

You Belong Here

***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)

Welcome to Worship

Hospitality Mission Statement: *(unison)*

All: Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur.
We celebrate the diversity of God's people and believe everyone
deserves love and acceptance. All are welcome here, regardless
of background, beliefs, or perspective. Together, we seek to
create a safe and nurturing community guided by the light of
Christ as we worship, learn, and grow.

*Prelude and Announcements

Beside Still Waters Gene Clarke
*He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul. Psalm 23:2-3*

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Leader: We gather as people invited to God's joyful feast.

Congregation: We come with gratitude, hope, and open hearts.

WL: We do not press on alone.

C: We stand firm together in the Lord.

WL: When anxiety troubles us, God invites us to pray.

C: We bring our worries to God and receive Christ's peace.

WL: When the world calls us toward fear and division, Christ calls us
toward goodness and love.

**C: We will practice what is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing,
and commendable.**

All: We press on in peace and purpose, trusting God's grace and
following Jesus. Amen.

***Opening Hymn UMH 158** *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Philippians 4:1–9

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2222**

The Servant Song

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 22:1–14

***Musical Response TFWS 2213** *Healer of Our Every Ill (refrain)*

Message

Press On: Dressed for the Feast

Prayer Offerings

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Confession, Pardon and Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem 2161 **To Know You More - Chancel Choir**

***The Doxology TFWS 2065**

More Precious Than Silver

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Generous God, you have invited us to your feast and
welcomed us with grace. Receive these gifts as signs of
our gratitude.**

**Use them to feed the hungry, welcome the forgotten,
strengthen your church, and share Christ's love. Clothe us
in compassion
and send us forth in peace. Amen.**

*Sending Forth in Mission

***Sending Forth Hymn TFWS 2130**

The Summons

*Benediction

***Postlude** Go Out with Praise David Paxton

*Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God. Psalm 42:11*

Read ahead for next Sunday:
Philippians 4:10–20 & Matthew 22:15–22

United Methodist Vision Statement

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ, who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

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**First United Methodist Church
of Gouverneur**

Mission: "Meet Jesus, Follow Jesus, Serve Jesus"

Worship Pastor: Pastor Kevin R. Kitto

Lector: Annetje Griffin

Musician: Glenda Schuessler

Sermon Series: "Press On"

Service Title: "Press On in Peace and Purpose"

Theme: We press on by standing firm together, practicing peace, bringing our anxieties to God in prayer, and responding faithfully to Christ's invitation.

October 11, 2026 11am



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