. We speak these words with reverence and humility, not an endorsement of the policies of the nation of Israel, but as a reminder that we must never allow critique of a government to become condemnation of a people. As we proclaim the oneness of God, we commit ourselves to justice for the stranger and compassion for our Jewish neighbors and all who are treated as outsiders.

**ALL: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PADRE NUESTRO

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdónanos nuestros pecados,  
como también nosotros perdonamos a quienes nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,  
por siempre y para siempre.  
Amén.**

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, 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 #771

“What is the World Like”

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

# Weekly Calendar

**Daylight Saving Time starts today!**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/8/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Early worship Service: Upper Room</b>
			<b>Second Sunday Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	3/9/26	6:30 pm	Session
		7:00 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	3/10/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
		6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	3/11/26	10:00 am	Lessons on the Lenten Journey
		5:30 pm	Service of Justice and Hope, First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe
Thursday	3/12/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	3/13/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		6:00 pm	Yoga
Saturday	3/14/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/15/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Early worship Service: Upper Room</b>
			<b>Conversations with the Session</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
			<b>Conversations with the Session</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room</b>

*Attendance March 1*

*8:30 am Service: 10*

*10:30 am Service: 53*

*Zoom: 12*

Our thanks to.....

	3/8/26	3/15/26
English Liturgist	John Bullock	Michael McPherson
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Miguel Zulueta
Ushers	Yvonne Brown Grant Richard Grant	Reta Price Janice Langdale
Refreshments	<b><i>2nd Sunday Coffee Hour</i></b>	<b><i>volunteer needed</i></b>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Matthew Baugh	Matthew Baugh

	3/22/26	3/29/26
English Liturgist	Nancy Walker	Jill Hensley
Spanish Liturgist	Geri Escarcida	Dana Howarth
Ushers	Katherine Gustafson Karl Gustafson	Jeannine Potter Mike Potter
Refreshments	<b><i>volunteer needed</i></b>	<b><i>volunteer needed</i></b>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
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. 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)

## CONTACT US

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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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