LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth 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~

- Happening at LPPC: Please see the insert for meetings this week.
- The Placitas Artists Series begins its 40th Season today, 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.
- Please join members of the Session after both services for questions, answers, discussion and observations about what is on your mind or in your heart.
- We will be hosting World Communion Sunday on October 4, 2026. Joining us for the 10:30 am service, will be members from Cuba, Jemez Springs and Rio Rancho churches. There will be a potluck lunch after. LPPC will provide a turkey and a ham, bread and condiments plus drinks. We are asking attendees to bring salads, sides and desserts. The 8:30 am service will be held as usual.

- 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 <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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

INTROIT "Earth and All Stars" Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98:1-5 Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

PEOPLE: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

LEADER: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

PEOPLE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

OPENING HYMN #826 "Lift High the Cross" Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:8-9 Jacque Fletcher

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent Your promised Holy Spirit to dwell with Your people — to guide us into truth, to empower our witness, and to send us with good news for the world. We confess that we do not always wait for Your timing: too often, we stall, gripped by fear, or rush forward in our own strength. Forgive our reluctance and self-reliance. Descend upon us anew, increase our awareness of Your presence, even as You have promised to never leave us nor forsake us, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 130:3-4 Rev. Matthew Baugh

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins 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.

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Psalm 19:14 Jacque Fletcher

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaías 58:6-12

Spanish liturgist: Dana Howarth

»El ayuno que he escogido, ¿no es más bien romper las cadenas de injusticia y desatar las correas del yugo, poner en libertad a los oprimidos y romper toda atadura?

¿No es acaso el ayuno compartir tu pan con el hambriento y dar refugio a los pobres sin techo,

vestir al desnudo y no dar la espalda a los tuyos?
Si así procedes, tu luz despuntará como la aurora, y al instante llegará tu sanidad; tu justicia te abrirá el camino, y la gloria del Señor te seguirá.
Llamarás y el Señor responderá; pedirás ayuda y él dirá: "¡Aquí estoy!".
»Si desechas el yugo de opresión, el dedo acusador y la lengua maliciosa, si te dedicas a ayudar a los hambrientos y a saciar la necesidad del desvalido, entonces brillará tu luz en las tinieblas y como el mediodía será tu noche.
El Señor te guiará siempre; te saciará en tierras resecas y fortalecerá tus huesos. Serás como jardín bien regado, como manantial cuyas aguas no se agotan.
Tu pueblo reconstruirá las ruinas antiguas y levantará los cimientos de antaño; serás llamado "reparador de muros derruidos" "restaurador de calles transitables".

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

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

GOSPEL READING John 3:18-22

English liturgist: Jacque Fletcher

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON "In Deed and Truth" Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #795 "Healer of Our Every Ill" Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

We believe that: We should let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE lord's prayer

Our father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. May your kingdom come, and your will be done on the Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY inside back cover of El Himnario

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and holy God,
accept what we offer today:
our cheques and cash, our faltering steps,
our brokenness, our leftovers,
our hope, our risking, our lives.
Bless and transform all that we offer
and all that we hold back,
that new life may be ours,
to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN ##55 "La Merced de Dios" El Himnario

BENEDICTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	**9/20/26**	**8:30 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
Monday	9/21/26	5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	9/22/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9/23/26		
Thursday	9/24/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/25/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	9/26/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		11:30 am	Casa Rosa Donor Appreciation Day
Sunday	**9/27/26**	**8:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		10:30 am	**Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary**
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance:

Sunday September 13, 2026

8:30 am service: 9

10:30 am service: 30

Zoom: 9

Our thanks to.....

	9/20/26	9/27/26
English Liturgist	Jacque Fletcher	Lucca Moore
Spanish Liturgist	Dana Howarth	Eloise Sanchez
Ushers	Joan Chewning	Donna Ebers/Aspen Moore
	Steve Chewning	Maddalyn Moore
Refreshments	***Rob Richmond***	***Karen Cox***
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Acolyte	Maddalyn Moore	Harvey Vigil
Church Lock-up	Linda Davey	Linda Davey

	10/4/26	10/11/26
English Liturgist	Carl Allen	Jeannette Swent
Spanish Liturgist	Judie Hendry	Miguel Zulueta
Ushers	Joyce Hoses	Bev Schippers
	Wendy Ingram	Virginia Watkins
Refreshments	***World Communion Sunday***	***Karen Alsbrook***
		Barm Alsbrook
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Acolyte	Allen Rhoads	Harvey Vigil
Church Lock-up		

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

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August Checking Account	YTD Income vs Expenses	August Income vs Expenses
Starting Balance $ 12,860.50	YTD Income $ 170,908.50	August Income $ 24,511.50
Check/Cash Deposits $ 25,797.74	YTD Expenses $ 165,713.92	August Expenses $ 17,513.24
Electronic Deposits $ 7,524.32	YTD Profit $ 5,194.58	August Profit $ 6,998.26
Total Deposits $ 46,182.56		
Debit Card Payments $ (1,251.94)		
Electronic Payments $ (4,736.32)		
Check Payments $ (15,624.10)		
Total payments $ (21,612.36)		
Ending Available Balance $ 24,570.20	US Bank Savings $ 84,739.04	
US Bank CD $ 103,027.37	Endowment $ 18,367.67	Total Balances $ 206,134.08

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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