

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth 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!
- ☼ Session has been rescheduled for Monday, September 29, at 6:30 pm.
- ☼ Jardineros de Placitas will be meeting on Wednesday, October 1, at 9:30 am. The program is "Wolves in New Mexico: The Past, Present and Future."
- ☼ The nominating committee will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 1.
- ☼ World Communion Service at Rio Rancho PC - There will be no worship service at LPPC on October 5. Instead, we will join with our siblings-in-faith from Rio Rancho, Jemez Springs, and Cuba (NM) for a celebration of World Communion Sunday, followed by a light luncheon provided by the Rio Rancho congregation. We are invited to bring sweets to share for dessert if we wish. The service will be at 10:30 a.m. Elder Stephen Rhodes, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Santa Fe, will be preaching. The church is located at 1004 24th St SE, Rio Rancho, NM, right off of Southern Blvd. SE (immediately behind the Daniels Family Funeral Home. It is west of NM528, and east of Unser Blvd. SE. The offering for this service is designated for the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering, with a portion designated for the Presbyterian-Reformed Synod of Cuba (the country). Please make any checks out to Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, with "Peace and Global Witness" on the memo line. Other offerings for our Placitas Church should be given directly, not at this service.

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

Elliot Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Chewning

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

INTROIT

“Keep God’s Light”

Choir

SHARING THE LIGHT

Ruth Allen, Sue Hoff, Elizabeth Rhoads

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Anne Hays Egan

LEADER: Let us come together and celebrate who we are and to whom we belong.

PEOPLE: We come from different places, families, and cultures. As God’s people, we are one people, one family, rich in our diversity.

LEADER: Come and worship God, celebrating that you are loved, and can share that love with others.

PEOPLE: We will, for we are all part of God’s family.

*OPENING HYMN #314 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nancy Walker

Lord, we come to you with all that we are. This mix of strengths and weaknesses, talents and defects, sin and grace. We give you all that we are and ask that you continue your work in transforming us to be your people, disciples in your service. Your family.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we come to you in gratitude. We thank you for accepting us as we are, flawed, gifted, challenged, and deeply loved by You. As your children, Lord, we love, share, help one another, stumble, argue, lose sight of our purpose, and hurt others. Whether wittingly or unwittingly. We turn all that we are over to you, for your guidance, support, and care. We ask that you forgive our sins, show us how we can live more fully in the Spirit. Guide us

every day, to grow in our discipleship, and our ability to love and care for all of us, your creatures. Help us understand and do what is just and right. Show us how we can more closely follow your commandments and represent the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ has told us that nothing can separate us from the Lord, our God. Neither life or death, principalities and powers. Nothing about who we are or what we do can separate us. When we come to God to confess, ask, and seek guidance, we are unconditionally accepted. God calls us to live in that Grace. We are renewed and transformed through that forgiveness and grace.

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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremías 32:1-3a, 6-15

Spanish liturgist: Geri Excarcida

El Señor habló a Jeremías en el año décimo del reinado de Sedequías en Judá, que era el año dieciocho del reinado de Nabucodonosor. Por aquel tiempo el ejército del rey de Babilonia estaba atacando a Jerusalén, y el profeta Jeremías estaba encerrado en el patio de la guardia del palacio real. El rey Sedequías lo había mandado arrestar, porque Jeremías había dicho: «El Señor dice: “Voy a hacer que esta ciudad caiga en poder del rey de Babilonia,

Y dijo Jeremías: «El Señor se dirigió a mí, y me dijo: “Mira, tu primo Hanamel, el hijo de tu tío Salum, va a venir a proponerte que le compres un terreno que tiene en Anatot, pues tú tienes el

derecho de comprarlo por ser el pariente más cercano.” Tal como el Señor me lo dijo, mi primo Hanamel vino a verme al patio de la guardia y me pidió que le comprara el campo que tenía en Anatot, en territorio de la tribu de Benjamín, porque yo tenía el derecho de comprarlo y quedarme con él, por ser el pariente más cercano. Al darme cuenta de que aquello era una orden del Señor, le compré el campo a mi primo Hanamel. Le entregué diecisiete monedas de plata, que fue el precio convenido, y puse el contrato por escrito, sellado y firmado por los testigos. Luego tomé las dos copias del contrato, una sellada y con las condiciones de compra, y otra abierta, y se las di a Baruc, hijo de Nerías y nieto de Maaseías, delante de mi primo Hanamel, de los testigos que habían firmado el contrato y de todos los judíos que estaban sentados en el patio de la guardia. Delante de ellos dije a Baruc: “El Señor todopoderoso, el Dios de Israel, dice: Toma las dos copias de este contrato, la sellada y la abierta, y guárdalas en una vasija de barro, para que se conserven mucho tiempo. Pues el Señor todopoderoso, el Dios de Israel, dice: En esta tierra volverán a comprarse casas, campos y viñedos.”

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

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ ” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence, I charged Baruch, saying, “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

English liturgist: Nancy Walker

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

ANTHEM

“A Reading”

Ivona McCrary

Elliot Smith, piano

SERMON

“What’s Lazarus and the Rich Man in Hell All About?”

Anne Hays Egan

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #773 “Heaven Shall Not Wait”

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Vanishing poem from Psalm 46:10)

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos.

Santificado sea tu Nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad. En la tierra como en el Cielo.

Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas como nosotros perdonamos

nuestros deudores.

Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación sino que líbranos del malo.

Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria

Por los siglos de los siglos.

Amen.

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

Lord God, thank you for the blessings you give to us. Guide us in your way, so that we can continue to grow in grace, as your disciples. Give us wisdom, to discern your purpose for us, each day. Fill our hearts with love for others. Lead us as we continue to grow as your family of faith, here at LPPC. Teach us how you want us to support love and justice in this world you have made for us. Help us to live into the sacred space you set for us, so that our lives may bear the fruit of your spirit. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #401

“Oeste y Este en Cristo No Hay”

El Himnario

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Anne Hays Egan

POSTLUDE

Elliot Smith

Attendance last week:

8:30 am Service: 12

10:30 am Service: 48

Zoom: 7

Sunday Contributions:

Pledges: \$474

Plate: \$261.83

Other: \$74.50

Weekly Calendar

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
Monday	9/29/25	10:00 am Spanish Class
		6:30 pm Session
Tuesday	9/30/25	
Wednesday	10/1/25	9:30 am Jardineros de Placitas
		6:30 pm Nominating Committee
Thursday	10/2/25	
Friday	10/3/25	
Saturday	10/4/25	8:00 am Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		10:00 am PAS Artwork change out
Sunday	10/5/25	10:30 am World Communion Sunday at Rio Rancho Presbyterian
		7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	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>Jacque Fletcher/Don Turton</i>	
Audio-Visual	Carl Peterson	
Church Lock-Up	Donna Ebers	

	10/12/25	10/19/25
English Liturgist	Jill Hensley	Lynn Coburn
Spanish Liturgist	Mia Archibeque	Dana Howarth
Ushers	Jeannine Potter Mike Potter	Joan Chewning Steve Chewning
Refreshments	<i>Ruth Allen/Parke Rhoads</i>	<i>Donna Ebers</i>
Audio-Visual	John Bullock	Mike Potter
Church Lock-up	Donna Ebers	Janice Langdale

Our prayers for.....

Charlie DeLara

Herman Santillanes

Jonathan DeLara

Sharon Santillanes

The family of Clarence Duran

Clara Stephenson

Viola Duran

Edwina Trujillo

Bear Eriksson

Rita Valdez

Annette DeLara Good

Harvey Vigil

Dan Howarth

Diana Howarth's family

Leonard Prairie

Reta Price

Alicia Rodarte and family

Ruby Sanchez Rodriques

Marcella Sanchez

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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Mindy Sampson

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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