

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 - Announcements

Hospitality Mission Statement: (*unison*)

All: Welcome! We celebrate diversity and believe everyone deserves love and acceptance. All individuals are welcome here, no matter backgrounds, beliefs or perspectives. Together, we create a safe, nurturing environment guided by the light of Christ as we worship, learn, and grow.

Hymn of Prelude UMH 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Leader: Come, let us gather in the spirit of love.

C: We come to worship and to serve.

L: As we unite in this sacred space, let us open our hearts to the goodness of God.

C: We are here to share our gifts and shine our light.

L: Together, we will not grow weary in doing good, for in love, we find our purpose.

C: Let us worship with joy and commitment, ready to reflect Christ's love in our lives.

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Galatians 6:9-10

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

Hymn of Preparation

This Little Light of Mine

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:14-16

Message

Shining our Light; The Call to Do Good

Unison Prayer of Response

C: Gracious God, thank You for calling us to be Your light in the world. Help us to persevere in doing good, to shine brightly for all to see, and to love boldly in all our actions. May our lives reflect Your love and grace, drawing others closer to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*The Doxology UMH 95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank You for the gifts we have received today. May these offerings be a reflection of our gratitude and a tool for Your work in the world. Bless them and guide us to use them wisely, so that we may continue to shine Your light and do good in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Sending Forth in Mission

*Sending Forth Hymn TFWS 2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Benediction and *Postlude

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. The nursery is open and located in the corner of the fellowship hall. If this is your first time with us, please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate. We Livestream our services each Sunday. You can find these services church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/

-Bible Study- every Wednesday at 10am - Resumes Sept. 9
RIP IT- Free exercise group. Check FB group or contact Amber Ormasen for updates.

-Saturday, Sept. 5, 6pm - Line Dancing Fundraiser, Elks Club

- Sunday, Sept. 13th - Service resumes in the Sanctuary at 11:00am. North Gouverneur service will begin at 9:30am.

- Monday, Sept. 14th - Book/Bible Study Mondays at 6:30-8pm in the Gouverneur Library Loft (10 sessions) The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

-Saturday, Sept. 19th 9:30-11am- New Women's Book Study led by Marietta Kitto, Unshakable Moxie-Growing a Resilient Faith by Lina AbuJamra - More details to come.

*Unmonitored doors will remain locked during office hours. The front door will be the point of entry during business hours.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it in writing to B. LaPierre by email or in person by Wednesday.

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

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