



- HELLO AND -
WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur

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Welcome/Brief Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES

Welcome! We're so glad you are here worshiping with us today! Children are *always* welcome to stay and participate in worship. We Livestream our services each Sunday. You can find these services on our church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/

-**RIP IT**- Free exercise group. Check FB group for updates.

-**Bible Studies**- Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts). New study beginning **Thurs. Oct. 2nd** at **7pm**.

-**COS Meeting**- **Wed. Sept. 24th** at **6pm**.

-**Advent Devotionals**- Sign-up sheet outside Office. Deadline to turn in devotions will be **Sun. Nov. 9th**.

-**Pumpkin Run Fundraiser & Pulled Pork Luncheon**- **This Sat. Sept. 27th**. Run at **9:45am**; Luncheon from **11am** until sold out. *See Amber*.

-**Worship returns to the Sanctuary**- **Next Sun. Sept. 28th** at **11am**. Also Soup Sunday for Fellowship! Bring a soup to share!

Welcoming Prayer

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: Search for the Lord each day.

All: God waits where we least expect it.

L: Search for the balm in Gilead.

A: God brings healers in our need.

L: Cry out to the Lord in times of distress.

A: God comes speedily to meet us.

L: Come! Worship the One who hears our pleas.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: Great Healer, be our balm in Gilead, for we ache to be made whole. Come to us in times of trial and heal our sin-sick souls. Amid those who prey on your little ones, help us live faithfully as children of light. May we be found faithful in little, that you may entrust us with much. Amen.

*Opening Hymn UMH 378

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.**

Tithes & Offerings

*The Doxology UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



Scan/click with
your cell phone if
you would like to
give electronically!

Children's Time

Scripture

Matthew 18:23-35

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Hymn TFWS 2171

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Message

Christian See, Christian Do

*Hymn TFWS 2153

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*Benediction

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