

# LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

August 24, 2025

Eleventh 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~

- ☼ Thank you to Ken Cuthbertson for leading us in worship today so that Matthew can have a day off! It is always a pleasure to welcome Ken in his "official" capacity.
- ☼ The carpeting in the new Meeting Room (the old Mother's Day Out space) is complete and looks great. Thank you to our members who paid for paint and supplies, labor to paint the room, carpeting and labor to lay the carpet.
- ☼ We will resume our regular schedule of worship services on September 7. To celebrate, we will have a potluck followed by our usual highly competitive game of Bingo. Please see the sign up sheet for the potluck in the Fellowship Hall.
- ☼ A request from Don Turton: I am looking for volunteers to assist in pruning dead branches from our church grounds trees and some other assorted grounds work. The drought has been hard on them and many of the trees are becoming elderly. I plan to begin pruning on Wednesday, August 27. However, the days can be flexible, depending on the response I get from you. I am renting a dumpster for the branches, etc. that we will have for a month, so we don't have to finish the work all in one day. After I get a group of volunteers we can talk about what tools and safety equipment we need/have.  
PLEASE RESPOND DIRECTLY TO ME BY AUGUST 25 VIA EMAIL OR IN PERSON WITH WHAT DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP NEXT WEEK (AUGUST 25-30).  
Adults only, no children please. There will be chain saws and other implements of destruction present. Please make sure you are physically capable of doing some hard work.  
The good news is it is supposed to cool off next week.  
My email address is: [don.turton@okstate.edu](mailto:don.turton@okstate.edu)
- ☼ To give away: water cooler, flat TV screen--these items are in the meeting room

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. Ken Cuthbertson

One: Jesus says, "Come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...."

**All: "Take the yoke of my teaching on you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."**

One: Jesus's yoke is easy. His burden is light.

**All: Let us worship God, giving thanks and praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN #800 "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynn Coburn

At the root of all sin lies human selfishness and self-will, set over against the generous grace and provision of God, over against the call to love and trust God, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Mindful of that, we join to confess....

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and merciful God, we join as one to acknowledge and confess that we have done wrong and fall short of your goodness in our thoughts, words, and actions. Christ has called us to follow him, but too often we turn from the way and stray from his path. We do not always love you with all of our hearts. We do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We do not always treat one another as we hope to be treated. And, we do not tend and care for your good earth as we should. Help us, O God. Heal our hearts, and**

**restore in us the joy of your salvation. Forgive us, and help us to forgive and be reconciled to one another through Christ the Savior of all. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

Amigas y amigos, crean en las buenas nuevas del evangelio:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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. Peace be with you!

**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

**Assist us with your Spirit, O Christ, so that daily we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

English liturgist: Lynn Coburn

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So, I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This

also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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

READING FROM NEW TESTAMENT

Lucas 12:13-21

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry

Uno de entre la gente le dijo a Jesús:

—Maestro, dile a mi hermano que me dé mi parte de la herencia.

Y Jesús le contestó:

—Amigo, ¿quién me ha puesto sobre ustedes como juez o partidador?

También dijo:

—Cuidense ustedes de toda avaricia; porque la vida no depende del poseer muchas cosas.

Entonces les contó esta parábola: «Había un hombre rico, cuyas tierras dieron una gran cosecha. El rico se puso a pensar: “¿Qué haré? No tengo dónde guardar mi cosecha.” Y se dijo: “Ya sé lo que voy a hacer. Derribaré mis graneros y levantaré otros más grandes, para guardar en ellos toda mi cosecha y todo lo que tengo. Luego me diré: Amigo, tienes muchas cosas guardadas para muchos años; descansa, come, bebe, goza de la vida.” Pero Dios le dijo: “Necio, esta misma noche perderás la vida, y lo que tienes guardado, ¿para quién será?” Así le pasa al hombre que amontona riquezas para sí mismo, pero es pobre delante de Dios.»

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

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“Hoarding or Sharing?”

Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #847

“Our Hope, Our Life”

Glory to God

*Psalm 49*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in Almighty God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten of God, our Lord, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of Mary....**

*Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, and deserted by his friends,... Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again; he ascended to the heavens, sitting at the “right hand” of God; whence he comes to judge the living and the dead.*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy and universal Community of the Church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(This adaptation of the Apostles' Creed incorporates elements of the 1991 PCUSA “Brief Statement of Faith” relating to the life and ministry of Jesus.)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (adapted by Ken Cuthbertson)

**Loving Creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who act wrongly against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO GIVE

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>

**A Dios, el Padre celestial,  
al Hijo, nuestro Redentor,  
al eternal Consolador  
unidos todos alabad. Amén.**

## 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 #822

“Pues si vivimos”

Glory to God

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

*Weekly Calendar*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/24/25</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	8/25/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	8/26/25		
Wednesday	8/27/25		
Thursday	8/28/25		
Friday	8/29/25		
Saturday	8/30/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/31/25</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship: Sanctuary</b>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	8/24/25	8/31/25
<b>English Liturgist</b>	Lynn Coburn	Virginia Watkins
<b>Spanish Liturgist</b>	Judie Hendry	Vivian DeLara
<b>Ushers</b>	Donna Ebers Sara Moore	Dawn Wolfe Sue Hoff
<b>Refreshments</b>	<i>Don Turton</i> <i>Jacque Fletcher</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
<b>Church Lock-up</b>	Steve Chewning	Steve Chewning

	9/7/25	9/14/25
<b>English Liturgist</b>	Janice Langdale	Jeannette Swent
<b>Spanish Liturgist</b>	Eloise Sanchez	Sally Curro
<b>Ushers</b>	Wendy Ingram Joyce Hoses	Jacque Fletcher Don Turton
<b>Refreshments</b>	<i>Potluck and Bingo</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
<b>Church Lock-up</b>	Donna Ebers	Donna Ebers

Our prayers for.....

Charlie DeLara

Jonathan DeLara

The family of Clarence Duran

Viola 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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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 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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