

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 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~

- ☼ The first Placitas Artists Series Concert of the season is today. The pre-concert talk is at 1:30 pm, the Art Reception starts at 2:00 pm, with the Concert, featuring Sheng Cai, solo piano, beginning at 3:00 pm.
- ☼ The Deacon's meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 pm. Please see the calendar for other meetings and events.
- ☼ From the Dignity Mission: We realize stores are installing Halloween decorations and it won't be long until we start to see reminders of Thanksgiving and so it is hard to think about Christmas in September, but the Dignity Mission wants to get a jumpstart on gathering gifts for homeless migrant children along our border. Our goal is to collect 200 new small stuffed animals and 200 children's books within the next 12 weeks. Last year, your generosity brought so much joy to so many children. We know we can do it again this year. You may place your donations into the decorated box in front of the fireplace in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

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 “This Little Light of Mine/True Light?” Choir

BE THE LIGHT Carl Allen, Karen Cox, Missy DeLara, Charlie DeLara

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: God’s word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path.

PEOPLE: Your light, O God, guides us safely through the dark places in life.

LEADER: We light candles to symbolize you are present with us in worship.

PEOPLE: Your light connects us, O God. As we worship together each of us helps everyone else’s light shine brighter.

LEADER: May we walk as children of the light.

PEOPLE: May we all follow Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN #458 “Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION Janice Langdale

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, as much as we strive to follow Christ, we often miss the mark. We come to worship, to learn, to share fellowship, to renew God’s light in our hearts, but then fail to take that light into the world. Too often, the cares and stresses of life dim our light or restrain us from sharing it. When this happens, forgive us, we pray.

Rekindle your light in our hearts and minds so that we not only live more faithfully but that our faith shines forth, making the world a brighter place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray this. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (adapted from Psalm 103:11-12)

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

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

O Lord, on this day, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

FIRST READING

Génesis 1:1-5

Spanish liturgist: Sally Curro

En el principio creó Dios los cielos y la tierra.

Y la tierra estaba desordenada y vacía, y las tinieblas estaban sobre la superficie del abismo, y el Espíritu de Dios se movía sobre la superficie de las aguas.

Y dijo Dios: Sea la luz; y fue la luz.

Y vio Dios que la luz era buena; y separó Dios la luz de las tinieblas.

Y llamó Dios a la luz Día, y a las tinieblas llamó Noche. Y fue la tarde y la mañana un día.

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

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the

waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND READING

John 8:12

English liturgist: Janice Langdale

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

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

ANTHEM

"Shine, Jesus, Shine!"

SERMON

"Kindling the Light"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #279 "Divina Luz, con Tu Esplendor Benigno"

El Himnario

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from Cyprian of Carthage, 3rd Century 1)

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus

In him, there is no darkness at all, The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

*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

Accept these gifts, O god. Use them to make the light of our worship shine brighter, the love in our hearts glow more warm and true, and the light in the world reflect more truly your kingdom of mercy and peace. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #800

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9/14/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		1:30 pm	PAS pre-concert talk
		2:00 pm	PAS Art Reception
		3:00 pm	PAS Concert
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	9/15/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	9/16/25	5:30 pm	Fellowship Committee
		6:00 pm	Casa Rosa Board Meeting
		6:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday	9/17/25		
Thursday	9/18/25	10:00 am	Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/19/25		
Saturday	9/20/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	9/21/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
			Conversations with the Session
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
			Conversations with the Session
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	9/14/25	9/21/25
English Liturgist	Janice Langdale	Ivona McCrary
Spanish Liturgist	Sally Curro	Vivian DeLara
Ushers	Jacque Fletcher Don Turton	Reta Price Janice Langdale
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>Karen Cox</i>
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	Donna Ebers	Donna Ebers
	9/28/25	10/5/25
English Liturgist	Nancy Walker	Joint Worship in Rio Rancho
Spanish Liturgist	Geri Escarcida	
Ushers	Chris Mink Russell Mink	
Refreshments	<i>volunteer needed</i>	
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	
Church Lock-up	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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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 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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