

HOW WE SERVE HERE

Nursery: Heather S, Hannah M

AV: Beverley and John VH

Coffee Clean-Up: Jorge and Ana M

Greeters: Greg and Andrea S

Sunday School: Renee B

Offerings: Essex Food Bank

Lead Elder: Greg S

Preacher: Pastor Darrell E



Our church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistance Listening Service. See a member of the Sound Team for Assistance.

Church Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

CONTACT

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First Time Here?

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for coming!
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better!



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Welcome to

ESSEX CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

9 AM SERVICE | AUGUST 16, 2026

Welcome

We are delighted to have you with us today! Whether you are here in person or online, whether you are here for the first time or have been with us for years, you belong here! Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Keep **Pastor Darrell and Beth E** in prayer as Beth continues her treatment.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Eric B, Gail L, Ben S, Niesje S, John VN, Ruth V, Wilma W, and Ashley W**, along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today - 9 AM - Sunday Service

Wednesday - 7 PM - Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday - 9 AM - Sunday Service



Happy Birthday to Lauren VN
(August 20)!
May God Bless You!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Today's offerings are for **the Essex Food Bank**. The Essex Food Bank is a primary provider of food assistance for residents in the town of Essex.

August 23, 2026, offerings are for **UMEI**. UMEI is a Christian high school that educates the whole person, cultivating full academic, spiritual and individual potential in order to make young people “doers of the Word” in the community. Maranatha Christian Academy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph D will be given the opportunity to publicly profess his Christian Faith and become a communicant member of this Congregation. Please save the date so we can welcome him into the full fellowship and thank God for the continuing work of His Spirit among us. **Sunday, August 23, at 9 am.**

Today Devotional and **Banner** arrived and are available at the back of the Church for pickup.

On Sunday, August 30, we will be collecting personal hygiene products to support our local Food Bank. Items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper, are greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to church on August 30. The Deacons will deliver all collected items. Thank you for helping care for our neighbors in need!

RESOURCES

Kids Corner Devotions: New School Year: God's Power Of Love In You! Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A New School Year: God's Power Of Love In You!" at www.kidscorner.net. School is back, and that means new adventures, new challenges, and lots of chances to grow! Even in frustrating moments, you can choose kindness, patience, and love. Remember, you're never on your own, and you can make a big difference in your school every single day! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Hear God's Voice: A Warning Against Unbelief - When we feel weary and under pressure, the author of Hebrews urges us to hear God's voice and resist the temptation to drift away from our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 3-4:13 to discover how history and community can help us hear God's voice, keep us securely anchored in our faith when we're tempted to drift, and find God's promised Sabbath rest. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Jesus learned from the mistakes of God's people. He copied the playbook on radical curiosity from the Father. And instead of coming in like a superhero, Jesus entered into humanity by wrapping himself in human flesh and moving "into the neighborhood" (John 1:14, The Message). As you reflect on the humble way Jesus came into the world, think about someone you might normally avoid or people who are excluded in your community. How can you show the love of Christ to those people this week? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ORDER OF SERVICE

LEAD ELDER: GREG S
PREACHER: PASTOR DARRELL E

The Gathering

Welcome

- "Here I Am To Worship" LUYH 567
- Call to Worship
- God's Greeting
- Song of Praise: "Trust In God" on screen
"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" LUYH 559

Announcements

Offerings and Prayers

Offering: Financial Ministry Plan - Budget Box

Essex Food Bank - Plate

The Prayers of God's People

- Song of Response: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" on screen

Children are dismissed for Sunday School.

The Proclamation

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "Why Are You So Afraid?"

- Song of Response: "He Will Hold Me Fast". on screen

The Sending

- Parting Blessing
- Doxology: "Always" on screen
- Postlude

- *Indicates Congregation standing if able.*