

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth 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.
- ☼ The SOLACE FOR HEART, MIND, AND SOUL group of Second Presbyterian Church invites everyone to a special gathering, which will take place on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 1:30 pm to 3:15 pm. Please see insert for more details.
- ☼ The La Mesa Presbyterian Earth Care Team is hosting a three-session online book study of Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim's book, "Earthbound." The sessions will take place on Tuesdays, September 1, 8, and 15, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please see the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information & links to the Earthbound Book Study. Rev. Mark Koenig will moderator the Study of "Earthbound", opening each session with a scripture and a brief introduction to that week/s chapters. Prayer will close each session. The 1st session on 9/1 will take time for brief introductions of people at the book study, the book & its author, Rev. Dr. Grace Ki Jun Kim's work, and discussion of chapter 1 Living Water. The 2nd Session will focus on discussion of chapter 2 Intersecting Injustices & chapter 3 Exploring Theology at the Intersection of Climate & Justice. The 3rd Session will discuss chapter 4, the importance of the idea that God is A Verb, & chapter 5, Living with Hope. Time will be provided to share how this study impacts us.
- ☼ Jardineros de Placitas will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 9:00 am for refreshments with the meeting starting at 9:30 am. Please join us for "Lights, Camera, New Mexico: Inside the Land of Enchantment's Film Boom."
- ☼ 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: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us worship!

LEADER: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us worship!

LEADER: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us worship!

LEADER: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #20

“Del Alba al Despuntar”

El Himnario

CALL TO CONFESSION

James 5:16

Michael McPherson

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often resist the difficult paths before us. We seek comfort instead of trust, answers instead of faith, and certainty instead of dependence on you. In times of sorrow or struggle, we lose sight of your presence and your goodness. Too often, we try to carry our burdens alone rather than bringing them to you. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. Meet us in our weakness, strengthen us by your grace, and teach us to trust you even when we cannot understand your ways, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 103:8-12

Rev. Matthew Baugh

“God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he is rich in love.

He doesn’t endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever.

He doesn’t treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is his love to those who fear him.

And as far as sunrise is from sunset, he has separated us from our sins.”

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

(Book of Common Worship)

Michael McPherson

“Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Salmos 26:1-8

Spanish liturgist: Miguel Zulueta

Hazme justicia, Señor,
pues he vivido en integridad;
¡en el Señor confío sin titubear!
Examíname, Señor, ¡ponme a prueba!,
purifica mi corazón y mi mente.
Tu gran amor lo tengo presente
y siempre ando en tu verdad.
Yo no convivo con los mentirosos
ni me junto con los hipócritas;
aborrezco la compañía de los malvados;
no cultivo la amistad de los perversos.
Con manos limpias e inocentes
camino, Señor, en torno a tu altar,
proclamando en voz alta tu alabanza
y contando todas tus maravillas.
Señor, yo amo la casa donde vives,
el lugar donde reside tu gloria.

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

Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers
and will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

English liturgist: Michael McPherson

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"The Easy Way Out"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 12:9-21

We believe that as people of faith we should live in harmony, let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best—
 as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
 Yes. Yes. Yes.**

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

Gracious and loving God, accept all the gifts we offer, our checks, our prayers, and our loving actions. 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 #741

“Guide My Feet”

Glory to God

BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Invitation to Gwenyth & Carl's Wedding

Gwenyth 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
Gwenyth & 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 and click on "give" and marking your
donation "Gwenyth and Carl."

Please text your RSVP to Gwenyth 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!

weekly calendar

Sunday	8/30/26	9:30 am	Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	8/31/26	5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	9/1/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9/2/26	9:30 am	Jardineros de Placitas
		3:00 pm	Placitas Artists Series Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday	9/3/26	3:00 pm	Viking Travel Showcase
Friday	9/4/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	9/5/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		2:00 pm	Gwenyth and Carl's Wedding
Sunday	9/6/26	9:30 am	Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance:

Sunday August 23, 2026

9:30 am service: 45

Zoom: 9

Our thanks to.....

	8/30/26	9/6/26
English Liturgist	Michael McPherson	Nancy Walker
Spanish Liturgist	Miguel Zulueta	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Yvonne Grant Richard Grant	Katherine Gustafson Karl Gustafson
Refreshments	<i>Judy Van Wormer</i> <i>John Muldrow</i>	<i>Donna Ebers</i>
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Elizabeth Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Janice Langdale	Linda Davey
	9/13/26	9/20/26
English Liturgist	Ivona McCrary	Jacque Fletcher
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Jeannine Potter Mike Potter	Joan Chewning Steve Chewning
Refreshments	<i>reception for Gwentyth Lewis</i> <i>and Carl Allen</i>	<i>Rob Richmond</i>
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Maddalyn Moore
Church Lock-up	Linda Davey	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.

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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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

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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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