

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

May 17, 2026

Seventh 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~

Beginning May 31, 2026, we will start our summer schedule with one service at 9:30 am.

- ☼ Happenings this week: Please see the insert for meetings this week.
- ☼ Please join Session members in the Upper Room after both services so you can ask any questions that you may have about the Hike/Bike Trail, the Dignity Mission or any other topics.
- ☼ The Opera Basics presentation is "Rodelinda" by George Frideric Handel on Saturday, May 23, at 2:00 pm. Kevin Vigneau, principal oboist of the New Mexico Philharmonic, explores themes of loyalty, love, and the quest for justice amidst political intrigue.
- ☼ The Placitas Artists Series has two final events of the season. The first is on May 24 with the artist's reception and the pre-concert talk at 2:00 pm. The concert starts at 3:00 pm featuring Kim Fredenburgh and the Altura Ensemble. The final event is a **SPECIAL EVENING POST-SEASON CONCERT! May 30, 2026 - Concert begins at 5 pm "A Grand Night for Singing" featuring Amy Owens, soprano and Rob Fisher, pianist.**
- ☼ Also, on May 24 at 6:00 pm is the first Canyon Blues and Jazz concert featuring "Indigenous Blues." The concert will benefit Casa Rosa and Placitas Wild.
- ☼ Jack and Cheryl Ferrell and four other volunteers will be driving their vehicles to El Paso on May 29th to transport humanitarian supplies and assist in the assembly of Dignity Kits. There is a continuing need for beans and rice in the migrant shelters in Ciudad Juárez, so if you would like to donate any beans or rice, they would be happy to transport your donations to the border when they go at the end of May. Please place your donations in the east classroom at the church NLT Thursday, May 28th.
- ☼ After the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, May 31, it is time to welcome summer with an Ice Cream Social! Please bring your favorite toppings. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ☼ Baseball tickets are available for our outing on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Be early and get a special Mariachi T-shirt. Stay for fireworks after.
- ☼ Save the date--see the bulletin for an invitation to wonderfully intimate play to be held here on June 27, 2026.
- ☼ 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	Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Let God rise up; let God's enemies be scattered.

PEOPLE But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

LEADER: Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.

PEOPLE: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

LEADER: God gives the desolate a home to live in; and leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

PEOPLE: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

OPENING HYMN #267 "Come. Christians, Join to Sing" Glory to God

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!

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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

Ivona McCrary

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS HEBREAS

1 Pedro 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Spanish liturgist: Mia Archibeque

Queridos hermanos, no se extrañen del fuego de la prueba que están soportando, como si fuera algo insólito. Al contrario, alégrese de tener parte en los sufrimientos de Cristo, para que también sea inmensa su alegría cuando se revele la gloria de Cristo. Dichosos ustedes si los insultan por causa del nombre de Cristo, porque el glorioso Espíritu de Dios reposa sobre ustedes.

Humíllense, pues, bajo la poderosa mano de Dios para que él los exalte a su debido tiempo. Depositen en él toda ansiedad, porque él cuida de ustedes. Practiquen el dominio propio y manténganse alerta. Su enemigo el diablo ronda como león rugiente, buscando a quién devorar. Resístanlo, manteniéndose firmes en la fe, sabiendo que los creyentes en todo el mundo soportan la misma clase de sufrimientos. Luego de que ustedes hayan sufrido un poco de tiempo, Dios mismo, el Dios de toda gracia que los llamó a su gloria eterna en Cristo, los restaurará y los hará fuertes, firmes y estables. A él sea el poder por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

English liturgist: Ivona McCrary

So, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

SERMON

"What Are You Looking At?"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN OF RESPONSE #143

"A Cristo Coronad"

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted UCC Statement of Faith)

Creemos en ti, oh Dios, Espíritu Eterno, Dios de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo y nuestro Dios, y damos testimonio de tus obras:

Tú creas los mundos, creas a las personas a tu imagen y semejanza, y les muestras a cada una el camino de la vida y de la muerte.

Con tu amor santo, buscas salvar a todos de la desorientación y el pecado.

Juzgas a las personas y a las naciones según tu justa voluntad, manifestada por medio de profetas y apóstoles.

En Jesucristo, el hombre de Nazaret, nuestro Salvador crucificado y resucitado, has venido a nosotros y compartido nuestra condición, venciendo el pecado y la muerte y reconciliando al mundo contigo.

Nos concedes tu Espíritu Santo, creando y renovando la iglesia de Jesucristo, uniendo en alianza a los fieles de todas las edades, lenguas y razas.

Nos llamas a tu iglesia para aceptar el costo y la alegría del discipulado, para ser tus siervos al servicio de los demás, para proclamar el evangelio a todo el mundo y resistir las fuerzas del mal, para participar del bautismo de Cristo y comer en su mesa.

Prometes a todos los que confían en ti el perdón de los pecados y la plenitud de la gracia, valentía en la lucha por la justicia y la paz, tu presencia en la prueba y en la alegría, y la vida eterna en tu reino que no tiene fin.

Bendición, honor, gloria y poder sean sobre ti.

Amén.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Glory to God

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and make a difference. Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with the world around us, sharing your love and truth with others.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #273

"He is King of Kings"

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

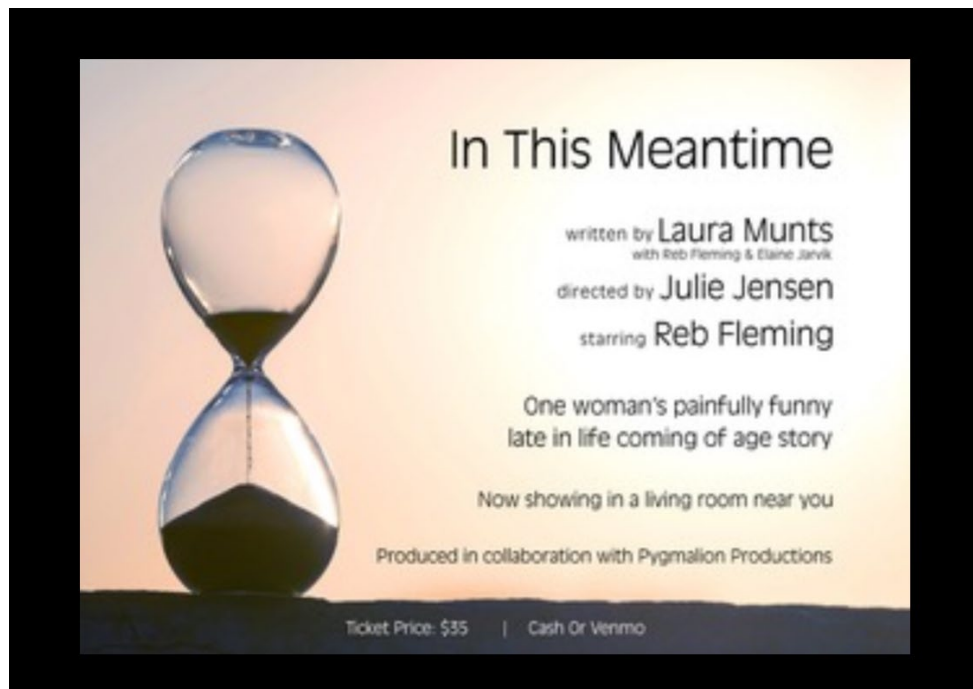
An invitation to an intimate play,

In This Meantime

featuring “One woman’s painfully funny late in life coming of age story.”

Reb Fleming—sister of our own Jeff Fleming—stars in this smart, humorous, honest play. This one-woman play shows a septuagenarian actor figuring out what she is supposed to be doing between now and when she dies as seen through the eyes of nine people. Starting with “How I Want to Die” through “I’m Sorry” and “Did I Go Too Far” to “Don’t Look Away” the story is told with creativity and compassion.

The play will be at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church on June 27, 2026 at 2:00 pm. There will be a discussion following the play so seating is limited to 16. Cost is \$35. Please contact Karen at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church for reservations. Payment is in advance by check, cash or online on the church’s website.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday	5/17/26	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
Monday	5/18/26	5:30 pm	Yoga
		6:30 pm	Session
Tuesday	5/19/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
		6:00 pm	Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wednesday	5/20/26		
Thursday	5/21/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	5/22/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	5/23/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		2:00 pm	Opera Basics “Rodelinda”
Sunday	5/24/26	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		2:00 pm	PAS Pre-concert Talk Art Reception
		3:00 pm	PAS Concert featuring Kim Fredenburgh and the Altura Ensemble
		6:00 pm	Canyon Blues and Jazz Memorial Day Blues Festival benefitting Casa Rosa and Placitas Wild
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance May 10

8:30 am Service: 10

10:30 am Service: 52

Zoom: 5

Our thanks to.....

	5/17/26	5/24/26
English Liturgist	Ivona McCrary	John Bullock
Spanish Liturgist	Mia Archibeque	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Dawn Wolf	Jill Hensley
	Reta Price	Gia Archibeque
Refreshments	Toups	volunteer needed
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Maddalyn Moore
Church Lock-up	Carl Allen	Carl Allen

	5/31/26	6/7/26
English Liturgist	Virginia Watkins	Michael McPherson
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Miguel Zulueta
Ushers	Yvonne Grant	Reta Price
	Richard Grant	Janice Langdale
Refreshments	Ice Cream Social	Jacque Fletcher
		Don Turton
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Allen Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Carl Allen	Don Turton

Our prayers for.....

the son of Amarilis Alfonso

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

Rita Valdez

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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Mindy Sampson

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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