

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Lillian K, Rosanne V, Christian S, Joseph D
Jan 8 Tammy K, Greg S, Chris K, Devon M
Jan 15 Tammy K, Rita O, Chris S, Avery V
Jan 22 Kerry W, Tina S, Chris K, Devon M

AV

Today Beverley & John vH
Jan 8 Chris & Sterling S
Jan 15 Chris & Sterling S
Jan 22 Tim K, Emerson V

Sunday School

Renee B
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Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today Matt & Charmaine V
Jan 8 Henry & Alta V
Jan 15 Reach Up
Jan 22 Joanne W, Rita O

Greeters

John & Beverley vH
Ben S Sr.
Ben & Tina S
John & Marjan D

Offerings

Today Ministry Shares
Jan 8 Therefore Go Ministries
Jan 15 Teen Challenge
Jan 22 Cadets

Preacher

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



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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

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Council Chair – Greg S
Vice-Chair – Matt V
Clerk – Ben V clerk@essexcrc.ca
Deacon Chair – Linda M lmulder2@cogeco.ca

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



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
www.essexcrc.ca

Sunday January 1, 2023
Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2023

Weekly Offerings

On this first Sunday of 2023 we welcome you to the opportunity to meet together in the presence of God, our Provider and Saviour. Whether as a regular participant or as a guest in-person or online we are delighted that you are with us today. Do join us after the service downstairs for a coffee or juice and a time of fellowship.

Our Church Family

Continue to keep those members in prayer who are recovering from all of the winter illness.

Keep our church family in prayer who are grieving family members during this Christmas season.

Let us also pray for a safe time as many will travel for Christmas celebrations.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Jack D, Carl J, Gail L, Anna R, Gerry S, Winny S, Johanna W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Nick K Sr, Anna P, and Simon & Doris V.**)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Elaine B & Dan D (today), Brody L (Tues), Anna R (Wed) and Alta V (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – New Year’s Day Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at [YouTube/essexrcWorship/streams](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=essexrcWorship/streams)

Council – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Time of Prayer – Saturday at 8:45 – 9:30 am

Next Sunday January 8, 2023

10:00 am – New Year’s Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at [YouTube/essexrcWorship/streams](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=essexrcWorship/streams)

We are moving our live stream to YouTube! How can you find us? Well we will still be posting a link to our live stream on our Facebook page, pointing you to YouTube. We also are replacing the link in our weekly update email. And if you want to go directly there you can type in: www.youtube.com/@essexrcWorship/streams and you will see our video if you scroll down, you can even subscribe to the YouTube Channel! We apologize for any hiccups that may occur during the switch, but are hopeful that everything will go smoothly.

Today’s offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **MINISTRY SHARES**

This offering will provide dollars to fund programs that enable churches to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, use media to spread the gospel and much more.

January 8, 2023 offering is for Therefore Go Ministries. ThereforeGo Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their ministry to youth and emerging adults. We strongly believe that the local church is the tool God created to use to reveal himself to the world. We know that taking the call of ministering to today’s youth is not for the faint of heart. Therefore, we are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping, and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ! www.ThereforeGo.com

COFFEE LIST

We need you! We are looking for a couple people who would be willing to prepare coffee on Sunday mornings. For more information, call or email Tina S

POTLUCK LUNCHEON! JANUARY 15 WITH TEEN CHALLENGE

Join us for a **Potluck Lunch** following the service on **Sunday January 15**. Please bring a lunch item or a dessert **or** both! Getting together and sharing a meal is a great way we can connect as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We look forward to seeing all of you!

At-home Faith Formation Tip - “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance” (Eccles 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God’s hand. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

GROUNDWORK: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES AND OFFERS US REST

As the book of Joshua opens, we witness God acting to keep his promises to Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites. Join Groundwork as we study Joshua 1 and examine how God works through his people, see the importance of community, and affirm that we can follow God’s command to “be strong and courageous” because we trust God to keep his promises. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND HOPE
God's blessings for 2023! Globally, 2022 was a year of many trials. Our world struggled to regain its footing after the economic backlash of the COVID-19 pandemic, while at the same time dealing with the impacts of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict that sent food prices skyrocketing, and extreme weather that only heightened food insecurity by robbing farmers of their crops – from a prolonged drought in parts of Eastern Africa to extensive flooding in Bangladesh. But despite the challenges, World Renew has witnessed God working through generous-hearted people like you to restore creation. We are so grateful to all who have walked alongside us to share God's love and hope with people struggling with hunger, poverty, and injustice. Thank you! If you would still like to give a gift of hope – it's not too late – you can still shop our Christmas Catalogue at www.worldrenew.ca/gifts

THE STONE OF HELP

Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net In this week's devotion, learn about God's faithfulness while making a pile of rocks called an Ebenezer. Happy New Year! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

HAPPY NEW YEAR SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2023 MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- Prelude
Welcome & Opening
Call to Worship
† Gathering Song “Here I Am to Worship” *LUYH 567*
† God's Greeting
† Song of Praise “Ancient of Days” *on screen*
“For All That You've Done” *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*
Ministry Shares – *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “The Bible” *on screen*
Children are invited to come forward during the children's song
Children's Moment
The Prayers of God's People
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Reading Galatians 5: 1 – 12
Message Freedom in Christ
† Song of Response “This Is Amazing Grace” *on screen*

THE SENDING

- † Benediction
† Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*
† Postlude
† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*