

# *Emmanuel Friedens Church*

## *Second Sunday of Lent (Communion Sunday)*

*Sunday, March 1, 2026*

*A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation  
American Baptist and United Church of Christ Congregation*

*Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta, Pastor*



# 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.

# Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



Prelude

**“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”**

Words and Music by Russel Frager  
Minister of Music: Dianna Parisi



Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship (based on Psalm 51)

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God create in us a new and right spirit  
**Draw us close to your Presence, we pray**  
Sustain in me a willing spirit  
**Restore in us, the joy of Salvation, as we worship you today**



+Opening Hymn

**“In The Bulb There Is a Flower”**

The New Century Hymnal  
Black Hymnal #433



+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 Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



+Hymn

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”**

Refer to Insert



Prayer of Confession **God we come hoping to smell the perfume of your anointing with Mary. We confess that too get distracted by the words “the poor will always be with you” and have trouble comprehending the deep command to accept the gift of time to spend with one and another and God. Teach us to value more than money or status, and let us honor one another.**



Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news, God knows all of our faultiness, and restores us into joy and beauty, so we know the truth. **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:7-12 John 12:1-11

Jocelyn McKinney

Sermon

**“Thy Will Be Done, On Earth as it is In Heaven”**

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Celebration of Communion

Invitation

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
 Lift up your hearts  
**We lift our hearts to the Lord**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise (prayer continues...) as your son taught us to pray.

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.**



Call for the Offertory

**“Change My Heart, Oh God”**

Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa

Offering:



Doxology

**“Santo, Santo, Santo”**

The New Century Hymnal  
 Black Hymnal #793



+Offertory Prayer **God, send us into the world doing the will of the Divine, so that we might honor every human being we meet. Amen.**



+Closing

**“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”**

The New Century Hymnal  
Black Hymnal #55



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

**“The Potter’s Hand”**

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

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+ *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:** Following the worship service, please join us in the Boardroom for refreshments and enjoy the after-worship program, *Journeying with Jesus through Lent*.

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

## Announcements for the Week of March 1, 2026

### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Every Sunday morning at 9 am: EFC choir practice
- Sundays During Lent: **Journeying With Jesus Through Lent (continuing event)**

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*. **Please join us!**

Theme for this Sunday, "Do Unto Others"

- Sunday, March 1: the **Facilities Committee** will meet following the worship service in the Gathering Room.
- Sunday, March 8: Our monthly **Fellowship Meal** will be held after worship.
- Tuesday, March 10: **EFC Federated Council** will meet at 6:30 pm in the Boardroom.
- Thursday, March 19: **Oh! Holy Hops** will meet at 5:30 pm at the home of Mary Lou Chotkowski.

**America for Christ/Neighbors in Need Special Offering:** We will receive special offerings throughout March to support our wider church families' important ministries of love and justice throughout the US and Puerto Rico. We invite you to support either **America for Christ** (American Baptist Churches) or **Neighbors in Need** (United Church of Christ). Envelopes are available on the table outside of the Chapel. Online donations: church's website ([http://emmanuelfriedens.org/Give Online/](http://emmanuelfriedens.org/GiveOnline/)). Thank you. Check out the March Envoy for additional information.

### Ways of Donating:

- Using envelopes which are located on the table outside of the chapel
- Through on-line donation on the church's website (<http://emmanuelfriedens.org/GiveOnline/>)
- Through the ABC and UCC websites (see below)

[abhms.org/volunteer-opportunities/give/where/america-for-christ-offering-2026/](http://abhms.org/volunteer-opportunities/give/where/america-for-christ-offering-2026/) (ABC)  
and [www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering](http://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering) (UCC)

**March Envoy:** Please send any articles, photographs, etc you want included in the March Envoy to the church office by Monday, March 2. Thank you.

**Community Event:**

**Finding Joy in Queer Spirituality:** Sunday, March 1, from 2-6 pm, co-sponsored by New Breath Spirituality Center and the Spirit Committee of the Pride Center of the Capital Region! There will be a keynote address by Bex Mui of House of Our Queer, and a panel discussion about LGBTQIA+ topics with spiritual leaders in the NY Capital Region.

Location: Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary, at the former College of St. Rose Campus, 959 Madison Avenue, Albany

Tickets: donation of \$30 is suggested

To donate and register: [www.newbreath.org](http://www.newbreath.org)

Flyer is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office



**Reminder, Next Sunday, March 8**



Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed next Saturday, March 7. **Daylight Savings Time** begins on March 8 at 2 am.

# Emmanuel Friedens Church

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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