

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 578** *God of Love and God of Power*

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Leader: We gather today to reflect on the power we hold as a community.

Congregation: We come to seek wisdom in how we wield this power for good.

L: In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

C:God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

L: In a world where power means might, how does God show us what true power means?

C:God reveals it through the daring of midwives, the truth-telling of Peter, and the humility of Jesus.

L: In a world where power looms over us like a dark cloud, how does God exercise power?

C:God exercises power with the oppressed, alongside the outcasts, and among the poor and downtrodden.

L: We gather today to see our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

C: We will stand with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrating Joys, Blessings, and God Sightings

Opening Prayer (read by Worship Pastor)

Today's Word and Prayer

Scripture

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 413** *A Charge to Keep Have I*

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 16:13-20

***Gloria Patri UMH 71** *Glory Be to the Father*

Message *The Power of Leadership: Choosing Good*

Response: UMH 881 The Apostles Creed

Prayer Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Confession, Pardon and Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

***The Doxology UMH 95**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Faithful God, You show us true power through love that unites and nurtures. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to Your way—embracing courage, community,

and compassion. Use what we give to empower Your church as a living witness to Your grace, so that others may discover the identity of Christ and the hope found in Him. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 15

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Offering of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

***Sending Forth in Mission**

L: As we prepare to go forth, let us remember our mission.

C: "Meet Jesus, Follow Jesus, Serve Jesus"

L: We meet Jesus in our worship and in each other.

C: We meet Jesus in our acts of kindness and service

L: We are called to follow Jesus in every step we take.

C: We follow Jesus in love, grace, and humility.

L: Let us serve Jesus by sharing His light in the world.

C: We serve Jesus through acts of compassion and justice.

L: Together, we go forth as His hands and feet.

C: Empowered by His love, we will meet, follow, and serve.

L: Go now, in peace and purpose!

C: Amen!

***Sending Forth Hymn UMH 546, v.1, 2 & 5**

The Church's One Foundation

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Read ahead for next Sunday:

Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28

Meet Jesus- Follow Jesus-Serve Jesus



First United Methodist Church of Gouverneur

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

Worship Pastor: Rev. Kevin R. Kitto

Lector: Ashley Barr

Ministers of Music: Don & Glenda Schuessler

September 6, 2026



ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES:

Welcome! We're so glad you are here worshipping 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.

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

- **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.

Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos

District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun

Reverend Kevin R. Kitto email: pastorkevinrkitto@gmail.com
call/text 315-771-1653

Pastor Office hours: T-Th, 10am-1pm Day of Rest: Monday

Admin. Asst: Bridgette LaPierre FirstUMCGouverneur@gmail.com

Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-12pm Office phone: (315) 287-2440
34 Grove St. Gouverneur, NY 13642

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES:

Welcome! We're so glad you are here worshipping 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.

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

- **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.

Bishop: Rev. Héctor A. Burgos

District Superintendent: Rev. Yohang Chun

Reverend Kevin R. Kitto email: pastorkevinrkitto@gmail.com
call/text 315-771-1653

Pastor Office hours: T-Th, 10am-1pm Day of Rest: Monday

Admin. Asst: Bridgette LaPierre FirstUMCGouverneur@gmail.com

Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-12pm Office phone: (315) 287-2440
34 Grove St. Gouverneur, NY 13642