

HOW WE SERVE HERE

Nursery: Greg S, Joseph D

AV: Heather & Sterling S

Coffee Clean-Up: Matt and Charmaine V

Greeters: Pete & Tammy K

Sunday School: Renee B

Offerings: Maranatha Christian Academy

Lead Elder: Matt V

Preacher: Steve B



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First Time Here?

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for coming!
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Welcome to

ESSEX CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

10 AM SERVICE | AUGUST 2, 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 **Anne B** in prayer as she continues to recover at the care home.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today - 10 AM - Sunday Service

Wednesday - 7 PM - Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday - 9 AM - Sunday Service

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Today's offerings are for **Maranatha Christian Academy**. MCA is a Christian school located in Windsor. They provide an ideal environment for Godly growth of the mind, heart and soul of students in Junior Kindergarten through Grade 12.

August 9, 2026, offerings are for **Matthew House**. Matthew House brings hope by providing a temporary home and settlement supports for refugee claimants, empowering them to become contributing members of the Canadian Community. Their goal is to help refugee claimants feel welcomed and have access to the services and supports they need to thrive.



Happy Birthday to Greg S (August 4).
May God Bless You!



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.

RESOURCES

Kids Corner Devotions: Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You" at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's devotion's Bible reading, Romans 5:18-21, we learn that sin—the things we think, say, or do that don't please God—is big and powerful. Sin separates us from God. But the good news is that bigger news about Jesus is coming. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

Groundwork: What Happens After We Die? - What happens after we die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The God of the Bible is radically curious. God was curious about taking formless things and creating something beautiful. God was curious on the first day as God spoke light into existence and gave darkness a place in creation. God was curious enough that creating sky, land, and oceans was life-giving and affirming in the world. God was curious enough to believe diversity in plants and animals was cool, creating them in a variety of dimensions, shapes, and colors. God's curiosity led to the creation of two beacons in the sky to serve the earth. In the mind of God, curiosity was God's radical bent of being in relationship, always moving toward life. This week reflect on what makes you curious about God, God's world, and your world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ORDER OF SERVICE

LEAD ELDER: MATT V

PREACHER: STEVE B

The Gathering

Welcome

- "Holy Spirit" on screen
- Call to Worship
- God's Greeting
- Song of Praise: "Build My Life" on screen
- "What A Beautiful Name" on screen

Announcements

Offerings and Prayers

Offering: Financial Ministry Plan - Budget Box

Maranatha Christian Academy - Plate

The Prayers of God's People

- Song of Response: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" LUYH 360

Children are dismissed for Sunday School.

The Proclamation

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Sermon: "How Bad Do You Want It?"

- Song of Response: "In Christ Alone". LUYH 770

The Sending

- Parting Blessing
- Doxology: "The Blessing" on screen
- Postlude
- *Indicates Congregation standing if able.*