

## LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 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.

☼ Thank you to County Commissioner Katherine Bruch for the \$5,000 donation to Casa Rosa!

### ☼ *Invitation to Gwenth & Carl's Wedding*

Gwenth Lewis and Carl Allen hope you will join them to celebrate their marriage on Saturday, 9/5 at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception with dancing in the gathering hall of First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2801 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM  
Pastor Sue Joiner and Pastor Matthew Baugh will officiate.

Please no gifts.

However, if you would enjoy making a donation to LPPC in celebration of the way Gwenth & Carl's church communities held them through a season of deep grief and now in great joy, feel free to do so at [www.lasplacitaschurch.org](http://www.lasplacitaschurch.org) and click on "give" and marking your donation "Gwenth and Carl."

Please **text** your RSVP to Gwenth 505 688-9570 ASAP, no later than 8/30, including names of attendees + ages of children.

Attire? Please wear whatever helps you feel loved and celebratory! The "bride" will be wearing a knee-length purple shiny dress with bling – and a purple fascinator (think Mardi Gras.) Traditional attire from your own culture, and/or headgear, are welcomed.

Please consider this your personal invitation! Thank you!

☼ 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

WELCOME TO THOSE ON ZOOM

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us.

**PEOPLE: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us.**

LEADER: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when the flood would have swept us away.

**PEOPLE: The torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

LEADER: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

**PEOPLE: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

**ALL: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

OPENING HYMN #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8

John Bullock

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You**

**with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS      Psalm 145:17-20

Rev. Matthew Baugh

“The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

God fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, our 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.

**I am the church. You are the church**

**We are the church together.**

**All who follow Jesus,**

**all around the world,**

**Yes, we’re the church together!**

#### 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 OF ILLUMINATION

John Bullock

Prepare our hearts and minds, O God, to receive your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may obey your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaías 51:1-6

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry

«Ustedes, los que van tras la justicia y buscan al Señor, ¡escúchenme!

Miren la roca de la que fueron tallados, la cantera de la que fueron extraídos.

Miren a Abraham, su padre, y a Sara, quien los dio a luz.

Cuando yo lo llamé, él era solo uno, pero lo bendije y lo multipliqué.

Sin duda, el Señor consolará a Sión; consolará todas sus ruinas.

Convertirá en un Edén su desierto; en huerto del Señor sus tierras secas.

En ella encontrarán alegría y regocijo, acción de gracias y música de salmos.

»Préstame atención, pueblo mío; óyeme, nación mía: porque de mí saldrá la Ley y mi justicia será luz para las naciones.

Ya se acerca mi justicia, mi salvación está en camino; mi brazo juzgará a las naciones!  
Las costas lejanas confían en mí y ponen su esperanza en mi brazo.

Levanten los ojos al cielo, miren la tierra aquí abajo:  
como humo se esfumarán los cielos, como ropa se gastará la tierra  
y como moscas morirán sus habitantes.  
Pero mi salvación permanecerá para siempre, mi justicia nunca fallará.

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

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the Lord.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn  
and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah, who bore you,  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation,  
for a teaching will go out from me  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens  
and look at the earth beneath,  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats,  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

## GOSPEL READING

Romans 12:1-8

English liturgist: John Bullock

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“The D in DEI”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

## ~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[progressivechristianity.org](http://progressivechristianity.org)

**We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.**

**We believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.**

**We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God’s determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.**

**We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.**

**We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.**

**We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, Santificado sea tu nombre.**

**Venga tu reino.**

**Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra, así como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**

**Perdónanos nuestras deudas,**

**Como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.**

**No nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria por los siglos. Amén.**

## **INVITATION TO GIVE**

### **DOXOLOGY**

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**A Dios el Padre celestial,  
Al Hijo Nuestro Redentor,  
Y al eternal Consolador,  
Unidos todos alabad. Amén**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Heavenly Father, thank you for your many blessings. Everything we have comes from your hand. As we bring our tithes and offerings today, we give them back with joyful and grateful hearts. Please bless these gifts and use them to support this ministry, help our community, and share your love with the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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

### **CLOSING HYMN #747**

**“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

**Glory to God**

*first in English, then in Spanish*

### **BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Matthew Baugh**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Mindy Sampson**

## Weekly Calendar

|               |                |                |                                               |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>8/23/26</b> | <b>9:30 am</b> | <b>Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary</b> |
|               |                | 7:00 pm        | Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room            |
| Monday        | 8/24/26        | 5:30 pm        | Yoga                                          |
| Tuesday       | 8/25/26        | 9:30 am        | Yoga                                          |
|               |                | 10:30 am       | Yoga                                          |
|               |                | 5:30 pm        | Yoga                                          |
| Wednesday     | 8/26/26        |                |                                               |
| Thursday      | 8/27/26        |                |                                               |
| Friday        | 8/28/26        | 8:00 am        | Yoga                                          |
|               |                | 10:30 am       | Yoga                                          |
| Saturday      | 8/29/26        | 8:00 am        | Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution                 |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>8/30/26</b> | <b>9:30 am</b> | <b>Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary</b> |
|               |                | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room</b>     |

### Attendance:

**Sunday August 16, 2026**

**9:30 am service: 48**

**Zoom: 9**

## Our thanks to.....

8/23/26

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>English Liturgist</b> | John Bullock                |
| <b>Spanish Liturgist</b> | Judie Hendry                |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Leigh Plante<br>Dave Plante |
| <b>Refreshments</b>      | <i>Donna Ebers</i>          |
| <b>Audio-Visual</b>      | Mike Potter                 |
| <b>Acolyte</b>           | Aspen Moore                 |
| <b>Church Lock-up</b>    | Janice Langdale             |

8/30/26

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| Michael McPherson       |
| Miguel Zulueta          |
| Yvonne Grant            |
| Richard Grant           |
| <i>volunteer needed</i> |
| Carl Peterson           |
| Harvey Vigil            |
| Janice Langdale         |

9/6/26

|                          |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>English Liturgist</b> | Nancy Walker                          |
| <b>Spanish Liturgist</b> | Geri Escarcida                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Katherine Gustafson<br>Karl Gustafson |
| <b>Refreshments</b>      | <i>volunteer needed</i>               |
| <b>Audio-Visual</b>      | Parke Rhoads                          |
| <b>Acolyte</b>           | Elizabeth Rhoads                      |
| <b>Church Lock-up</b>    | Linda Davey                           |

9/13/26

|                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Ivona McCrary                                         |
| Dana Howarth                                          |
| Jeannine Potter                                       |
| Mike Potter                                           |
| <i>reception for Gwenyth Lewis and<br/>Carl Allen</i> |
| John Bullock                                          |
| Harvey Vigil                                          |
| Linda Davey                                           |

## Our prayers for.....

|                              |                           |                                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| The son of Amarilis Alfonso  | J.J. Herrera              | Ruby Sanchez Rodriques         |
| Willie Arriola               | Susan Hickman             | Anna Sanchez                   |
| Bill Baugh                   | Gordon Higby              | Herman Santillanes             |
| BethAnne Bethel              | Sue Hoff                  | The family of Clara Stephenson |
| Susan Booth                  | Dan Howarth               | Edwina Trujillo                |
| Bunny Bowen                  | David Howarth             | Rita Valdez                    |
| Doug Chapman                 | Tommy Lucero              | Harvey Vigil                   |
| Charlie DeLara               | The family of Bruce       |                                |
| Johnathan DeLara             | MacLauchlan               |                                |
| Missy DeLara                 | George Mueller and family |                                |
| Viola Duran                  | Marisa Navarette          |                                |
| The family of Georgiana Gore | Reta Price                |                                |

***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](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)

## CONTACT US

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Accompanist: 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: Sue Hoff, Anna Howarth

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

Class of 2029: Ivona McCrary, Eloise Sanchez

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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