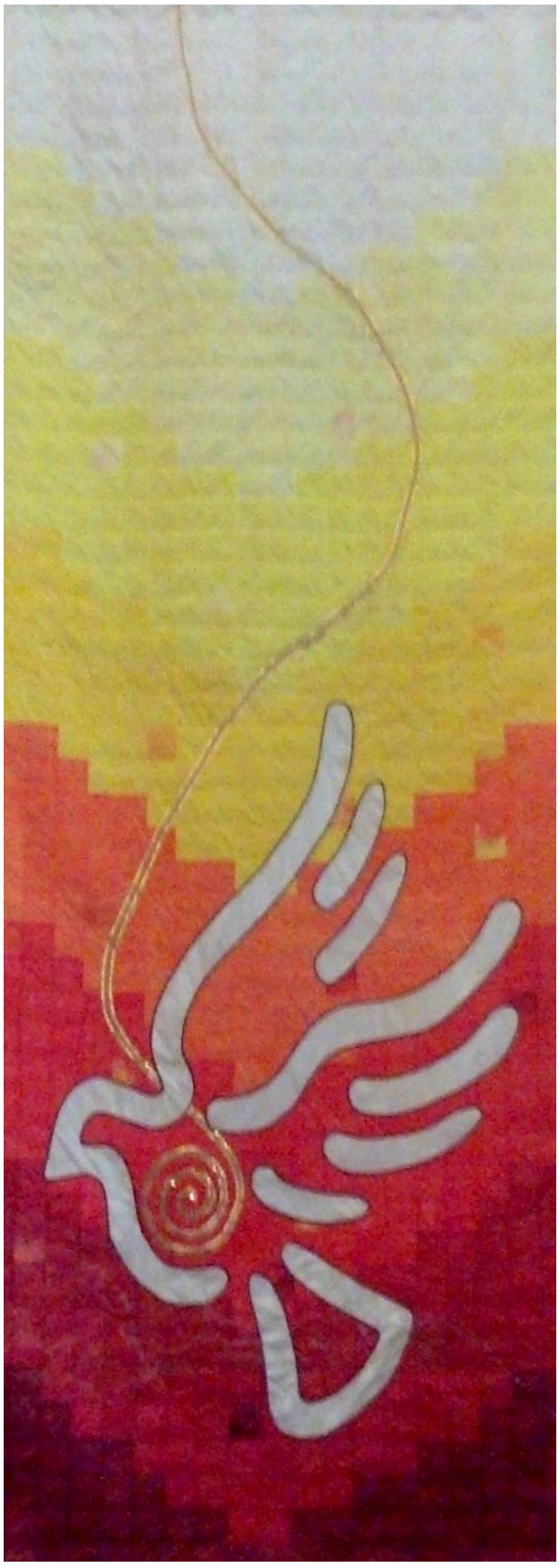


Emmanuel Friedens Church

(The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

November 15, 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 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)

In Sanctuary and Chapel Only

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)
1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
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.

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship, November 15, 2026



Prelude **"In the Presence of Jehovah w/ Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"**

Words and Music by Geron Davis,
Becky Davis and Lanny Wolfe
arr. Mark Hayes
Music Director: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Dr. Kathryn "Katy" Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Psalm 67 varied interpretations)-Responsive reading)

May God be gracious and bless us, may God's face shine upon us
May God's ways be known to us, send your saving power among all the nations
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, Giver of Breath, May all people speak well of you
For you judge the people with equity, and bring justice to all people
The land has brought forth a good harvest: corn, beans, squash, herbs and many good medicines, this is how the Creator blesses us.
May God continue to bless us, and May all peoples praise God's Name.



+Opening Hymn **"Morning Has Broken"** Hymns for the Living Church (Red) #553



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 (New Zealand version)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!



The Lord's Prayer (New Zealand version)-continued

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.



The Children's Message — Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



+Hymn — **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"** — New Century Hymnal **(**Black) #4

Prayer of Confession (in unison): **God, we confess that healing is hard work. It is hard to be in pain, it is hard to ask for help, it is hard to do the things we need to do, or not do, in order to be healed. Teach us how to ask for help, so that we too can stand, and take the steps towards healing we pray.** (Silent Confession) **Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon: Jesus promises to heal any and all who ask, each and every time, and so we know the truth (**All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Readings — Psalm 67, John 5:1-9 — Rev. Dr. Jonathan Vanderbeck

Sermon — **"**On Asking for Help**"** — Rev. Dr. Jonathan Vanderbeck

Offering



Call for the Offertory — **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** — New Century Hymnal (Black) #472



+Doxology

We give you but your own,
What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone,
We give it gratefully.



+Offertory Prayer **God, send us into the world better rested and healed, so that we might offer one another a glimpse of God today and throughout the week we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn **"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"**

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) # 317



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude **"Great Is the Lord"**

Words and music by Michael W. Smith
and Deborah D. Smith

+ If you are able, please stand

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.

Hearing assists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Guest Minister: Let us welcome the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Vanderbeck to worship this morning. Rev. Dr. Vanderbeck is here at Emmanuel Friedens to lead our church's retreat. He will also participate in today's worship service.

Rev. Dr. Vanderbeck is a licensed clinical social worker and ordained Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister who is the founder and executive director of Gilead Counseling and Consulting, LLC, an organization providing dedicated psychotherapy and consulting to clergy, helping professionals, and congregations in seasons of transition, change, and hardship. Dr. Vanderbeck also is currently on the faculty at Hope College in Holland, MI, where he serves as an Assistant Professor of Social Work. Dr. Vanderbeck completed his clinical residency at the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Capital Region here in Schenectady, New York and obtained additional training in Interim Ministry from the Interim Ministry Network in Baltimore, Maryland and in Family Systems Theory from Rutgers University. He previously served as the Coordinator of the Clergy-In-Crisis Assessment program at the Danielsen Institute at Boston University and the Director of Clergy and Congregational Care at the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Capital

Region. He completed his Doctor of Social Work (DSW) degree from the University of Kentucky College of Social Work and his Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. Welcome to Emmanuel Friedens, Rev. Vanderbeck.

Announcements for the Week of November 15, 2026

The **church retreat** will be held today following worship. If you hadn't signed up prior, come and join us.

Schedule:
Choir at 9 am
Worship at 10 am
Lunch after worship (in the Board Room-retreat attendees)
Retreat after lunch until 2 pm

Stewardship: Our stewardship campaign is currently underway. You should have already received your pledge card. Everyone is invited to return their pledge card to support the work of the church next **Sunday, November 22 (Giving Sunday**). If you are unable to attend on Giving Sunday, please mail your pledge card to the church office by **November 20** so that we may symbolically make your offering of stewardship on Giving Sunday.

Pledge cards are also located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please notify the office if you have not received one.

Join the Prayer Group:

When: Mondays at 7 pm, next zoom session will be November 16

Join The Zoom Meeting via internet
Katy Stenta is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82365732331?pwd=GxrQ4pUGM4K6M0XMobclHYx7oNbxd7.1

Meeting ID: 823 6573 2331
Passcode: 541422

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 phone (voice and sound only)
follow the prompted instructions

for participants
enter: 16465588656
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enter: #

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

EFC's Choirs

The **Sanctuary choir will resume rehearsal this Sunday, November 15 at 9 am**. Anyone who wants to join in is welcome to sing or hum along to make a joyful noise to God. The choir will sing in worship once a month and for special occasions, and rehearse every Sunday.

Joyful Noise: Our new music group for kids and youth will met again on Sunday, November 29 (first Sunday in Advent) from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. All school age children are encouraged and welcomed to join us!

Thursday, November 19: **Oh! Holy Hops** will be held at 5:30 pm at the home of Mary Lou Chotkowski.

Saturday, November 28: The **Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30 -11:30 am. .

Fellowship Time After Worship: Time to sign-up again to volunteer to provide refreshments during our fellowship time following the worship service. Donate cookies, breads, cake, fruit, crackers and dip or whatever you choose to have with your coffee, tea or hot chocolate. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary on the table.



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 for November birthdays will be held on November 22.

November Newsletter, The Envoy: Copies of the Envoy are placed at the back of the sanctuary. They were e-mailed and mailed out last week.

Emmanuel Friedens Church

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 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