

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

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 Placitas Artists Series Art Reception is at 2:00 pm, the Pre-Concert Talk starts at 2:30 pm with the Concert, featuring Megan and James Holland, at 3:00 pm.
- ☼ The Tax-Man cometh on Wednesday, April 15!
- ☼ Please join us for Conversations with the Session after both services next Sunday, April 19.

- ☼ 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	“A Place in the Choir” Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: We are called to be a people of the light, But there is a responsibility to that. So the question is how to bring light?

PEOPLE: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

LEADER: We do not know, but session has appointed a task force to study the issue and report back to the next meeting.

PEOPLE: How many Nazarenes, does it take?

LEADER: One woman to change it while four men review the church lightbulb policy.

PEOPLE: How many Amish does it take?

LEADER: What’s a light bulb?

PEOPLE: How many Calvinists does it take?

LEADER: None. If the lightbulb is predestined to change, it will change.

PEOPLE: How many Methodists does it take?

LEADER: Six! One to change the lightbulb and five to organize the covered dish supper.

PEOPLE: How many Unitarians does it take?

LEADER: We chose not to make a statement either for or against a lightbulb, however, in your own journey if you have found a light bulb works for you that is fine. You may write a poem or

compose a modern dance about your bulb for next Sunday's service, during which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions including incandescent, fluorescent, and LED, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

PEOPLE: Let us join with people of all denominations in celebrating Christ, who brings light and joy into our lives.

OPENING HYMN # 625

"How Great thou Art"

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16)

Lucca Moore

The proof of God's amazing love is this: "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence."

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God, we confess that our priorities can be backwards. We take ourselves so seriously, who we know, how much we make, where we live, what our plans are. Yet we take the problems of injustice and suffering among your children too lightly. Forgive us when we can become too involved in our own priorities and fail to pay attention to your priorities. Help us to laugh at our foolishness, and help us to find following you lightens the burden of your children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (The Pastor's Workshop)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

"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, rejoice and laugh aloud, in Jesus' name, 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.

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, 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

Judie Hendry

Para todos aquellos que comprenden estas palabras: esto no es, en realidad, una oración. Es un mensaje especial para ustedes, que otros tal vez comprendan o no. Me siento sumamente orgulloso de ser su pastor en una iglesia que celebra su herencia hispana. Dios nos habla a todos en el lenguaje del amor, para que todos podamos comprender. En este lugar especial, que siempre podamos comprendernos unos a otros a medida que las palabras de Dios nos iluminan. Amén.

LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS HEBREAS

Salmos 126

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry

Cuando el Señor hizo volver a Sión a los cautivos, nos parecía estar soñando.
Entonces nuestra boca se llenó de risas; nuestra lengua, de canciones jubilosas.
Hasta los otros pueblos decían: «El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por ellos».
Sí, el Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros y nos llena de alegría.
Ahora, Señor, haz volver a nuestros cautivos; haz volver los canales de los ríos en el Néguev.
Los que con lágrimas siembran, regocíjase cosechan.
El que llorando esparce la semilla, recoge sus gavillas.

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

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

ASSORTED BIBLE READINGS (Misheard)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

The Bible is not the easiest book in the world to understand. It was written many centuries ago in a very different culture, in the language languages of Hebrew and Greek, so it's not surprising that modern Christians often have difficulty understanding the original meaning. That's

especially true when the Bible is read to school children, and some of their misunderstandings can be very eye-opening. Here's a quick trip through the Bible through the eyes of Sunday school kids, and others who have had a little difficulty.

We'll start with the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis.

- The Lord got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off. (Genesis 2:1-3)
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. (Genesis 7)
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night. (Genesis 19)
- Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. (Exodus 12)
- Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. (Exodus 20)
- The Fifth Commandment is humor thy mother and father. (Exodus 20:12)
- The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)
- Moses died before he ever reached the UK. Then, Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol. (Joshua 6)
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him. (Joshua 10)
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles. (Judges 15)
- David was a Hebrew king who fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in the biblical times. (1 Samuel 16)
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines. (1 Kings 11:3)
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. (Matthew 1:23)
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels. (Matthew 4)
- The epistles were the wives of the apostles. (I don't know where this is in the Bible)
- One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was by profession a taxman. (Matthew 9)
- St. Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

CHORAL ANTHEM	"Dropkick Me, Jesus"	Choir
SERMON	"A Couple of Things About the Bible"	Rev. Matthew Baugh
HYMN OF RESPONSE #130	"English Title Not Known"	El Himnario
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	(Adapted from the song "Lord of the Dance")	

I believe in God, who danced in the morning when the world was begun, And danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	4/12/26	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room Second Sunday Coffee Hour 10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary 2:00 pm PAS Art Reception 2:30 pm PAS Pre-concert talk 3:00 pm PAS Concert 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	4/13/26	5:30 pm	Yoga 6:30 pm Session
Tuesday	4/14/26	9:30 am	Yoga 10:30 am Yoga 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	4/15/26		TAX DAY
Thursday	4/16/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	4/17/26	8:00 am	Yoga 10:30 am Yoga
Saturday	4/18/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	4/19/26	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room Conversations with the Session 10:30 am Traditional Worship: Sanctuary Conversations with the Session 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance April 5

6:30 am Service: 16 **10:30 am Service: 73**

8:30 am Service: 10 **Zoom: 7**

Our thanks to.....

	4/12/26	4/9/26
English Liturgist	Lucca Moore	Carl Allen
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Donna Ebers/Aspen Moore	Bev Schippers
	Maddalyn Moore	Virginia Watkins
Refreshments	2nd Sunday Coffee Hour	Muldrow
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Acolyte	Allen Rhoads	Harvey Vigil
Church Lock-up	Mike Potter	Mike Potter

	4/26/26	5/3/26
English Liturgist	Jacque Fletcher	Janice Langdale
Spanish Liturgist	Miguel Zulueta	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Tom Lee	Chris Mink
	Wendy Ingram	Russell Mink
Refreshments	volunteer needed	volunteer needed
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Acolyte	Aspen Moore	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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