

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

August 31, 2025

Twelfth 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~

- ☼ We will be returning to 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.
- ☼ To give away: water cooler, flat TV screen--these items are in the meeting room. Also, we have several bread machines that were to be used for a bread making class. The class did not happen, but we still have the machines. If one of these is yours, please take it home. If no one claims them, they will be given away.
- ☼ The presentation at the Jardineros de Placitas meeting this month is about Wildfire Safety. The meeting is on Wednesday, September 3, at 9:30 am. Guests are welcome.
- ☼ There are several other meetings this week--choir practice resumes--please see the calendar.

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 people of Christ to worship our God.

PEOPLE: We worship in spirit and in truth.

LEADER: As we are committed to truth, let us listen before we speak.

PEOPLE: As we are committed to justice, let us say nothing false or hurtful.

LEADER: May we be compassionate and true.

PEOPLE: May our words and our actions be a source of blessings for all people.

*OPENING HYMN #692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the spirit of truth, we know that honest confession is an essential part of confessing our faith. Therefore, let us confess our sins before almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we neglect to build our lives upon your word. Too often, we aspire to lesser dreams and unsatisfying goals. We worship success, renown, wealth, and achievement. We bow before leisure, comfort, and physical pleasures. We trade your word for the promises of this world, and then we wonder about our unhappiness. Forgive us, and fill us with your spirit that we may build our lives on your solid foundation and know fullness of life. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(adapted from 1 John 1:9)

“...if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we’ve done wrong.” In the name of Jesus Christ, I pronounce, 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

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer.

FIRST READING

Éxodo 20:16

Spanish liturgist: Vivian DeLara

No hablarás contra tu prójimo falso testimonio.

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

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

English liturgist:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“Watch Your Mouth!”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #272

“Tuyo Soy, Jesús”

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(“A Simple Creed” Rev. Matthew Baugh)

I believe in God.

I believe that God made the whole world.

I believe that God made all of the people, places, and things in the world.

I believe that God loves every person and thing that God made.

I believe that God loves me.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

I believe that Jesus was good, and wise, and loved everyone.

Even when people were cruel and crucified him Jesus still loved them.

I believe that Jesus came back to life on Easter morning.

This helps us know that we will be with him, even when we die.

I believe that I should follow Jesus in what I believe and in the way I act.

This means I should be kind, truthful, and forgiving.

I believe that God’s Spirit is always with me.

It is invisible, like the wind, but I know it is there.

When a miracle happens, I know that God’s Spirit made it happen. When I get a warm feeling in my heart, I know that is God’s Spirit too.

Because I believe these things, I promise to live a good life. I will pray to God, and help other people whenever I can. I know that, if I do, God will fill my life with joy.

Thank you, God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: We cannot say, "Our Father who is in Heaven..."

PEOPLE: Unless we accept all people as our sisters and brothers.

LEADER: We cannot say, "...holy is your name."

PEOPLE: Unless we are committed to living good and holy lives as the people who bear your name.

LEADER: We cannot say, "Your kingdom and your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven..."

PEOPLE: Unless we are already living as citizens of your kingdom of justice and peace.

LEADER: We cannot say, "...give us this day our daily bread."

PEOPLE: Unless we are working to provide for the needs of the hungry in our community.

LEADER: We cannot say, "...Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

PEOPLE: Unless we cultivate an atmosphere of forgiveness and reconciliation in our daily lives.

LEADER: We cannot say "...for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever..."

PEOPLE: Unless we are willing to give priority to your goals over our desires.

LEADER: We cannot say, "...amen."

PEOPLE: Unless we are committed to everything we have just said.

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

We offer our gifts, given from your abundance that they may be used to proclaim your love and to bring healing and hope to all who are in need. Amen

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	8/31/25	9:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	9/1/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	9/2/25		
Wednesday	9/3/25	9:30 am	Jardineros de Placitas
Thursday	9/4/25	10:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/5/25	noon	PAS Art Installation
Saturday	9/6/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	9/7/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
			<i>Pot Luck and Bingo!</i>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	8/31/25	9/7/25
English Liturgist		Janice Langdale
Spanish Liturgist	Vivian DeLara	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Dawn Wolfe	Wendy Ingram
	Sue Hoff	Joyce Hoses
Refreshments	<i>Jeannine and Mike Potter</i>	<i>Potluck and Bingo</i>
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Steve Chewning	Donna Ebers
	9/14/25	9/21/25
English Liturgist		Michael McPherson
Spanish Liturgist	Sally Curro	Miguel Zulueta
Ushers	Jacque Fletcher	Reta Price
	Don Turton	Janice Langdale
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>Karen Cox</i>
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	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

Clara Stephenson

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.

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

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

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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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