

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

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Leader: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and recognition.

Congregation: We choose to press on toward the prize of God's heavenly call.

L: Sometimes we long for heaven without working to bring heaven's love into the world around us.

C: We choose to press on by living God's mercy and justice here and now.

L: At times, we grow weary and wonder whether our efforts make a difference.

C: We remind one another to press on, leaning on Christ as our source of hope and perseverance.

L: God calls us not to escape this world, but to help build God's kingdom in this place and in this time.

All: We press on together, embodying Christ's love and serving God's people. Amen.

*Opening Hymn TFWS 2161

To Know You More

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Philippians 3:4b–14 NIRV

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:33–44

*Musical Response TFWS 2213

Healer of Our Every Ill

Message

Press On: Beyond the Resume

Prayer Offerings

Prayers of the People

Confession, Pardon and Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*The Doxology TFWS 2065

More Precious Than Silver

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful Shepherd, you call us beyond our resumes and trophies, beyond who we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we offer these gifts, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Use our giving to deepen mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody justice and grace. Keep us moving. Keep us growing. Keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead us. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday UMH 17-25

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Offering of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

***Sending Forth in Mission**

***Sending Forth Hymn UMH 399** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Read ahead for next Sunday:

Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14

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: Marietta R. Kitto

Sermon Series: “Press On”

Service Title: “Press On Toward the Call”

Theme: Through Christ, we are invited not to escape the world but to embody God’s mercy and justice within it. We press on together, trusting that our past does not define us and that God is still shaping who we are becoming.

October 4, 2026

11am

World Communion Sunday



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