

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 21, 2025

Fifteenth 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~

- ☞ 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

NURTURING THE LIGHT Colleen, Liam, Eva and Rose Rust

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Proverbs 22:6) Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Let us come to worship our God. Let us come to worship as people of the light.

PEOPLE: We are blessed with the light of Christ, but this is not a gift to be hoarded, it is to be shared with others and nurtured in our children.

LEADER: Scripture says we are to, “Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.”

PEOPLE: In our words, and in our example, let us shine the light of Christ into our children’s lives.

LEADER: As we are humble, faithful, just, loving, and truthful, let us pass this light onto them.

PEOPLE: Let us nurture and kindle God’s light, so that our children may also be children of the light.

*OPENING HYMN #401 “Here in This Place” Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on John 3:16–1) Ivona McCrary

We know that God so loved the world that God gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. God sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Trusting in this, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we aim to live in ways that honor what our ancestors in faith said and did. We strive to model the example of Jesus Christ for our children and future generations, that they may also be filled with God's light. Yet we confess, that we are not always the best models. We know how important your work of love and light, your commitment to peace with justice, and your boundless compassion are. But we also know that this is hard work and sometimes we take the easy way out. We do what is convenient rather than that which reflects your justice. We focus so much on our own goals that we fail to strive for your goals. We even sometimes let meanness, selfishness, and pettiness rule our decisions. When this happens, forgive us, oh God and nurture the light in our hearts that we may always strive to be Christ like people and faithful witnesses to your light. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who's life we always long to follow. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(adapted from Psalm 34:17–18)

Hear the good news: "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Ivona McCrary

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaías 60:1-3

Spanish liturgist: Vivian DeLara

Levántate, resplandece; porque ha venido tu luz, y la gloria de Jehová ha amanecido sobre ti. Porque he aquí que tinieblas cubrirán la tierra, y oscuridad las naciones; mas sobre ti amanecerá Jehová, y sobre ti será vista su gloria. Y andarán las naciones a tu luz, y los reyes al resplandor de tu amanecer.

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

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

SECOND READING

John 12:35-36

English liturgist: Ivona McCrary

Jesus said to them, "The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

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

ANTHEM

"I Saw the Light"

Choir

John Bullock, guitar

SERMON

"Nurturing the Light"

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #749 "Come! Live in the Light!"

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his beloved child, our ruler and teacher,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God almighty;

**from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy fellowship of believers and every time and places,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan nuestro de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

INVITATION TO GIVE

***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

(Source: Jeff Shrowder)

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 #303

"De Jesús el Nombre Guarda"

El Himnario

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

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
Monday	9/22/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
Tuesday	9/23/25		
Wednesday	9/24/25	6:30 pm	Nominating Committee
Thursday	9/25/25	11:00 am	Holiday Market Artist Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/26/25		
Saturday	9/27/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		8:00 am	Dignity Kits Assembly
Sunday	9/28/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	9/21/25	9/28/25
English Liturgist	Ivona McCrary	Nancy Walker
Spanish Liturgist	Vivian DeLara	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Reta Price	Chris Mink
	Janice Langdale	Russell Mink
Refreshments	<i>Karen Cox</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-Up	Donna Ebers	Donna Ebers
	10/5/25	10/12/25
English Liturgist	Joint Worship in Rio Rancho	Jill Hensley
Spanish Liturgist		Dana Howarth
Ushers		Jeannine Potter
		Mike Potter
Refreshments		<i>Ruth Allen/Parke Rhoads</i>
Audio-Visual		John Bullock
Church Lock-up		Donna Ebers

Our prayers for.....

Charlie DeLara	Herman Santillanes
Jonathan DeLara	Sharon Santillanes
The family of Clarence Duran	Clara Stephenson
Viola Duran	Edwina Trujillo
Bear Eriksson	Harvey Vigil
Annette DeLara Good	
Dan Howarth	
Diana Howarth's family	
Tommy Lucero	

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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