

# *Emmanuel Friedens Church*

## *Transfiguration Sunday*

*Sunday, February 15, 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

Due to heating issues in the Sanctuary, our worship service will be held in the Chapel.  
The service will be held 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.

# Transfiguration Sunday

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Prelude

**“Drawing Me Close”**

Words and Music by Karen Carpenter  
arr. Mark Hayes  
Minister of Music: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Holy Spirit come

**Translate, Transfigure, Transmogrify us.**

Change us, from ourselves, into ourselves, so that we might see.

**May we see the Divine clearly as we go**



+Opening Hymn

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

The New Century Hymnal  
Black Hymnal #1



+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.**

The Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta





+Hymn

**“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”**

The New Century Hymnal  
Black Hymnal #182

Prayer of Confession **God we confess that seeing things as they truly are, is hard work. Give us the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the hearts to understand, we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession) Amen.**



**Assurance of Pardon:** Hear the good news, God loves us into the best version of ourselves, so we know the truth. **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Psalm 27:1-4, John 9:1-4

Mary Lou Chotkowski

Sermon

**“Meaningful Ministry: Transfiguration”**

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call for the Offertory

**“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”**

Composer, William Williams

Offering:



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 with clear eyes and hearts, so that we might be transfigured into your disciples, we pray. Amen**



+Closing Hymn

**“O For a World”**

The New Century Hymnal  
Black Hymnal #575



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick

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.

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

## **Announcements for the Week of February 15, 2026**

**February Newsletter, the Envoy:** Copies of the February newsletter, The Envoy, are available for pick –up on the table located outside the entrance to the Chapel.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- Monday, February 16: The **EFC Federated Council** will meet at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.
- **The Lenten season (February 18-April 4)** begins on February 18, Ash Wednesday. We have been invited to join the members of First United Methodist Church for their service at 7 pm.
- **EFC's Community Brunch** will be held on Saturday, February 28 from 10:30-11:30 am, and the clothing and toiletries rooms will be opened too.
- **Journeying With Jesus Through Lent**

Members and friends, after worship, you are invited to the Board Room for coffee and snacks, followed by experiences of journeying with Jesus through Lent on our way to Easter Sunday. Discussions/activities will center on the scriptures and sermon for that Sunday.

**Please join us– starting Sunday, February 22!**

**Pastor's Katy Schedule:** Pastor Katy will be on vacation from Thursday, February 19 through Sunday, February 22. Rev. James Ketcham, will return to Emmanuel Friedens to lead worship and preach on February 22. Emergency pastoral care will be determined.

**Birthday Celebration Sunday:** We will celebrate the February birthdays this Sunday (2/15). Happy birthday to all who have their birthdays in February!

**Community News:** "Souper" Bowl of Caring Fund Drive: Super Bowl 60 was held on Sunday, February 8, and Sycamore Collaborative (formerly SiCM) was once again looking for support for their **"Souper" Bowl Fund Drive!** We continue to collect for this fundraiser so if you wish to donate, 1. go directly to Collaborative's website, or 2. on-line donation on the church's website (<http://emmanuelfriedens.org/Give Online/>), selecting "SiCM Food" and enter the words, "Souper Bowl" in the optional text field. There is also a "Souper" Bowl canister on the table located at the entrance to the Chapel.

Let's join their efforts to ensure families/individuals in our community have reliable access to high quality, nutritious food. **100%** of the proceeds from this fund drive will go toward families/individuals served by the Collaborative's food pantry.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 16  
in observance of Presidents' Day.**

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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](mailto: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