

# 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 & Gathering

### Prelude

O Holy Night  
Adolphe Adam/Franklin Ritter

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn TFWS 2090 (v. 5)

Advent Song

### Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: Christ is here on this night of nights.

All: Christ is here indeed.

L: Christ's love has called us here.

A: Christ's love has bathed us in holy light.

L: Let's sing with the angels and celebrate with joy.

A: For Christmas arrives this night.

### Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: Light of the world, shine upon us this night. Shine in our lives, that we may shine with your love. Shine in our world, that your light may overcome all darkness and fear. Shine through our worship, that our souls may be strengthened with the power of your light and love. In the name of love, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn UMH 196

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Scripture O.T. Pg. 600

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn UMH 219

*What Child Is This*

### Special Offering with Offertory

And the Angels Sang  
arr. Gerald Peterson  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

\*The Doxology UMH 230 (v. 4)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### Choir Anthem

Scripture N.T. Pg. 54

Luke 2:1-14

Hymn UMH 229

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Scripture N.T. Pg. 55

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn UMH 238

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

### Message

*The Night That Changed Every Heart*

Holy Communion with Lord's Prayer

UMH Pg. 13

\*Hymn UMH 239

*Silent Night*

*Please carefully spread the light of Christ with each other*

\*Hymn UMH 246

*Joy to the World*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel/Lani Smith

*King of kings! and Lord of lords!*

*And He shall reign for ever and ever,*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*



# Christmas Eve Offering

It is with profound joy that our church takes up a Christmas Eve offering with the heart to give back to God's beloved people. In years past our church has lovingly taken all of the Offerings received during the Christmas Eve service and given them to local and global missions. This year we are proud to share that the Christmas Eve Offerings will be going to support a local mission: Ryan's Wish Foundation to assist those needing assistance with medical resources; as well as supporting a global mission: helping the people of Ukraine who have been effected by the war.

**merry**  
**Christmas**

from Gouverneur First  
United Methodist Church!

We pray the newborn Christ touches your  
hearts and lives this year!

May His love shine through you and bless His Kingdom!

Thank you to all who helped with  
our service and those who shared  
their talents with us tonight!

#### Worship & Bible Study Opportunities:

Worship on Sundays at 9:30 am at North Gouverneur UMC

Worship on Sundays at 11 am at Gouverneur First UMC

Bible Studies on Wednesdays at 10 am

and Thursdays at 7pm

at Gouverneur First UMC



*The Night That  
Changed Every Heart*



**First United Methodist Church  
of Gouverneur**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service 9pm**

**Pastor Benjamin Lalka**

**Choir Director: Don Schuessler**

**Organist: Glenda Schuessler**

**December 24, 2025**

