

# LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

August 17, 2025

Tenth 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~

☼ It is the third Sunday of the month, so you will have a chance to have a "Conversation with the Session."

☼ Several things happening this week:

Monday, August 18, at 10:00 am--Spanish class

Tuesday, August 19, at 6:00 pm, there is a Casa Rosa Board meeting

Wednesday, August 20, the Nominating Committee will meet at 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 21, join Karl Gustafson for Bible Study

Saturday, August 23, Life Line Screening, see below

☼ *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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Come to worship, not sneaking or skulking, like thieves in the night.

**PEOPLE: We come boldly and proudly, as children of the light.**

LEADER: Come to worship, not seeking selfish gain or special advantage.

**PEOPLE: We come in the generous spirit of God, like shepherds, to guide and protect each other.**

LEADER: Come as followers of the Good Shepherd.

**PEOPLE: We come to love and serve our God.**

\*OPENING HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Hebrews 10:22)

Jacque Fletcher

"Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from Daniel 9:4–19)

**O, Lord, you keep your promises, offering steadfast love to those who love you and keep your commandments. We confess that we have often turned away from what you have taught us through prophets, apostles, and faithful witnesses. You teach mercy and exhibit generosity, but we have failed to show these qualities to each other. We have not loved you as we should have and have let selfish and petty concerns cloud our judgment. We have not**

**loved our neighbors as ourselves and have allowed suffering to persist. We have neglected the good things we could have done, and we have persisted in vain and callous ways of thinking. Forgive us, we pray. Speak words of truth into our ears and open our eyes to the injustices and needs around us. We ask this not because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. Forgive us and help us be a people worthy to serve you in every good thing. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (John 3:16–17)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.” In the name of Jesus Christ, I tell you that 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.

**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

**God, you are the source of all light, who illuminates our spirits. Pour your spirit of wisdom and understanding on us, that our hearts and minds may be opened, that we may love and serve you through loving and serving our neighbors. Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Éxodo 20:15

Spanish liturgist: Mia Archibeque

No hurtarás.

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

You shall not steal.

English liturgist: Jacquie Fletcher

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

ANTHEM

SERMON

“Be a Shepherd, Not a Fleecer”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

**~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #257 “Contigo, Cristo, Quiero Andar”

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles Creed)

**“Creo en Dios Padre, Todopoderoso, Creador del Cielo y de la Tierra.**

**Creo en Jesucristo, su Único Hijo nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo, nació de Santa María Virgen. Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato.**

**Fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado. Descendió a los infiernos. Al tercer día, resucitó de entre los muertos. Subió a los Cielos y está sentado a la derecha de Dios Padre**

**Todopoderoso. Desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.**

**Creo en el Espíritu Santo, en la Santa Iglesia Católica, la Comunión de los Santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la carne y la vida eterna.**

**Amén.”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Neil Douglas Klotz)

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, you create all that moves in light.**

**Focus your light within us — make it useful: as the rays of a beacon show the way.**

**Unite our “I can” to yours, so that we walk as kings and queens with every creature.**

**Create in me a divine cooperation — from many selves, one voice, one action.**

**Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.**

**Forgive our hidden past, the secret shames, as we consistently forgive what others hide.  
Deceived neither by the outer nor the inner — free us to walk your path with joy.  
From you is born all ruling will, the power and life to do, the song that beautifies all from  
age to age it renews. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

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

**Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through  
them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our ruler and our  
God. Amen**

**~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~**

CLOSING HYMN #542 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

Glory to God

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

<sup>1</sup> *This version is often called “The Lord’s Prayer from the Original Aramaic.” That’s a little misleading as we don’t have any ancient document with an Aramaic version. Neil Douglas Klotz translated the Lord’s Prayer into Aramaic (the language Jesus would have spoken) and used that as a basis for his prayer, which is a spiritual reflection on the original prayer. His version has offered fresh insights to many who use it.*

## weekly calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/17/25</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
			Conversation with the Session
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	8/18/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	8/19/25	6:00 pm	Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wednesday	8/20/25	6:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Thursday	8/21/25	10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday	8/22/25		
Saturday	8/23/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
			Life Line Screening
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/24/25</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall</b>

## Our thanks to.....

	<b>8/17/25</b>	<b>8/24/25</b>
<b>English Liturgist</b>	Jacque Fletcher	Lynn Coburn
<b>Spanish Liturgist</b>	Mia Archibeque	Judie Hendry
<b>Ushers</b>	Katherine Gustafson	Donna Ebers
	Karl Gustafson	Sara Moore
<b>Refreshments</b>	<i>Katherine Gustafson</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	John Bullock	Mike Potter
<b>Church Lock-up</b>	Steve Chewning	Steve Chewning
	<b>8/31/25</b>	<b>9/7/25</b>
<b>English Liturgist</b>	Virginia Watkins	Janice Langdale
<b>Spanish Liturgist</b>	Vivian DeLara	Eloise Sanchez
<b>Ushers</b>	Dawn Wolfe	Wendy Ingram
	Sue Hoff	Joyce Hoses
<b>Refreshments</b>	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
<b>Church Lock-up</b>	Steve Chewning	Donna Ebers

## *Our prayers for.....*

Charlie DeLara

The family of Clarence Duran

Bear Eriksson

Annette DeLara Good

Dan Howarth

Diana Howarth's family

Tommy Lucero

Herman Santillanes

Sharon Santillanes

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. 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](http://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](http://www.lasplacitaschurch.org/give)

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Mindy Sampson

Ruling Elders:

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

# **LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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 35<sup>th</sup> church organized, 17<sup>th</sup> 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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