

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 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~

Congratulations to Gwenyth and Carl!

- ☼ Happenings this week: Please see the insert for meetings this week.
 - ☼ Choir practice resumes on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm. If you love to sing, please join us.
 - ☼ We will return to having two services next Sunday, September 13, 2026. The times are 8:30 am in the Upper Room and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Matthew will lead both services.
 - ☼ The Placitas Garden Tour is on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Placitas Community Library or at The Merc.
 - ☼ There are two great events on September 19th:

Learn how to make tamales! The Fellowship Committee will be making tamales for the Holiday Market in November, starting at 9:00 am There will be extra tamales as a reward.

Placitas Appreciation Day is back. There will be a car show, puppy parade, exhibits by local organizations, paper shredding and electronic recycling. Hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza and ice cream will be provided by The Merc. The fun begins at 9:00 am and lasts until 1:00 pm.
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- ☼ 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

WELCOME TO THOSE ON ZOOM

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Romans 13:8-12)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: Live honorably as in the day. Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

PEOPLE: The commandments, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

LEADER: Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

PEOPLE: Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

OPENING HYMN #404

"What Is This Place"

Glory to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 91:14-16

Nancy Walker

Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them,

and show them my salvation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have given us life, time, abilities, and resources, inviting us to join in Your care for the world You made and love. To partner with You is exciting, but we confess that we struggle with our priorities. We are often compelled more by fear than by faith, more by pleasure rather than by Your promises. Forgive us for those things

that keep us from serving You and our neighbors with the gifts You have given. By Your Holy Spirit, take away our fear and heal our selfish ways that we may use what You have entrusted to us to serve our neighbors and bring honor to Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 145:17-20

Rev. Matthew Baugh

“The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

God fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, our 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.

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

Nancy Walker

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength at our redeemer. Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Salmos 119:33-40

Spanish liturgist: Geri Escarcida

Enséñame, Señor, el camino de tus estatutos y lo seguiré hasta el fin.

Dame entendimiento para seguir tu Ley y la cumpliré de todo corazón.

Dirígeme por la senda de tus mandamientos, porque en ella encuentro mi solaz.

Inclina mi corazón hacia tus mandatos y no hacia las ganancias deshonestas.

Aparta mi vista de cosas vanas, preserva mi vida en tu camino.

Confirma tu promesa a este siervo, para que seas temido.

Librame de la afrenta que me aterra, porque tus leyes son buenas.

¡Cómo anhelo tus preceptos! ¡Dame vida conforme a tu justicia!

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

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

English liturgist: Nancy Walker

“If your brother and sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“Conflict Management 101”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

HYMN OF RESPONSE #504 “We Come as Guests Invited”

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 12:9-21

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra, así como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdónanos nuestras deudas,
Como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.
No nos dejes caer en tentación, más líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria por los siglos. Amén.**

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, thank you for your many blessings. Everything we have comes from your hand. As we bring our tithes and offerings today, we give them back with joyful and grateful hearts. Please bless these gifts and use them to support this ministry, help our community, and share your love with the world. 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	9/6/26	9:30 am	Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room
Monday	9/7/26		Labor Day
		5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	9/8/26	9:30 am	Yoga
		10:30 am	Yoga
		5:30 pm	Yoga
		6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
		7:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9/9/26	3:00 pm	PAS Board Meeting
Thursday	9/10/26	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/11/26	8:00 am	Yoga
		9:00 am	PAS Art Installation
		10:30 am	Yoga
Saturday	9/12/26	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
		10:00 am	Celebration of the life of Judy Labovitz
Sunday	9/13/26	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service: Sanctuary
		11:30 am	Gwenyth and Carl's Wedding Celebration
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting Room

Attendance:

Sunday August 30, 2026

9:30 am service: 32

Zoom: 10

Our thanks to.....

9/6/26

English Liturgist	Nancy Walker
Spanish Liturgist	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Katherine Gustafson Karl Gustafson
Refreshments	<i>Donna Ebers</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads
Acolyte	Elizabeth Rhoads
Church Lock-up	Linda Davey

9/20/26

English Liturgist	Jacque Fletcher
Spanish Liturgist	Mia Archibeque
Ushers	Joan Chewning Steve Chewning
Refreshments	<i>Rob Richmond</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter
Acolyte	Maddalyn Moore
Church Lock-up	Linda Davey

9/13/26

Ivona McCrary
Dana Howarth
Jeannine Potter
Mike Potter
<i>reception for Gwenyth Lewis and Carl Allen</i>
John Bullock
Harvey Vigil
Linda Davey

9/27/26

Lucca Moore
Eloise Sanchez
Donna Ebers/Aspen
Maddalyn Moore
<i>Karen Cox</i>
Carl Peterson
Harvey Vigil
Linda Davey

Our prayers for.....

The son of Amarilis Alfonso	J.J. Herrera	Ruby Sanchez Rodriques
Karen Alsbrook	Susan Hickman	Anna Sanchez
Willie Arriola	Gordon Higby	Herman Santillanes
Bill Baugh	Sue Hoff	The family of Clara Stephenson
BethAnne Bethel	Dan Howarth	Edwina Trujillo
Susan Booth	David Howarth	Rita Valdez
Doug Chapman	Tommy Lucero	Harvey Vigil
Charlie DeLara	The family of Bruce MacLauchlan	
Johnathan DeLara	George Mueller and family	
Missy DeLara	Marisa Navarette	
Viola Duran	Reta Price	
The family of Georgiana Gore		

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

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Gather for conversation and food after the 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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