

LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Living Faith, Loving God and Welcoming All

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth 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~

- ☼ Today, we are returning to our regular schedule of worship services; Early Worship Service at 8:30 am and the Traditional Service at 10:30 am. To celebrate, after the 10:30 am service, we will have a potluck followed by our usual highly competitive game of Bingo.
- ☼ Last notice: To give away: water cooler, flat TV screen--these items are in the meeting room. Also, we have several bread machines that were to be used for a bread making class. The class did not happen, but we still have the machines. If one of these is yours, please take it home. If no one claims them, they will be given away.
- ☼ **Mission Opportunities: Second Sunday = Beans and Rice... and Baby items!** For September's Second Sunday Offering, we will again bless all contributions of beans and rice for our sisters and brothers at the US-Mexico border, supported through the Dignity Mission. We are also gathering items for babies and their moms to go to the border and to stay with Afghan families in our community. Especially needed: Onesies-newborn and larger sizes, Baby washcloths, Diapers (disposable)-newborn to size 6, Wipes-unscented and Receiving blankets. Please put item in the red wagon or laundry basket in the Fellowship Hall and we'll get them to families. Hold onto those donations of coats and stuffed animals for the holidays! We'll start collecting soon. Thanks to everyone for your support!
- ☼ The first Placitas Artists Series Concert of the season is on September 14th. The pre-concert talk is at 1:30 pm, the Art Reception starts at 2:00 pm with the Concert; featuring Sheng Cai, solo piano; beginning at 3:00 pm.

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

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Philippians 2:5–11)

Rev. Matthew Baugh

LEADER: As we gather for worship, have the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

PEOPLE: Though he existed in the form of God, Christ did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped.

LEADER: He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

PEOPLE: He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

LEADER: Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

PEOPLE: So that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #20

“Del Alba al Despuntar”

El Himnario

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Based on John 1:8-9)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we strive to live in ways that honor the words and example of Jesus Christ, yet we confess that we often miss the mark. We can forget that our focus in life should be closeness with you and love for our neighbors. Instead of focusing on seeing that everyone has what they need, we can become resentful about not having all that we want. Instead of crying out for justice, we cry out for our own frustrated desires. Instead of regarding everyone, as a beloved child of God, we judge others, and ourselves, by what we earn, and what we own. When this happens, forgive us, open our eyes to the things that truly matter in this world. Open our ears to the cries of those who are vulnerable, deprived, and rejected. Open our hearts to the transforming presence of your Holy Spirit. May we appreciate your blessings, and may blessings overflow from us to bless the world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(adapted from 1 John 2:1-2)

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world. 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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

FIRST READING

Éxodo 20:17

Spanish liturgist: Eloise Sanchez

No codiciarás la casa de tu prójimo, no codiciarás la mujer de tu prójimo, ni su siervo, ni su criada, ni su buey, ni su asno, ni cosa alguna de tu prójimo.

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

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

SECOND READING

2 Samuel 12:1-15

English liturgist: Jeannette Swent

...the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan said to David, “Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child born to you shall die.” Then Nathan went to his house.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God Bless the Child”

Elliot Smith and Mindy Sampson

SERMON

“Don’t Think Like a Monkey”

Rev. Matthew Baugh

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Glory to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Apostles' Creed)

We believe in God, who created heaven and earth,

We believe in Jesus Christ, who lived among us, teaching God's way. Who died on the cross for our sake, and rose again bringing the promise of eternal life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the church across the world, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Mother) in heaven, holy is your name. May your kingdom come. May your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Source: Thom Shuman)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God #240, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to God's Name.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.

Communion Prayer

Let us pray,

God of all life, new life, and eternal life, through you, the power of love, defeated the power of death. Unite us with you and with people of faith in every time and place, so that together we can praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

You are indeed holy and blessed, oh Lord.

You saw sickness, and you healed it.

You saw hatred, and you sowed love.

You saw despair, and you offered hope.

You saw sadness, and you brought joy.

Now, believing that you are the one who calls us to new life, and trusting that you make intercession for both the persecutors and the persecuted, we lift our voices to proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Sanctify now these gifts of bread and the cup, and all of us as we partake. Make us truly your church, the body of Christ, that we may bring peace and healing to all the world. As we partake of the sacrament, inspire us to participate in your mission. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving and eternal God, we give you thanks for having granted us the presence of Jesus Christ at this table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

CLOSING HYMN #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Matthew Baugh

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9/7/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
			<i>Pot Luck and Bingo!</i>
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall
Monday	9/8/25	10:00 am	Spanish Class
		6:30 pm	Session
Tuesday	9/9/25	1:00 pm	Health and Safety Committee
		6:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday	9/10/25		
Thursday	9/11/25	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9/12/25		
Saturday	9/13/25	8:00 am	Casa Rosa Pantry Distribution
			Casa Rosa Appreciation Picnic
Sunday	9/14/25	8:30 am	Early Worship Service: Upper Room
		10:30 am	Traditional Worship: Sanctuary
		1:30 pm	PAS pre-concert talk
		2:00 pm	PAS Art Reception
		3:00 pm	PAS Concert
		7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous: Fellowship Hall

Our thanks to.....

	9/7/25	9/14/25
English Liturgist	Jeannette Swent	Janice Langdale
Spanish Liturgist	Eloise Sanchez	Sally Curro
Ushers	Wendy Ingram Joyce Hoses	Jacque Fletcher Don Turton
Refreshments	<i>Potluck and Bingo</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Parke Rhoads	John Bullock
Church Lock-up	Donna Ebers	Donna Ebers
	9/21/25	9/28/25
English Liturgist	Michael McPherson	Nancy Walker
Spanish Liturgist	Miguel Zulueta	Geri Escarcida
Ushers	Reta Price Janice Langdale	Chris Mink Russell Mink
Refreshments	<i>Karen Cox</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Audio-Visual	Mike Potter	Carl Peterson
Church Lock-up	Donna Ebers	Donna Ebers

Our prayers for.....

Charlie DeLara

Jonathan DeLara

The family of Clarence Duran

Viola Duran

Bear Eriksson

Annette DeLara Good

Dan Howarth

Diana Howarth's family

Tommy Lucero

Herman Santillanes

Sharon Santillanes

Clara Stephenson

Edwina Trujillo

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. 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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