



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*The
Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost*

July 12, 2026 10:00 AM

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*A Welcoming, Open and Affirming
Congregation*

*American Baptist
and*

*United Church of Christ
Congregation*



Welcome to Emmanuel Friedens Church

Our worship service today (7/12) will be held in the Sanctuary at 10 am.
Online Worship will also be available on Facebook or via 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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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



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jocelyn McKinney



Call to Worship

Rev. Christopher Boyd

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths.

People: We have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

Leader: We are severely afflicted; give us life, O Lord, according to your word.

People: Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach us your ordinances.

Leader: We hold our lives in our hands continually, but we do not forget your law.

People: The wicked have laid a snare for us, but we do not stray from your precepts.

Leader: Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joys of my hearts.

All: We incline our hearts to perform your statutes forever, to the end.



+Opening Hymn

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 459



+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 (Traditional)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,-
 hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Children's Time

Charlie Reyes



Prayer of Confession **God of light and mystery, we gather this morning to be with you and each other, a chance to step away from our daily busy-ness and slow down to a pace where our spirits and souls can be refreshed. Sometimes life's demands overwhelm us, limiting our time and ability to truly see and hear what is happening in our families, communities, and the world. It is nearly impossible to assimilate all the information that fills our senses though often fails to feed our souls. Forgive us when we fill ourselves with things that don't nourish our spirits, that create divisions instead of building relationships, and keep us from loving our siblings in this world unconditionally. Help us to clear the scales from our eyes so that we may see how your Spirit resides and shines in all, and pushes away all darkness. May we have the courage to resist all things that direct us away from the paths you created when you walked among us. Bless and empower us so that we love one another as you have loved us. (moment of silent prayer)**



Assurance of Pardon **Leader: Jesus teaches us that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. May we always be truthful with God and ourselves, so that we walk in the light, and build fellowship with one another. The good news is that by sincerely and contritely confessing our wrongs, God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. All: In Jesus Christ, we are always beloved and always forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Readings **Genesis 25:21-26, 29-34, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
 Scripture reader: Mary Lou Chotkowski

Sermon

"Long Division"

Rev. Christopher Boyd



Call for the Offertory

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.**



+Offertory Prayer (unison) **We thank you, Generous God, for the life-giving gifts that sustain us each day. May we never take for granted how fortunate we are to have you in our lives, and may we always be mindful of the struggles that many people have in getting through each day. We ask that you bless us and these gifts so that we can continue to be a beacon of light and hope to those in need. Guide us so that all we do in serving you and your children in this world will reflect the unconditional love you offer through Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

The New Century Hymnal
Black # 395

+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

+ *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 with refreshments will resume in the fall..

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

Announcements for the Week of July 12, 2026

Guest Minister – Let us welcome Rev. Christopher Boyd to Emmanuel Friedens who will lead worship and preach, substituting for Pastor Katy, who is on vacation. Rev. Boyd has been an active member of the Hudson Mohawk Association since moving to Dutchess County in October of 2000. He served as pastor for the Stanfordville United Church of Christ (2000-2004) and First Baptist Church of Poughkeepsie (2008-2015). He was a counselor and director for Camp Medusa from 2000 through 2005. He currently serves on the Church Council of First Congregational Church of Poughkeepsie.

Rev. Boyd recently retired from 22 years of service as a hospice chaplain, mostly with Hudson Valley Hospice. He and his wife, Mary reside in Salt Point in Dutchess County, where Rev. Boyd fills his free time walking in the woods, reading, and listening to music.

Rev. Boyd, we welcome you to Emmanuel Friedens.

Vacation Schedules for Office Staff – Pastor Katy returns to the office next week on July 13, and Maria returns on July 20.

Worship Services - We will be enjoying outdoor worship on the following dates: July 5, 19, 26, August 2 and 9. We would appreciate any help in bringing out chairs and other items to enhance the service. If you are able, please plan to be at church by 9:30 to set up, thank you. Jocelyn McKinney

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Thursday, July 16: Oh! Holy Hops will meet at 5:30 pm – at the home of Mary Lou Chotkowski. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage.
- Saturday, July 25: EFC Community Brunch will be held from 10:30 -11:30 am.
- The School of Wonder and Mystery - The **School of Wonder and Mystery (SWM)** will be held from August 3-7, 9 am-3 pm at our church. The theme is *Heart and Soul*. SWM invites children entering grades K-8 to explore the scientific theme of the human body and the spiritual theme of our heart and soul. Campers will explore these themes through our ELA class, science class, and creativity class as well as through worship, music, and trips in the community. Please register as soon as possible. Lunch and snacks will be provided for free. For more information, call the church office, 518 374-4114. So, **spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors.**

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Staff

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

Church Office 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