

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

May 3, 2026

Fifth 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..
- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Jardineros de Placitas will meet on Wednesday, May 6, at 9:30 am. John Rinaldi will touch on a bit of wine history, the process of making wine and his family's experiences in his 60+ years of wine making.
- ☼ The Placitas Studio Tour is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 8-10. The 48 participating studios will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.
- ☼ The PREP Alliance is presenting a community briefing on "Wildfire Spread Probability: Computer Simulations of Wildfire Behavior in Placitas" on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm.
- ☼ 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 “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: As we gather to worship, we come seeking direction. The world offers many claims and tries to pull us in many different directions.

PEOPLE: Jesus says, “I am the way.”

LEADER: As we come to worship, we come seeking clarity. There are many messages in this world, each one promising to be the truth that can guide our lives.

PEOPLE: Jesus says, “I am the truth.”

LEADER: As we come to worship, and then go back into the world, we hope to find meaning in our lives, and we hope to carry that meaning back into the world.

PEOPLE: Jesus says, “I am the life.”

LEADER: We ask that you guide us, Jesus. Help us follow your path, open our eyes to your truth, and bring us to the life that is truly life.

PEOPLE: Amen.

OPENING HYMN #624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” 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!

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 (Based on Augustine of Hippo)

Janice Langdale

Breathe in us, O Holy Spirit, that our thoughts may all be holy. Act in us, O Holy Spirit, that our work, too, may be holy. Draw our hearts, O Holy Spirit, that we love that which is holy. Do these things that our lives may always be holy. Amen.

LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS HEBREAS

Salmos 31:1-5

Spanish liturgist: Geri Escarcida

En ti, Señor, busco refugio jamás permitas que me avergüencen. Por tu justicia, líbrame. Inclina a mí tu oído y acude pronto a socorrerme. Sé tú mi roca de refugio, la fortaleza de mi salvación.

Guíame, pues eres mi roca y mi fortaleza, dirígeme por amor a tu nombre.

Líbrame de la trampa que me han tendido, porque tú eres mi refugio.

En tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu; líbrame, Señor, Dios de la verdad.

Mi vida entera está en tus manos; líbrame de mis enemigos y perseguidores.

Haz resplandecer tu rostro sobre tu siervo; por tu gran amor, sálvame.

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

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 14:1-14

English liturgist: Janice Langdale

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"
Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM "By the Breaking of Bread" Choir

SERMON "Way, Truth, Life" Rev. Matthew Baugh

HYMN OF RESPONSE #510 "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Simple Creed)

I believe that God made the whole world.

I believe that God made all of the people and places and things in the world.

I believe that God loves every person and thing that God made.

I believe that God loves me.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

I believe that Jesus was good, and wise, and loved everyone.
Even when people were cruel and crucified him Jesus still loved them.
I believe that Jesus came back to life on Easter morning.
This helps us know that we will be with him, even when we die.
I believe that I should follow Jesus in what I believe and in the way I act.
This means I should be kind, truthful, and forgiving.
I believe that God's Spirit is always with me.
It is invisible, like the wind, but I know it is there.
When a miracle happens, I know that God's Spirit made it happen. When I get a warm feeling in my heart, I know that is God's Spirit too.
Because I believe these things, I promise to live a good life. I will pray to God, and help other people whenever I can. I know that, if I do, God will fill my life with joy.
Thank you, God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Bill Wallace Aotearoa/New Zealand)

O most Compassionate Life-giver,
may we honor and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your new order of justice peace and love;
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil,
For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.

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

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let us Pray.

God of mercy, we come to you in desperate need of what you have to offer. Surrounded by news of death, we seek life. Surrounded by fear, we seek hope. Surrounded by anger, we seek peace. Surrounded by death, we seek the new life Christ brings. Through Christ, the power of your love defeated the power of death. Unite us with you and with all who seek to follow your life-giving way as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

You are indeed holy and blessed, oh Lord. Where you saw sickness, you brought healing, where you found despair, you brought hope, and where you saw conflict, you brought peace. Now, believing that you are the one who calls us to new life, we lift our voices to proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Bless now the gifts of bread and cup and bless each of us as we join in this holy meal. Make us truly the body of Christ. Make us salt and light and yeast to transform the world. Equip us for discipleship and strengthen us to live each day in the light and life of the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #387

“Lluvias de Gracia”

El Himnario

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

Lord, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe. Let us dream together, pray together and work together, to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen.

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

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| Sunday | 5/3/26 | 8:30 am | Early Worship Service: Upper Room |
| | | 10:30 am | Traditional Worship: Sanctuary |
| | | 7:00 pm | Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room |
| Monday | 5/4/26 | 5:30 pm | Yoga |
| Tuesday | 5/5/26 | | Cinco de Mayo |
| | | 9:30 am | Yoga |
| | | 10:30 am | Yoga |
| | | 5:30 pm | Yoga |
| Wednesday | 5/6/26 | 9:30 am | Jardineros de Placitas |
| Thursday | 5/7/26 | 6:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| | | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday | 5/8/26 | | <i>Placitas Studio Tour</i> |
| | | 8:00 am | Yoga |
| | | 10:30 am | Yoga |
| Saturday | 5/9/26 | | <i>Placitas Studio Tour</i> |
| | | 8:00 am | Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution |
| Sunday | 5/10/26 | | <i>Placitas Studio Tour</i> |
| | | | <i>Mother's Day</i> |
| | | 8:30 am | Early Worship Service: Upper Room |
| | | 10:30 am | Traditional Worship: Sanctuary |
| | | 7:00 pm | Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room |

Attendance April 26

8:30 am Service: 12

10:30 am Service: at Second Pres

no Zoom

Our thanks to.....

| | 5/3/26 | 5/10/26 |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| English Liturgist | Janice Langdale | Virginia Watkins |
| Spanish Liturgist | Geri Escarcida | Dana Howarth |
| Ushers | Chris Mink Russell Mink | Jacque Fletcher Don Turton |
| Refreshments | <i>Plante</i> | <i>volunteer needed</i> |
| Audio-Visual | Mike Potter | Carl Peterson |
| Acolyte | Harvey Vigil | Elizabeth Rhoads |
| Church Lock-up | Carl Allen | Carl Allen |

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

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

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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