

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

April 3, 2026

Good Friday

3:00 pm

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~

- ☼ 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.

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 3, 2026

Good Friday

3:00 pm

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

Elliot Sampson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: We call this day “Good Friday” not because it is a joyful or lighthearted day.

PEOPLE: But because it is a necessary part of the story of salvation through Jesus Christ.

LEADER: As we gather at the foot of the cross, let us do so somberly.

PEOPLE: Let us give thanks for the one who was willing to risk and even lose his life out of love for us.

OPENING HYMN #215

“What Wonderous Love Is This?”

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Romans 5:8 and Hebrews 4:16)

Naomi Zentmyer

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. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and giving God, we confess that we fall short of your high call. When Christ calls us to love our neighbors, and even our enemies, we hold on to the idea of revenge. When Jesus calls out the power of empires that oppress, we sometimes side with the empires.

When Jesus shows us a better way, we fail to commit with our whole hearts. Forgive us

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 5:1)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

“...Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

READING 1 (Luke 23:34) Naomi Zentmyer

“Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

REFLECTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN #228 “Were You There” Glory to God

(We will sing only one verse each time, starting with “Were you there when they crucified my Lord...)

READING 2 (Luke 23:39-43) Andre Toupes

“One of the criminals who was crucified next to Jesus kept deriding Jesus and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

REFLECTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN “Were You There”

(“Were you there when they crucified my Lord...)

READING 3 (John 19:25-27) Elliot Smith

“...standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.”

REFLECTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN “Were You There”

(“Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?)

READING 4 Matthew 27:45-46 Doug Hendry

“From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”

REFLECTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN

“Were You There”

(“Were you there when they pierced him in the side?)

READING 5

John 19:28

Babette Gaudi

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.”

REFLECTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN

“Were You There”

(“Were you there when the sun refused to shine?)

READING 6

John 19:29–30

Judie Hendry

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.”

HYMN

“Were You There”

(“Were you there when they laid him in the tomb...)

READING 7

(Luke 23:44–46)

Carl Allen

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

(Worshippers depart in silence)