

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Kerry W, Ana M
Mar 22 Tammy K, Joseph D
Mar 29 Heather S, Chris Sc
Apr 5 Greg S, Joseph D

Lead Elder

Greg S
Peter D
Jamie B
Pete K

AV

Today Chris S, Emerson V
Mar 22 Tim K, Emerson V
Mar 29 John & Beverley vH
Apr 5 John & Beverley vH

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
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Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today Matt & Charmaine V
Mar 22 Greg & Andrea S
Mar 29 Joanne W, Rita O
Apr 5 Wayne & Electa B

Greeters

Jorge & Ana M
Matt & Charmaine V
Jamie & Renee B
Peter & Jacoba D

Offerings

Today Diaconal Ministries
Mar 22 Essex Food Bank
Mar 29 Calvin Theological Seminary
Apr 5 Resonate Global

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
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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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Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Thursday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Contact Information

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Essex CRC Council Executive

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



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
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Sunday March 15, 2026
Morning Worship 9:00 am

The Banner and Today booklets
are ready for pick up on the back table.

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2026

Welcome to everyone here or online to our worship service this morning. We are delighted that you are with us today. Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us.

Our Church Family

Keep **Ruth V** and **John Van N** in prayer as they recover from surgery. Keep **Eric B** in prayer as he undergoes medical exams and waits for a treatment plan.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Judy K (Wednesday, March 18) and Christian S (Saturday, March 21). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar.

[NO GEMS and Cadets – March Break](#)

[Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm](#)

[Community Dinner – Friday at 5:45 pm](#)

[Next Sunday March 22, 2026](#)

09:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar and Outreach Training Session after Service where we welcome Anita Plat-Kuiken.

NOTE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday services with Pastor Darrell Edgar will always be at 9 am. When we have a classical appoint or other preachers who may be travelling a distance our worship services will be at 10:00 am.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **DIACONAL MINISTRIES**.

Diaconal Ministries exists to inspire, empower, and equip deacons as they animate congregations to join in God's transforming work in communities across Canada.

[March 22, 2026 offering](#) is for the Essex Food Bank.

The Essex Food Bank is a primary provider of food assistance for residents in the town of Essex.

Announcements

COMMUNITY DINNER – MARCH 20, 2026

Essex CRC is hosting free Community Dinners open for the Community on Friday, March 20 @ 5:45 pm. Everyone is welcome to come, have a meal and connect with each other. These community dinners have been a cheerful time in community. The attendance is growing and new opportunities to volunteer are growing as well. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the church office and sign up. Or talk to Ana Mello.

OUTREACH TRAINING – MARCH 22, 2026

We will be hosting an Outreach Training Session with Anita Plat-Kuiken on Sunday March 22 after the morning service. The training/conversation will be one hour long and we will have snacks provided by the Council Members. Everyone is encouraged to join!

Easter

Easter is around the corner and we will have many ways to pause, reflect, and celebrate in Community here at Essex CRC.

Friday, **March 27**, at 6:30 pm – Free Family Movie Night featuring: Light of the World. Free snacks and drinks.

Friday, **April 3**, at 10 am – Good Friday Service with Communion at Ambassador Church: 3033 Rivard Ave, Windsor, ON, N8J 2J1.

Friday, **April 3**, at 5:45 pm – Free Easter Community Dinner. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, **April 5**, at 9 am – Easter Sunday Service at Essex Christian Reformed Church.

Resources

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: JESUS CRIED.

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried" at www.kidscorner.net Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

GROUNDWORK: CARRYING JESUS' CROSS ON THE ROAD TO GOLGOTHA— When we reach stations seven and eight of the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the movement of Jesus and the cross toward Golgotha. Join Groundwork as we study John 19:6-17, Matthew 27:19-31, and Mark 15:21 to consider the symbolism of the cross beam placed on Jesus, the significance of Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' Cross, and what it means to bear the cross with Jesus in our lives. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP - The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER GREG S
PASTOR DARREL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Be Thou My Vision" LUYH 859
"Goodness Of God" on screen
- Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
Diaconal Ministries– *plate*
- The Prayers of the People
- † Song of Response "He Will Hold Me Fast" on screen
"Speak, O Lord" LUYH 755

Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

- Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32
- Message When Grace Runs
- † Song of Response "Good Good Father" on screen

THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*