

# *Emmanuel Friedens Church*

*The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

*Sunday, February 8, 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 may not be available on Facebook or via Zoom  
due to Internet connections in the Chapel.

A recorded video version of this service will not be available.

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Prelude

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

Music by Frederick Cook Atkinson  
Minister of Music: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God be with us

**Build us up**

So we Knock down the Systematic Oppression

**May we build sanctuary, we pray**



+Opening Hymn

**“Holy,Holy,Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

(Verses 1,2,4)

Hymns for the Living Church  
Red 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 (Celtic version by John Philip Newell)

**Holy One**

**Beyond All Names**

**Eternal Wellspring**

**May Love rise again in us today**

**with food for every table**

**Shelter for every family**

**And reverence for every life**

**Forgive us for our failings in love**

**And free us from all falseness**

**That the light of ours souls may shine**

**And the strength our spirits may endure**

**for the Earth and all its people, This day, tonight, and forever. Amen**



## The Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



+Hymn

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

Hymns for the Living Church  
Red Hymnal #224

Prayer of Confession God we confess that flipping tables sounds chaotic. That protesting and worship going together sounds like a lot of work, that already some of us have done are share of advocating, and still a mountain of work lies ahead. This non-anxious sleep that is promised sounds great, we confess God that we long for that. Help us to understand when to flip tables and when to sleep. (Silent Confession) Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Hear the good news, Jesus (All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.



Scripture Reading

Psalm 127:1-2, John 2:13-25

Jocelyn McKinney

Sermon

“Meaningful Ministry: Jesus Cleanses the Temple” Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

Call for the Offertory  
(EFC Choir)

**“Dona Nobis Pacem”**

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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 God, as we go into the world, empower us to build up and flip over whatever it is that needs to be strengthened and changed. In the power of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

+Closing Hymn

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

Hymns for the Living Church  
Red Hymnal #417





## +Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

Words and Music by Martin Luther

*+ 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.

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

## Announcements for the Week of February 8, 2026

**Fellowship Meal** – Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the worship service today for our monthly fellowship meal. Breakfast will be served.

**February Newsletter, the Envoy:** Copies of the February newsletter, Envoy, are available for pick –up on the table located outside the entrance to the Chapel.3

### 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 will be joining the members of First United Methodist Church for their service at 7 pm.

- **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 around the scriptures and sermon for that Sunday.

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

## **Emmanuel Friedens Church Leadership – 2026 Voting Results**

The church's annual business meeting was held on Sunday, February 1 (rescheduled from January 25 due to weather concerns). We voted on 2026 officers and committee members (refer below) as well as the annual budget (**Passed unanimously**). Thanks to Deb Lent for providing a delicious lunch. And thank you to the many volunteers who continue to give their time on behalf of the church and its mission.

**Motion Presented:** We will waive all consecutive term limits outlined in the Articles of Federation, allowing several church members to be nominated for and assume/continue leadership roles at the conclusion of this vote. **Passed unanimously.**

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Jeannie Andersons, Mary Lou Chotkowski, Patty Soellner, and Angela Keller.

**All nominees were voted in as proposed on the ballot\*.**

**Trustees:**

Chuck Lent

Jonathan McKinney

Artie Loftis

Jody Radez

Jennifer Andersons

Sheila Freres

**Federated Council Chair:** Deb Lent

**Federated Council Chair Elect:** Jocelyn McKinney

**Church Clerk:** Janice Fiore

**Treasurer:** Jonathan McKinney

**Treasurer Elect:** Faye Bailey

**Financial Secretary:** Ray Andersons

**Assistant Financial Secretary:** Chuck Lent

**Christian Education Chair:** Charlie Reyes

**Christian Education Vice Chair:** Rich Soellner

**Church Staff Relations Committee:** Charlie Reyes, Jocelyn McKinney & Rich Soellner

**Outreach & Mission Chair:** Nancy Spencer

**Social Functions & Fellowship:** Jocelyn McKinney

**Worship Chair:** Jocelyn McKinney

**Congregational Support & Membership:** Jeanne Andersons

**Stewardship Chair:** Sandy George

**Safe Church Implementation Chairs:** Debbie Gehman & Jim Fitzgerald

**\*Terms begin in February 2026 and expire in December of last year of term.**

(Results are also recorded in the February newsletter, and are posted on the bulletin board.)

**Community News:** “Souper” Bowl of Caring Fund Drive: Super Bowl 60 is Sunday, February 8 and Sycamore Collaborative (formerly SiCM) is once again looking for support for their **“Souper” Bowl Fund Drive!**

If you wish to donate, 1. go directly to Collaborative’s website, or 2. you can make an on-line donation on the church’s website ([http://emmanuelfriedens.org/Give\\_Online/](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 at the back of the Chapel to collect your donations throughout the next few weeks.

Let’s join their efforts for “Souper Bowl” 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.

**Internet Problems:** At this time, the Internet problems have resolved-hopefully.

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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