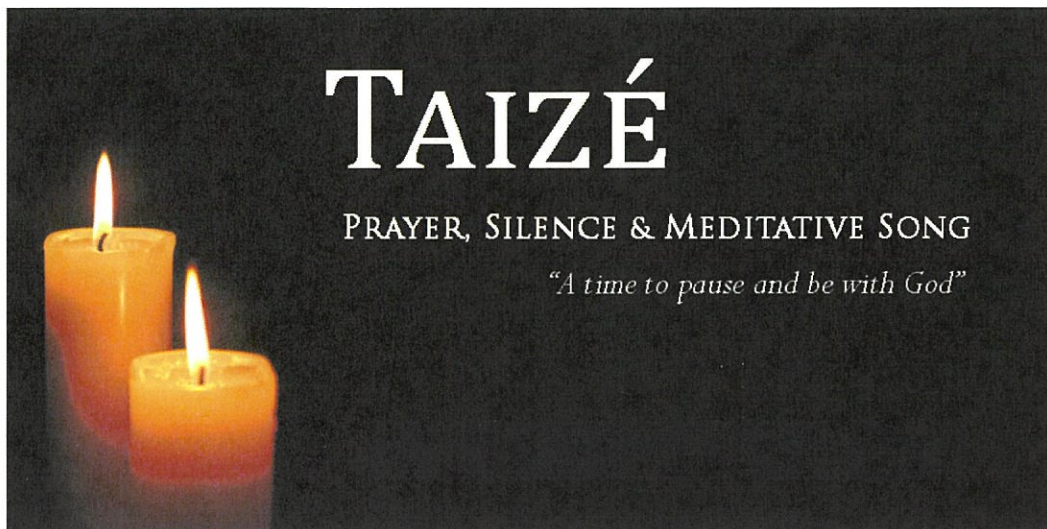




Emmanuel Friedens Church

November 16, 2025 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)

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.

A SERVICE OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

As we gather in this sacred place,
let us prepare ourselves in silence for worship.

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Jocelyn McKinney

Introduction to Taizé Worship

Greg Lindenfelser

Silent Reflection

Greg Lindenfelser

Prayer:

"Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your radiant love."

Response:



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Poem

"In A Quiet Place"

Christine Sine
Read by Faye Bailey

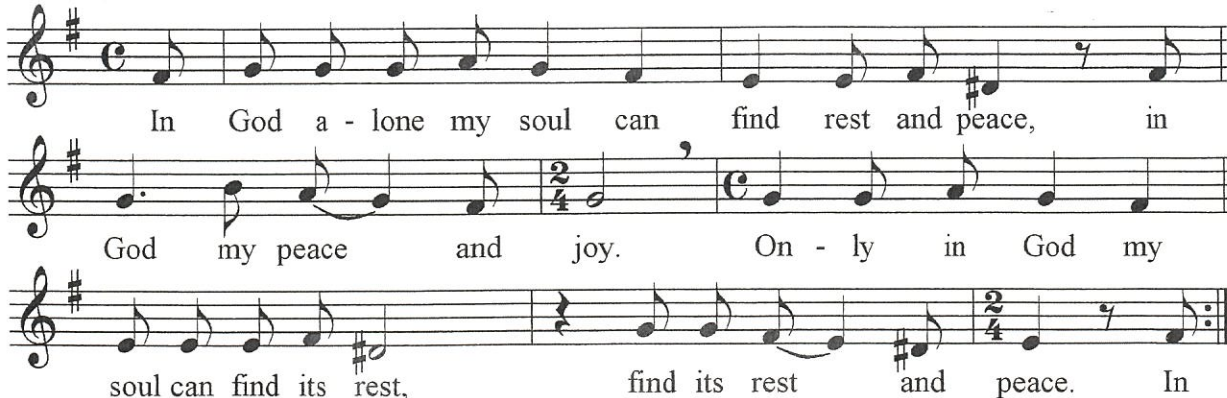
Reading

Matthew 11:28

Jocelyn McKinney

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Response:



In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

Prayer with the Children

Dianna Parisi

Psalter

Psalms 25

Jocelyn McKinney
Black Hymnal, page 635

Poem

Silence

Belinda Takyi
Read by Faye Bailey

Reading

Psalms 103:1

Jocelyn McKinney

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

Response

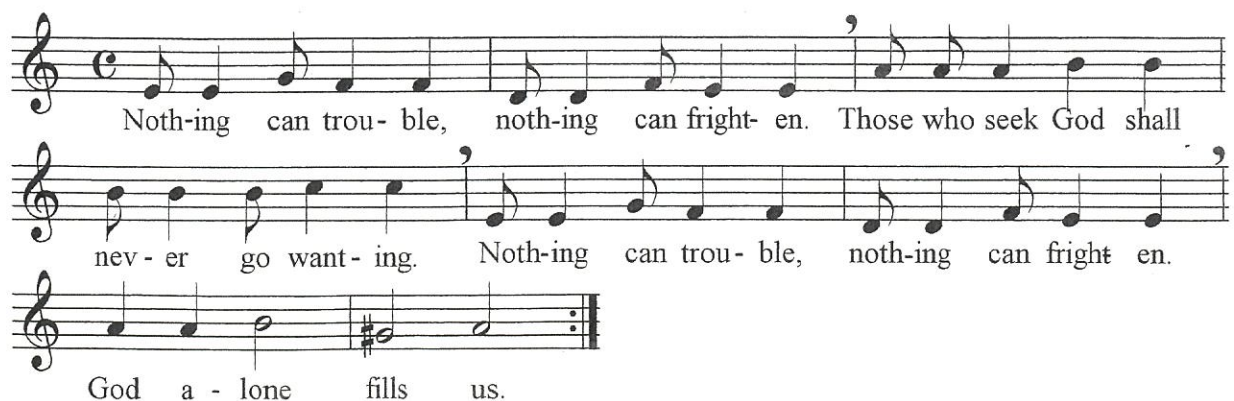


Silent Reflection

Offering (in silence)

Prayer of Dedication (in unison) - **"As we give, may our hearts be softened and warmed by your love. Lead us to lives that reflect your generosity and compassion, spreading your peace to all those we encounter."**

Response



Prayers of the People (In the pews, there are tea light candles. Please choose a candle, and hold it in your hand as you ask for prayers either out loud or in silence. When you are ready, bring the candle up to the altar. Please light the candle and place it inside one of the candle holders that are filled with water. As the lit candles float, allow your prayers to float away as they are released to God's healing hands.)

The Lord's Prayer (Alternate Translation from a New Zealand Prayerbook)

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 !
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and
come on earth. 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.

Meditation in Music

"Reflection"

By David Ritter

Silent Reflection

Benediction Prayer

John 14:27

Greg Lindenfelser

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."



Let us now leave quietly and reverently as we go into the world,
carrying the message of God's love and peace.

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 the
Gathering Room for refreshments.

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

History of Taizé

The Taizé Community, founded by Brother Roger Schutz in 1940 in a small French village, began as a sanctuary for refugees during WWII, evolving into an ecumenical monastic order focused on Christian unity, reconciliation, and peace, attracting global pilgrims, especially youth, with its simple, meditative chants and prayer style. From humble beginnings, it grew to include brothers from Catholic and Protestant traditions, becoming a symbol of hope for bridging divides through prayer, shared life, and commitment to justice, with its distinctive music spreading worldwide.

The music of Taizé, and the approach to worship suggested by it, can be both liberating and challenging to those brought up in other traditions. Unlike hymns or choruses, Taizé chants do not have a beginning and an end in the ordinary sense. They usually consist of quite short devotional phrases sung repeatedly. As we sing the songs over and over again, the words gently sink into our subconscious and, almost without our realizing it, become a form of prayer

Announcements for the Week of November 16, 2025

Next Sunday, November 23 is Giving Sunday, when we bring forward our pledges of support for the work of our church in the coming year, and we give thank for all god's gifts. 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.

Our Giving Tree: You are invited to take a gift tag for a child's gift from the tree starting today, November 16 through Sunday, November 30. The unwrapped gifts (usually toys) must be returned by Sunday, December 7 so that they may be placed underneath the tree, and later distributed to the community (City Mission of Schenectady-Toy Store).

If you would like to make a monetary donation for a child's gift, please send your donation to the church or if you are attending worship services, just place your donation in the box located at the back of the sanctuary.



"Feed my Sheep—Jesus." Emmanuel Friedens is committed to the ministry of feeding our neighbors. In addition to having the EFC community brunch. In addition to the CROP Walk which helps to fund all of the food aid here and around the globe—we are one of the foundational churches for Sycamore Collaborative (formerly SICM) and regularly give \$550 monthly to them.

We are so thankful that your pledge and time are what makes these feeding ministries possible. SNAP benefits had been delayed and with the holidays coming, we are aware of the sharp need in Schenectady for more help. The lines these days are down the block. As such, we are planning to send an extra donation to Sycamore Collaborative. Sycamore is able to buy food at a much better rate, and distribute it effectively to those in need. The collection can for the fund will be on the table in the back, or can be earmarked online.

November Meeting/Events:

Every Sunday (unless otherwise scheduled): **Choir:** The choir meets for rehearsal at 9 am in the choir/music room. Everyone 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.

Next Sunday, November 23: We look forward to members from the Albany Gay Men's Chorus joining us and performing during our worship service.

Monday, November 17: **EFC Federated Council Meeting** to be held at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Thursday, November 20: **Oh! Holy Hops** will be held at 5:30 pm at the home of Faye Bailey.

Community Brunch, November 29: The church's **Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30-11:30 am. The clothing/toiletries rooms will be open for the attendees.

Needs for the November Brunch-

- **donations of desserts (pies, cookies, etc)** -bring them to church on Wednesday, Nov. 26 or Saturday. Nov. 29 before 9 am)
- **donations of xmas decorations** to give to the brunch attendees. **(place on the kitchen counter against the outside wall)**
- **donations of canned and dry goods**, items like tuna, peanut butter, energy or granola bars, pasta, sauce, cereal, rice, etc. There are many people that are living in temporary housing. Items that can be prepared in a microwave would be great. **(place on the kitchen counter against the outside wall)**

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 today, November 16 or 23 for November birthdays (Conor Compton-7, Ray Andersons-8, Joy Hall -9, Emilia and Emmanuel Reyes -18).

Community News:

1. A Recital of Piano Works by Michael Harrison: Our former Minister of Music, Michael Harrison will perform with guest artist, Ann Marie Adamick, Mezzo Soprano, on Sunday, November 23 at 3 pm-First Reformed Church of Scotia, 224 N Ballston Ave in Scotia. There will be a free will offering. A flyer is posted on the office bulletin board.
2. 2025 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, November 23 at 5 pm: Where: Union College Old Chapel, Library Lane in Schenectady

3. Holiday Concert at Emmanuel Friedens: Our church is happy to host the Albany Gay Men's Chorus concert—*Jingle All The Way!* - a choral celebration of joy, community, and inclusivity. They will perform here on Sunday, December 7 at 3 pm. The cost of a ticket is \$23 (purchasing online) and \$25 at the door. Website to purchase tickets:

<https://tickets.chorusconnection.com/agmc/events/1589>

<https://www.facebook.com/Albanygaymenschorus/>

A flyer is posted on the office bulletin board.

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 (see above) or through the church office.

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

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