

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 who have received much from God.

Congregation: We come with grateful hearts and open hands.

WL: In times of abundance and in times of need, God remains faithful.

C: We press on, trusting in God's provision.

WL: Jesus calls us to faithful living in every part of life.

C: We offer God our time, our gifts, our resources, and our love.

WL: As we prepare for a season of stewardship, we remember that all we have is a gift.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

All: We will meet Jesus, follow Jesus, and serve Jesus with grateful and generous hearts. Amen.

*Opening Hymn UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Philippians 4:10-20 NRSVue

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation UMH 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15–22

*Musical Response TFWS 2065

More Precious Than Silver

Message

Press On With Open Hands

Prayer Offerings

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Confession, Pardon and Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*The Doxology UMH 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Faithful God, you have blessed us in countless ways.
Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust.
Use them to feed the hungry, strengthen the church,
serve our neighbors, and share the good news of Jesus
Christ. As we prepare to enter a season of stewardship,
teach us to give joyfully, serve faithfully, and live with
open hands. Amen.**

*Sending Forth in Mission

***Sending Forth Hymn UMH 383**

This is a Day of New Beginnings

***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*



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

Organist: Glenda Schuessler

Sermon Series: “Press On”

Service Title: “Press On With Open Hands”

Theme: We press on by trusting God’s provision, practicing contentment, and offering our resources and whole lives for Christ’s purposes. This service prepares us to enter the upcoming stewardship series, “Blessed to Be a Blessing.”



October 18, 2026
11am

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES:

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-Bible Study- Wednesdays at 10am

RIP IT- Free exercise group. Check FB group or contact Amber Ormasen for updates.

-Saturdays - 9:30-11am- New Women's Book Study led by Marietta Kitto, Unshakable Moxie-Growing a Resilient Faith by Lina AbuJamra

-Monday, Oct. 26th - Book/Bible Study 6:30-8pm **at the library.** The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

- Wed. Oct. 21 - COS meeting

-Sat. Oct. 24-10am - 4pm Lay Servant Basic Course @ FUMC

- Sun. Nov. 1 - All Saints Sunday

-Sat., Nov. 7 - Craft Show 10am-3pm - If you can donate soup, contact Vicky. If you can donate Bake Sale items, contact Pat.

Annual Charge Conference on Saturday, October 31, 2026

Please join us **October 31, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** **Annual Charge Conference** is a time for our congregation to gather with church leaders and our district superintendent to celebrate ministry, review the past year, make important decisions, and prayerfully look ahead to the future of our church. All members are encouraged to attend. We look forward to sharing this important time of worship, reflection, and fellowship together. If you would like to assist with this event in any way, please contact Pastor Kevin

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