

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

Class of 2026

Donna Ebers
Jacque Fletcher
Colleen Rust

Class of 2027

Carl Allen
Janice Langdale
Lauren Mueller Skinner

Class of 2028

Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry
Mike Potter

***** THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

MEETING OPENED 6:40 Rev. Matthew Baugh Moderator

DEVOTION Janice Langdale, Lauren Mueller Skinner

DECLARATION OF QUORUM (1/3 of Session plus Moderator)

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday December 8, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday November 10, 2025

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PASTOR'S REPORT Rev. Baugh

Matthew is grateful for the inspiring installation service.

Matthew attended the United Church of Christ clergy retreat.

Unhoused Person in our Community:

Matthew has contacted homelessness advocate Abbey Reed and will invite her to address the January Session meeting.

Matthew has gotten our unhoused person a sleeping bag; Steve will get him a tent.

Matthew will look for a case manager at the Sandoval Regional Medical Center

Matthew will contact the Sheriff's office

Prospective Member:

Lori Wolf Green wants to join LPPC; Matthew will invite her to meet with Session this Sunday after the 10:30 service

CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

Carl Allen has joined the Presbytery Commission on Ministry for a three year term.

Annual Meeting

Scheduled for Sunday January 25. The meeting will be held as a potluck following the 10:30 service.

Required business includes: Electing new Session members; Elect new Deacons; Elect new Nominating Committee; Empower Session to approve Annual Meeting minutes

The Pastor's salary and benefits package is generally approved by the Congregation, but since this was done in October the requirement for Congregation approval will be waived until the 2027 Annual Meeting.

Committee chairs are asked to prepare a summary of 2025 activities. This should be prepared as a Word file and emailed to the Clerk by Friday January 16. The Clerk will email everyone a copy of last year's Annual Report.

All current Session members will serve through the January Session meeting, and until the Annual Meeting on January 25. Members whose terms has expired are invited, but not required, to attend the February Session meeting.

Clerk of Session

The Session elects the Clerk annually. Carl is willing to serve as Clerk in 2026. However, he wishes to turn over the office at the start of 2027.

MOTION: ELECT CARL ALLEN AS CLERK OF SESSION FOR 2026.

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Membership:

Diane Shepard requests that she be dropped from the rolls.

MOTION: REMOVE DIANE SHEPARD FROM THE ROLLS.

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Michael Crofoot requests he be kept on the rolls.

Susan Hickman requests that she be kept on the rolls.

Fellowship

Ivona McCrary is organizing a series of small group receptions in their homes to build closer ties between the Pastor and congregation members.

Budget:

At the request of the Finance Committee, Carl Allen will ask Presbytery for an explanation of the church's funds going to the Presbytery and Synod.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steinway Piano:

The Steinway has been installed in the sanctuary.

The Yamaha piano is for sale at 88 Keys in Albuquerque. LPPC will receive 2/3 of the sale price.

The new piano will be blessed on the Sunday of the annual meeting - January 25.

Members Living Alone:

Carl Allen intends to organize information meetings for members who live alone. These meetings will start in the new year

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

The 2026 budget was will be presented for Session discussion.

MOTION: ADOPT THE 2026 BUDGET PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Worship

Discussion led by Colleen Rust

Christmas Worship plans - The Christmas Eve service will be held on December 24 at 4:00 pm. This starting time was strongly favored by a vote of the congregation.

The Winter Solstice Poetry Reading will be held on December 21 at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship

Discussion led by Carl Allen

2026 Total as of 12/8/25	\$ 174,764	43 pledges	Average pledge \$ 4,064
New Pledges 7	Did not pledge this year 7	Moved away 2	
2025 Total	\$ 182,474	45 pledges	Average pledge \$ 4,055
2024 Total	\$ 130,200	35 pledges	Average pledge \$ 3,720

Nominating

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Three Session candidates, two Deacon candidates, and three Nominating Committee candidates will be presented at the annual meeting.

Session should consider roles and responsibilities for 2026 shortly after the annual meeting.

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting (Zoom 6:30)

Monday January 12, 2026

Presbytery Meeting

**Saturday February 21, 2026 at Sandia
Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque**

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

December Janice Langdale

January Judie Hendry

Adjourn with Prayer 8:05

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen Clerk of Session