



Emmanuel Friedens Church

*Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

October 5, 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 5, 2025
Order of Worship



Prelude

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin
Guest Soloist: Nakia Beverly-Brown
Music Minister: Dianna Parisi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta



Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Katy Stenta

God you bless us
We do not need to trick blessings out of you
Your blessings are given freely
Your blessings overflow
You even give blessings to tricksters and heels
May we enjoy your blessings today



+Opening Hymn

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”
(Verses 1-3)

Hymns for the Living Church
(Red) # 348

+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

“As We Gather At Your Table”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 332



Prayer of Confession: **God we confess that sometimes we feel like Jacob and other times like Esau. Sometimes we feel like the one tricked in the story, and other times like the heel, undeserved of blessings. Remind us that blessings are not pie, so they are not limited, but instead blessings flow like a never-ending stream. (Silent Confession) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Hear the Good news, God's trick is that God's forgiveness is not a trick, but is given and cannot be taken away, and so we know the truth **(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**



Scripture Reading

John 1:50-51, Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Ray Andersons

Sermon

“Blessed to Be A Blessing: Jacob’s Ladder

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 (from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, Kansas)

Our Mother

Who is in all the Earth

Holy is your truth

May your wisdom come

Your cycle be one

Uniting Heaven and Earth

Give us today a nurturing spirit

Heal through us

As we ourselves are healed

Lead us into fullness of life

And liberate all that is good

For the Wisdom, the Power,

the Presence, and The Goodness

Are yours

Now and Forever,

Amen.



Call for the Offertory

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker,
and Salomon Lighthelm

Soloist: Nakia Beverly-Brown

Offering



+Doxology

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 793



+Offertory Prayer **Jesus Christ, your blessings are abundant and adequate.
May we look for them today we pray. Amen.**



+Closing Hymn

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

The New Century Hymnal
(Black) # 282



+Blessing and Dismissal



Postlude

“O Magnify the Lord”

Melodie and Dick Tunney

+ 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
Gathering Room for refreshments.

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

Guest Soloist: Nakia Beverly-Brown has been singing in church since she could hold a microphone. A proud native Philadelphian, Nakia was raised in the Baptist church where her grandmother was an organist, and she sat at her feet every Sunday, captivated by the music. Raised in a musical family, her uncle was a saxophonist, and her mother, a piano player, singer, and composer. Music is in her veins, and has been singing since before she could talk.

Throughout the years she has sang with numerous choirs and gospel singing groups, including The Walter Hawkins Youth Choir, Perfect Praise, and many others. She moved to the Capital Region in 2006, after marrying fellow Philadelphian, Abdul Brown.

After moving to the Bethlehem area, the Brown Family, including husband Abdul, and two children, Kiran (15) and Rebecca (11) have become active members of the First United Church of Delmar; a Reconciling congregation with a passion for the gospel of the love of God, and social justice.

Currently employed at the state department of health, and as comic relief for the Brown family, she spends the bulk of her time outside of the office managing her two precious children, Kiran (age 15, AKA - BooBoo Bear) and Rebecca (age 11, AKA - Becca Boo), and making sure her husband, Abdul is properly caffeinated, and doesn't forget to eat.

Nakia loves the Lord, and chooses to use her gifts to glorify God, but she does sing karaoke sometimes. She is gracious, gorgeous, has a vivacious personality, but most importantly, she is humble.

Let us welcome Nakia to Emmanuel Friedens!

Announcements for the Week of October 5, 2025

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 us 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.

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

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.

Sunday, October 19: Agape worship will be held in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations: We begin monthly birthday celebrations 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.

October Newsletter, The Envoy: The Envoy is available at the back of the sanctuary.

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.