

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

Usher

AV

Today

Coffee Clean Up

Today

Scripture Readers

Children's Moment

Elevator

Today

Little Lambs

Sunday School

Today

Offerings

Library

Today Essex Food Bank

Dec 25 World Renew Latin America Hurricane Response

Dec 27 Benevolence

Jan 3 Matthew House

Pastoral Prayer

Preacher

Today

Pastor Steve Vandyk



Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See an Usher or a member of the Sound team for assistance



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EssexCRC Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – Day off

Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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REFORMED CHURCH**

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Sunday December 20, 2020

Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2020

Welcome to our online streaming worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

Our Church Family

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues, **Chris B, Lea, Carl, John O, Winny, Wilma & Julia** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty, Cory, Diny, Nick Sr, and Anna**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Marjan & Harry (Tues), Joanne (Fri), Jack & Epeüs (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Fourth Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk on Facebook.

People of the Nativity Bible Study – Monday at 7:00 pm on a Zoom Call

Next Sunday December 27, 2020

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk on Facebook.

PRAYER BOX

Prayer requests can be emailed to Ben Sr. They will be prayed for during the Tuesday morning prayer & Bible study time.

IT'S BACK!!!!

The Mitten Tree is ready to be adorned with some much needed winter weather accessories. Congregation, we would love to see the tree full of mittens, scarves and hats again this year. You can drop off your donations during church office hours.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Please have any expenses for 2020 approved and submitted to the Treasurer by December 22, 2020.

ATTENTION CONGREGATION

Please note the final count for 2020 will be held on Tuesday December 29, 2020. Any monies received after that date will be posted to 2021.

We thank you for your dedication to meeting the Financial Plan of the Essex CRC for 2020. *The Treasurer and Counting Committee*

TODAY BOOKLETS

If you would like to receive a large print Today booklet, please place your order with Ruth before December 27, 2020.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND ESSEX FOOD BANK**

December 25 offering is for World Renew Latin America Hurricane Response.

December 27 offering for Benevolence. This offering helps those with needs in our church and in the community

BUDGET ENVELOPES

Budget envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the upstairs lobby. If you did not receive envelopes last year but would like some, please contact Peter W.

Due to the pandemic a mid-year summary of giving was not done, if you would like a summary of your year to date please call Peter W and he will run a report for you.

HYMNARY.ORG

Hymnary.org announces next-generation mobile hymnal apps for iOS and Android, including Lift Up Your Hearts. The apps are free, and no purchase is necessary to access a number of features, including the full score of all public domain hymns, audio recordings of most hymns, and more. More info, including links, at hymnary.org/node/42126

ONLINE WORSHIP LEARNING

You are warmly invited to register for a free online learning experience held January 6-26, 2021, on key themes in worship and the Christian life. Register for free at www.worship.calvin.edu/symposium/ This experience is designed for all kinds of learners: students, artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, teachers, worship leaders and planners, and all worshipers around the globe. Sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching

HE IS OUR PEACE

Celebrate God's power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, born to bring the world His peace and salvation. Share God's love with someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas with a simple gift: a goat, a handwashing station, or farm starter kit. Find these life-changing gifts and more in World Renew's 2020-2021 Gift Catalogue at www.worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

The December 2020 Banner and January/February Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SIMEON'S SONG—LIGHT TO THE GENTILES
MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC — ASHLEY, PRAISE TEAM

SING OUT, MY SOUL

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Love

† Call to Worship

† Gathering Song “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LUYH 581

† God's Greeting

† Song of Praise “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) LUYH 559
“Silent Night! Holy Night” LUYH 85

WE SING IN SORROW AND IN LOVE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

GOD GIVES US HIS SONG

Children's Song “Away in a Manger” LUYH 86

Children's Moment

The Prayers of God's People

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 25 – 33

Message God's Face Turned to All of Us

† Song of Response “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

LUYH 81: 1, 2, 4, 5

WE ARE SENT TO SING

† Benediction

† Doxology “The Blessing” on screen

† Postlude

WE SING IN THANKFULNESS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *budget box on the wall*
Essex Food Bank – *plate on the back table*

† Indicates Congregation standing if able

CRCNA POSITION OPENING

Ministry Support Services, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time Curriculum Developer for the Thrive project. Thrive is a 5-year grant funded project. Hours for the first year will be up to 18 hours a week and will decrease over the remaining four years. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a detailed position description or to complete an online application, attaching a resume and cover letter, no later than January 8, 2020.

TOWN HALL FOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CANADIANS

Recording - The recording of the virtual Town Hall led by Chris Bosch from Chisel Consulting, and Canadian Ministries Director Darren Roorda on November 21st is available for you to view at www.network.crcna.org/ministry-canada This recording is shared discussion and feedback about compliance with the Canadian Revenue Agency and the work of the Canadian Restructuring Team.

BLOGGERS WANTED

Do you enjoy writing on topics related to faith and ministry? If so, Staci over at The Network (crcna.org/Network) would love to hear from you! The Network is open for anyone to post—all you'll need to do is create an account and add your blog. Or, if you'd prefer, email network@crcna.org and we'd be happy to help!

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: “. . . and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)