

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

the Rev. Matthew Baugh, Stated Supply 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~

- ☼ **Second Sunday = Beans and Rice... and Baby items for the Dignity Mission!** For August's Second Sunday Offering, we will again bless all contributions of beans and rice for our sisters and brothers at the border. And the need for items to support new and expecting mothers and their babies continues. Especially needed: Onesies - new born and larger sizes; Baby washcloths; Diapers (disposable) - Newborn to size 6; Wipes - unscented; and Receiving blankets - approx 30" x 40". Please put items in the red wagon in the Fellowship Hall and we'll get them to families. Thank you LPPC!
- ☼ Looking ahead to September: we are starting preparations for the colder months and holidays, so hold onto those coats and stuffed animals and we'll have a donation box in the Fellowship hall soon! Thank you LPPC!
- ☼ Happenings this week:
 - Monday, August 11, at 10:00 am--Spanish class
 - Also on Monday, August 11, Session meets at 6:30 pm
 - Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 pm, there is a Deacon's meeting
 - Wednesday, August 13, the Health and Safety Committee will meet at 1:00 pm
- ☼ *Life Line Screening will be here at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 23, 2025 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Three ways to register:*
 - Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001
 - Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)
 - Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

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

“Let All Things Now Living (Ash Grove)”

Judie Hendy, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matthew Baugh

Leader: Come, people of God. Come to worship.

People: We come to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Come to worship and to live out our faith.

People: As God has been faithful to us, we shall be faithful to God and each other.

Leader: Come and worship with honest words and sincere promises.

**People: We come to worship as true followers of Christ, with words and actions
that can be relied upon.**

*OPENING HYMN # 838

“Standing on the Promises”

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Matthew 11:28-30)

Maddalyn Moore

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are the source of every good gift. We praise your name for all that you have given, and especially for the gift of your son, greatest our Lord Jesus Christ. As we lift him up, we also humble ourselves before you. We confess that we often fail to do what we know is right. We also do things that we know dishonor you and fail to show love to our neighbors. Help us when we stumble, Lord, when we are slow to admit our faults and when we wander from the path of righteousness. Forgive us, and empower us by your spirit to live to honor and serve you as Christ has taught us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF (Based on Jeremiah 31:33–34)

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.”

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.

Alle - Alle - Alle - luia

Alle - Alle - Alle - luia

Alle - Alle - Alle - luia

Alleluia, 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

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Éxodo 20:14

Spanish liturgist: Dana Howarth

No cometeras adulterio.

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

You shall not commit adultery.

English liturgist: Maddalyn Moore

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

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

ANTHEM

“Great Is The Lord”

Women’s Choir

SERMON

“Honoring Our Promises”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #232

“Tal Como Soy”

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(“A Simple Creed” Rev. Matthew Baugh)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(The Didache Version)

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us today our daily (needful) bread, and forgive us our debt as we also forgive our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for yours is the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God #240, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to God’s Name.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona)

O God, we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied. We believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

weekly calendar

Sunday	8/10/25	9:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		6:05 pm	Isotopes Baseball
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	8/11/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
		6:30 pm	Session
Tuesday	8/12/25	6:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday	8/13/25	1:00 pm	Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday	8/14/25		
Friday	8/15/25		
Saturday	8/16/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	8/17/25	9:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
			Conversations with the Session
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	8/10/25	8/17/25
English Liturgist	Maddalyn Moore	Jacque Fletcher
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Leigh Plante	Katherine Gustafson
	Dave Plante	Karl Gustafson
Refreshments	<i>Rhea Graham</i>	<i>Katherine Gustafson</i>
	<i>Cliff Dahm</i>	
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up	Steve Chewning	Steve Chewning
	8/24/25	8/31/25
English Liturgist	Lynn Coburn	Virginia Watkins
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Vivian DeLara
Ushers	Donna Ebers	Dawn Wolfe
	Sara Moore	Sue Hoff
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Steve Chewning	Steve Chewning

Our prayers for.....

Charlie DeLara

Clarence Duran

Bear Eriksson

Annette DeLara Good

Dan Howarth

Diana Howarth's family

Tommy Lucero

Michelle Palmer

Jeannine Potter

Herman Santillanes

Sharon Santillanes

Edwina Trujillo

Harvey Vigil

MEMBER PROFILE

KAREN COX

Karen was born at the old St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. The family moved to Alamogordo when Karen was four and then to Las Cruces when she was age seven. She completed all her schooling there graduating from New Mexico State University with a double major in History and Government. While in college, she was on a Co-op Program and worked for the Department of Education in Washington, D.C. for two semesters. Karen married during her last semester of college and they moved to Farmington so her husband could pursue his desire to be a country music DJ. Karen worked at the Social Security Administration there as a claims representative. She then started her own wedding business but discovered that her hires got to do all the fun jobs while she took care of business. She kept that business for 3 years. Her next job was as manager of Waldenbooks in Farmington and then in Durango, CO. She moved back to Albuquerque working at Howard Johnson's Hotel as the night auditor before returning to her favorite job—being a bookseller at Cantwell's Bookstore, The Corner Bookstore as bookkeeper and Page One as a bookseller/manager.

As much as Karen loved working in a bookstore, it just wasn't paying enough so Karen took accounting classes at UNM here in Albuquerque and then started working for Flatow, Moore, Schaffer, McCabe Architects as project assistant when they were building the Federal Courthouse. She financially managed the interior design part of the project working with the interior designers.

During this time Karen started her own bookkeeping business, Cox and Katz and Company, (those who knew Karen knew she was referring to her cats but others would think she had a partner). Currently Karen is working with several HOAs, Wild Hearts Gallery as well as LPPC.

When living in Albuquerque, Karen was happily single for 20 years before magic happened and she met Rich Reif. Karen and her Mom had signed up for a music focused trip to Vienna, Salzburg and Prague during the holiday market season. Rich had lost his wife in the past year and Karen was never going to marry again. They had a lovely trip. Rich told Karen he wanted to see her “again, soon and often” while Karen professed to not be interested. They were married 6 months later! Karen had originally planned on wearing a white lacy top and off white pleated long skirt but then she remembered that she had her great aunt’s wedding dress. She didn’t tell Rich her plans. She wore the first outfit up until just before the ceremony when she ran up to change. The dress fit her like a glove. The look of surprise on Rich’s face is priceless – see photo on the bulletin board. They moved to Rich’s house in Placitas and have been married 18 years.

Karen’s hobbies and passions are: reading, eating and drinking well, calligraphy, classical music and opera, and gardening. Her 15 minutes of fame happened while attending a YoYo Ma concert here in Albuquerque. The person ahead of her in the reception line to meet YoYo said her ticket to the concert was her birthday present. Karen said she didn’t have a birthday coming up. He said that doesn’t matter and he kissed her on the cheek!

The person she wishes she would have met would be Elizabeth I. She was an incredible woman who had to deal with so much related to being a woman in her job as well as what was going on historically at that time. She didn’t marry because she knew ‘he’ would have wanted to take over and she wouldn’t let that happen.

The one place Karen always wanted to go to was Paris, so for her 40th birthday she took herself to Paris for one week. She said it was perfect. She has been back multiple times. For her 50th she jumped out of a plane in a tandem jump here in Albuquerque. She said it was great!

In case of a fire, she would grab her computer and if she had time, her good jewelry. She wishes she had taken ballet lessons. The 5 things Karen couldn’t live without are: her cats, her husband, books, carne adovada and good wine.

Karen enjoys LPPC for its wonderful people. She currently holds the position of admin and financial secretary. She has interesting duties with something new & different going on every day

August 2025

Wendy Ingram

Joan Chewning

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. The worship service is recorded each week and edited onto a CD. There are free copies of recent services on the table in Fellowship Hall. 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

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Class of 2026: Donna Ebers, Jacque Fletcher, Colleen Rust

Class of 2027: Lauren Mueller-Skinner, Carl Allen, Janice Langdale

Class of 2028: Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry, Mike Potter

Deacons:

Class of 2026: Martha Brown, Ivona McCrary, Eloise Sanchez

Class of 2027: Missy DeLara, Sue Hoff, Anna Howarth

Class of 2028: Katherine Gustafson, Kathy Peterson, Warren Peterson

Clerk of Session: Carl Allen

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Gather for conversation and food after the 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 and educational wing.

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