



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

October 12, 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)

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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.

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Order of Worship



Prelude

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sebastian Temple
arr: PF Tillen
Music Minister: Dianna Parisi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God you are the Great I am
You are the God of found families
The God of pronouns and liberation
You are the God of sacredness in the desert
You are the God of Blessings
May we enjoy your blessings today



+Opening Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 283

+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 and The Lord's Prayer-Traditional-debt/debtors

**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

“Surely the Presence”

Lanny Wolfe
(Refer to attached)



Prayer of Confession: **God we confess that we do not understand the fullness of your being. We see you and our humanness overwhelms us. We find that we are like Moses, ready to make excuses. Are you sure that you want to reveal yourself to us? Are you revealing yourself within us? Help us to know you truly, we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Here the Good News, we are made in the image of God, and so we know the truth. **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**



Scripture Reading John 8:58, Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

Linda Brown

Sermon

“Blessed to Be A Blessing: God Comes Out”

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call for the Offertory
(EFC Choir)

“Give Thanks”

Words and music by Henry Smith

Stewardship Reflection Week 1: The Heart of Generosity

- How do I understand generosity beyond money?
- In what ways have I given of myself—time, talents, or compassion—in the past month?
- How might I open my heart more fully to God’s call to give?

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 **Holy Spirit, you burn to reveal our belovedness to us. May we see it every time we look at each other and in the mirror. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 293



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“Credo”

Joseph Haydn

+ 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 **Board Room** for a celebration of Pastor Katy's 15th ordination year.

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

Announcements for the Week of October 12, 2025

Congratulations to Pastor Katy for celebrating her 15th year of ordination. Please join us in the Board Room following worship for a reception and give your good wishes to Pastor Katy.

Sunday, October 19, 10 am: Agape worship will be held in Fellowship Hall. Invite family and friends to come and worship, and enjoy fellowship.

Stewardship: Emmanuel Friedens' Stewardship campaign will begin soon. You should be receiving your pledge card at the end of October/beginning of November. Remember, stewardship is not simply a collection of monetary pledges; it's your vote of support for the church's faithful future.

October Meeting/Events

Every Sunday: 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.

Sunday, October 12: Following worship, please join us for a follow-up discussion about RISSE (Refugee and Immigrant Support Services Emmaus, Inc) and what actions we might want to take. If you missed either presentation, we are happy to catch you up.

Call to Meeting
Fall Quarterly Business Meeting
(In Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 19
@ 11:15 am -following worship

Thursday, October 16: **Pre-Advent meeting** with staff and Christian Education will be held at 3:30 pm AND **Oh! Holy Hops** will gather at Deb Gehman's home at 5:30 pm.

Monday, October 20: **EFC Federated Council Meeting** will be held at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Saturday, October 25: **EFC Community Brunch** will be held from 10:30-11:30 am, and the clothing/toiletries rooms will be open too.

Sunday, October 26: Halloween party following worship.

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, or call the church office. We need refreshments for Sundays in November (23, 30 and December (7,

Monthly Birthday Celebrations: We begin monthly birthday celebrations on the 3rd Sunday of each month. So don't forget to record your birthday for the upcoming months on the calendar located at the back of the sanctuary.

Special Offering: Throughout the month of October, we share in supporting the American Baptist World Mission Offering. For American Baptists, this is an opportunity to support the work of International Ministries, both of "Global Servants", individuals sent to work around the globe, and the local partners that they provide resources and support for. The theme for this year's offering is "**See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?**" (Isaiah 43:19). Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please refer to the October Envoy for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

Health Status of Congregation Member (announcement sent as an email on 10/10): On Friday, we heard from Joann Vanderhule's son-in-law that Joann underwent emergency surgery late in the evening of October 5 at St. Peters Hospital. She was transferred this past Thursday (10/9) to Mante Nicole - Schuyler Ridge Residential & Adult Day Health Care, 1 Abele Drive in Clifton Park (off Rt. 146-(518) 371-1400) for rehabilitation. Our prayers to Joann for a speedy recovery. She is receiving visitors.

Monday, October 13 is a federal holiday celebrating Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day. The church office will be opened.

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.