LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

10:30 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.
- We will return to having two services today Sunday, September 13, 2026. The times are 8:30 am in the Upper Room and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Matthew will lead both services.
- On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:00 pm, the PREP Alliance will present a meeting on the Public Perception of Fire Danger & Other Emergencies--Emergence Priorities in Placitas.
- On Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m., the Presbytery of Santa Fe will again have the joy of celebrating another Service of Justice and Hope. Our colleagues at New Life Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque are graciously inviting us to gather with them, as our worship inspires us to shine God's light in our world predicament.
- There are two great events on September 19th:

· Learn how to make tamales! The Fellowship Committee will be making tamales for the Holiday Market in November starting at 9:00 am. There will be extra tamales as a reward.

· Placitas Appreciation Day is back. There will be a car show, puppy parade, exhibits by local organizations, paper shredding and electronic recycling. Hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza and ice cream will be provided by The Merc. The fun begins at 9:00 am and lasts until 1:00 pm.

- The Placitas Artists Series begins its 40th Season on Sunday, September 20, 2026, featuring Jon Nakamatsu, solo pianist. There will be a pre-concert talk at 2:00 pm in the Upper Room and an art reception in the Fellowship Hall also at 2:00 pm. The concert begins at 3:00 pm.

- <u>Welcome Visitors</u> - 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 <u>everybody</u> 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

INTROIT *Judie Hendry, John Bullock, John Davis*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 103:1, 8-13) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

PEOPLE: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

LEADER: God will not always accuse, nor will keep angry forever.

PEOPLE: God does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

LEADER: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

PEOPLE: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

OPENING HYMN #53 "Oh, Pueblo, a Vuestro Rey" El Himnario

CALL TO CONFESSION Ivona McCrary

The God who judges us is also the God who knows us completely and loves us still. God's judgment brings into the light what we would rather leave hidden—not to destroy us, but to free us from the harm we have done and the falsehoods by which we live. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we are quick to judge others and slow to examine ourselves. We notice the faults of our neighbors while overlooking the harm caused by our own words, our own choices, and our own silence.
We have mistaken prejudice for wisdom, self-interest for righteousness, and punishment for justice. We have condemned those whom you love, ignored those who suffer, and excused ourselves when compassion demanded more.
Search us, O God, and show us what is true. Forgive what we have done, heal what we have wounded, and give us courage to make amends. Teach us to seek justice without cruelty, to speak truth without self-righteousness, and to extend to others the mercy we ourselves so deeply need.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Matthew Baugh

Hear the good news: God's mercy is greater than our failures, and God's grace is stronger than the powers of sin and death. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called into new life. We do not need to hide from the truth, because nothing can separate us from the love of God.

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 Mia Archibeque

Que las palabras de nuestra boca y las meditaciones de nuestro corazón sean gratas a tus ojos, oh Señor, nuestra fortaleza y nuestro redentor. Amén.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Salmos 103:8-13

Spanish liturgist: Mia Archibeque

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso, lento para la ira y grande en amor.
No sostiene para siempre su querella ni guarda rencor eternamente.
No nos trata conforme a nuestros pecados ni nos paga según nuestras iniquidades.
Tan grande es su amor por los que le temen como alto es el cielo sobre la tierra.
Tan lejos de nosotros echó nuestras transgresiones como lejos del oriente está el occidente.
Tan compasivo es el Señor con los que le temen como lo es un padre con sus hijos.

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

GOSPEL Reading Romans 14:1-12

English liturgist: Ivona McCrary

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue

shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable to God.

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

ANTHEM *Judie Hendry, John Bullock, John Davis*

SERMON "We're Doing the Best That We Can" Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and renew,
who works in us and in others
through the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

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, más líbranos del mal.

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

INVITATION TO GIVE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us who have received so freely from you
to give as freely in our turn,
and so have the pleasure of giving
as well as the happiness of receiving. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #743 "O God, You Are My God" Glory to God

BENEDICTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	**9/13/26**	**8:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		10:30 am	**Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary**
		11:30 am	Gwenyth and Carl's Wedding Celebration
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	9/14/26	5:30 pm	Yoga
		6:30 pm	Session
Tuesday	9/15/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	PREP Meeting: Public Perception of Fire Danger and Other Emergencies
Wednesday	9/16/26	6:00 pm	Service of Justice and Hope at New Life Presbyterian
Thursday	9/17/26	10:00 am	Yoga
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/18/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		9:00 am	Piano Tuning
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	9/19/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		9:00 am	Tamale Making
		9:00 am	Placitas Appreciation Day
		6:00 pm	PAS Rehearsal
Sunday	**9/20/26**	**:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		10:30 am	**Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary**
		11:30 am	Conversations with the Session
		2:00 pm	PAS Pre-Concert Talk and Art Reception
		3:00 pm	PAS Concert
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance:

Sunday September 6, 2026

9:30 am service: 36

Zoom: 9

Our thanks to……

	9/13/26	9/20/26
English Liturgist	Ivona McCrary	Jacque Fletcher
Spanish Liturgist	Mia Archibeque	Dana Howarth
Ushers	Jacque Fletcher	Joan Chewning
	Don Turton	Steve Chewning
Refreshments	***reception for Gwenyth Lewis and Carl Allen***	***Rob Richmond***
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Maddalyn Moore
Church Lock-up	Linda Davey	Linda Davey

	9/27/26	10/4/26
English Liturgist	Lucca Moore	Carl Allen
Spanish Liturgist	Eloise Sanchez	Judie Hendry
Ushers	***Donna Ebers/Aspen Moore***	***Joyce Hoses***
	Maddalyn Moore	***Wendy Ingram***
Refreshments	***Karen Cox***	***World Communion Sunday***
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	Parke Rhoads
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Allen Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Linda Davey	

Our prayers for.....

The son of Amarilis Alfonso
Karen Alsbrook
Willie Arriola
Bill Baugh
BethAnne Bethel
Susan Booth
Doug Chapman
Charlie DeLara
Johnathan DeLara
Missy DeLara
Viola Duran
Marisol Garray
The family of Georgiana Gore
J.J. Herrera
Susan Hickman
Gordon Higby
Sue Hoff
Dan Howarth
David Howarth
Tommy Lucero
The family of Bruce MacLauchlan
Henry Maestas
George Mueller and family
Marisa Navarette
Patty Ortiz
Reta Price
Ruby Sanchez Rodriques
Anna Sanchez
Herman Santillanes
The family of Clara Stephenson
Edwina Trujillo
Rita Valdez
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. 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 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Gather for conversation and food after the 10:30 am 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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