

Emmanuel Friedens Church

*Baptism of the Lord
(The First Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 11, 2026*

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta, Pastor

*A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation
American Baptist and United Church of Christ Congregation*



Welcome to Emmanuel Friedens Church

Our worship service will be held in the Sanctuary at 10 am.
Online Worship will also be available at 10 AM live on Facebook and Zoom
(see below)

Facebook Live from the Emmanuel Friedens Church Facebook page

Log in to Facebook, and go to the Emmanuel Friedens page on Sunday morning.

If you have difficulty locating it, the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/Emmanuel-Friedens-Church-122934277889274/>

If you have a Facebook account and want to be notified about Emmanuel Friedens events, log into Facebook, go the Emmanuel Friedens Church Page and click “Like”.

The service will “go live” at 9:55 am to allow time to find it on Facebook before the service begins at 10 am.

OR

Join Zoom gathering

Zoom by internet:

<https://zoom.us/j/7050534826?pwd=eWdMNmJBT0FpK1ZHeE1jS0ZyNUVZQT09>

Meeting ID: 705 053 4826 Password: 063310

***Please note: To connect to Zoom, please hold down
the “control key-CTRL” and hit the link.***

This should connect to Zoom.

Then enter the meeting ID and password

Dial by any phone (voice and sound only)

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Meeting ID: 705 053 4826 Password: 063310

A recorded video version of this service

will be available after 11 AM on Sunday mornings. At a time of your choice, go to the church’s website, <http://emmanuelfriedens.org/> and click on the link located on the Home page for the video of that day.

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Prelude

“The Heart of Worship”

Words & Music: Matt Redman
Minister of Music: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God calls all to be baptized
come let us witness the work of the Holy Spirit



+The Peace of Christ

Pastor: The Peace of Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.



The Prayers of the People (Celebrations and Concerns)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993,
Great Bend, Kansas)

**Our Mother
Who is in all the Earth
Holy is your truth
May your wisdom come
Your cycle be one
Uniting Heaven and Earth
Give us today a nurturing spirit
Heal through us
As we ourselves are healed
Lead us into fullness of life
And liberate all that is good
For the Wisdom, the Power,
the Presence, and The Goodness
Are yours
Now and Forever,
Amen.**



The Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Scripture Reading

John 1:19-34

Responsive reading

Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³

John said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

²⁹ **The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'** ³¹

I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² **And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.**

³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Hymn Sing Today we are celebrating our calling and baptism in God through music! We will be singing favorite hymns, if you have a favorite hymn, please be ready to call it out—if you know the title, you can use the index at the back of the red/black hymnals to help to find the number (or we will find it for you). All seasons of hymns welcome.



Call for the Offertory

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Words & Music: Helen H. Lemmel

Offering:



Doxology

**Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the Beauty ev'rywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that make us free.**



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“Immortal, Invisible”

Traditional Welsh Melody
Words: Walter Chalmers Smith

+ *Please stand, if you are able*

As a Welcoming and Affirming/Open and Affirming Church,
Emmanuel Friedens Church welcomes and affirms all persons
without regard to gender, marital status, age, race, sexual
orientation, or abilities, inviting all into membership,
mission and leadership.

The Babyfold is open during worship but there is no scheduled supervision.

Hearing assists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Fellowship Time: Following the worship service, please join us in Fellowship hall for our fellowship meal.

Visitors Invitation: All visitors are invited to sign into the red book at the entryway of the sanctuary.

Announcements for the Week of January 11, 2026

Fellowship Meal – Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the worship service for our first gathering in the 2026 year.

Meeting/Events

Call To Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2026

following worship in the Board Room or Fellowship Hall; we urge you to attend this meeting (in-person or via Zoom) as we vote for the 2026 church budget, and elect officers and committee members.

Reports*, which should be included into the Annual Meeting booklet, are to be sent to the church office by **Tuesday, January 20, 2026 (no later than January 22.)** Thank you

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*Federated Church Council, Outreach/Mission (Community Brunch), Church Clerk, Trustees, Financial Secretary, Summary of Managed Funds (EBC), Financial Report for Friedens, Church-Staff Relations, Stewardship, Worship, and any other reports that should be included.

If you do not plan on submitting a report, please notify the office.

- **EFC Federated Council Meeting** will be held on Monday, January 19 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.
- Every Sunday: Choir: The choir meets for rehearsal at 9 am in the choir/music room. Every one of all levels are invited to join the choir to make a joyful noise to God! The choir will sing once a month in worship and for special occasions.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations: Don't forget to record your birthdate on the calendar located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Our next birthday celebration will be on (1/18) for January birthdays. So, make sure you record the date of your January birthday.

January Newsletter: Copies of the January newsletter, the Envoy, are now available on the back table in the sanctuary.

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Staff

Pastor		Rev. Dr. Kathryn Stenta
Music Director		Dianna Parisi
Office Administrator		Maria Puccio
Custodian		Dave Snyder

Church Hours

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Katy will be available for appointments Monday-Thursday. She will have open door office hours (no appointment necessary) every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 am. Friday is her Sabbath Day. Telephone number and email: 518-380-6922., katyandtheword@gmail.com.

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Katy directly (see above) or through the church office.

Church Office: Monday-Friday, 9:30 am –3:30 pm

Custodian: M-W, 3:30-8:00 pm; Th., 3:30 - 9:30 pm; F, 3:30 - 7:30 pm