LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth 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.
- On October 4th we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with three other churches (Rio Rancho, Jemez Springs, and Cuba) here at LPPC. We will be having a pot luck after the service and we have asked our visiting guests to bring desserts or salads. We will supply the turkey, ham, and bread, and we are asking you to bring the vegetable sides or your favorite hot dish. Praise God—let's feast!

  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 MISSION Linda Davey

What Love Makes Possible

Love is a present-tense word. Not "will care," not "hopes to help" — just care, right now, happening whether or not it's convenient or convincing anyone. This congregation doesn't need a plan to start loving its neighbors — it already has one, written in the everyday, ordinary faithfulness of people who show up. That's worth noticing. As you consider your pledge, consider it fuel for something already burning, not a spark for something waiting to catch.

INTROIT Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146:5-9 Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

PEOPLE: God executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

LEADER: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

PEOPLE: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

OPENING HYMN #375 "Roca de la Eternidad" El Himnario

CALL TO CONFESSION Jeremiah 29:11-13 Lucca Moore

"Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." let us confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer)

Loving and Eternal God, you sent your 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 Romans 6:3-4 Rev. Matthew Baugh

"Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life." Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven! Walk in newness of life.

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.

ORACIÓN POR LA ILUMINACIÓN Eloise Sanchez

Oh Dios, al abrir las Escrituras, envía tu Espíritu Santo para iluminar nuestros corazones y mentes. Ayúdanos a recibir tu palabra con reverencia y alegría, para que moldee nuestras vidas y nos acerque más a ti. Amén.

LECTURA DE LAS EPÍSTOLAS 1 Juan 4:16-21 Eloise Sanchez

Y nosotros hemos llegado a saber y creer que Dios nos ama.
Dios es amor. El que permanece en amor, en Dios permanece y Dios en él. Ese amor se manifiesta plenamente entre nosotros para que en el día del juicio comparezcamos con toda confianza, porque en este mundo somos como Jesús. En el amor no hay temor, sino que el amor perfecto echa fuera el temor. El que teme espera el castigo, así que no ha sido perfeccionado en el amor.
Nosotros amamos porque él nos amó primero. Si alguien afirma: «Yo amo a Dios», pero odia a su hermano, es un mentiroso; pues el que no ama a su hermano, a quien ha visto, no puede amar a Dios, a quien no ha visto. Y él nos ha dado este mandamiento: el que ama a Dios, ame también a su hermano.

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

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

NEW TESTAMENT Reading Matthew 25:31-46

English liturgist: Lucca Moore

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was

hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON "The least of these" Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 thine 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

"Heavenly Father, everything we have comes from your hand. As we bring these tithes and offerings today, we do so with thankful and joyful hearts. Please bless these gifts, multiply their impact, and use them to support the mission of this church, care for those in need, and share your love throughout our community. In Jesus's name. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Glory to God

refrain in Spanish

BENEDICTION Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	**9/27/26**	**8:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		0:30 am	**Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary**
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	9/28/26	5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	9/29/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9/30/26		
Thursday	10/1/26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10/2/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	10/3/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
Sunday	**10/4/26**	**8:30 am**	**Early Worship Service: Upper Room**
		10:30 am	**World Communion Sunday**
		11:30 am	**Four Church Pot Luck**
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance:

Sunday September 20, 2026

8:30 am service: 10

10:30 am service: 39

Zoom:

Our thanks to.....

	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	

	10/11/26	10/18/26
English Liturgist	Jeannette Swent	Janice Langdale
Spanish Liturgist	Miguel Zulueta	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Bev Schippers	Chris Mink
	Virginia Watkins	Russell Mink
Refreshments	***Karen Alsbrook***	***volunteer needed***
	Barm Alsbrook	
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Acolyte	Harvey Vigil	Aspen Moore
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

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 the10:30 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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