

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Greg S, Joseph D
Mar 15 Kerry W, Ana M
Mar 22 Tammy K, Chris S
Mar 29 Heather S, Joseph D

AV

Today Chris S, Sterling S
Mar 15 Tim K, Emerson V
Mar 22 Tim K, Emerson V
Mar 29 John & Beverley v H

Coffee Clean Up

Today Ben V
Mar 15 Matt & Charmaine V
Mar 22 Greg & Andrea S
Mar 29 Joanne W, Rita O

Offerings

Today Mortgage Reduction
Mar 15 Diaconal Ministries
Mar 22 Essex Food Bank
Mar 29 Calvin Theological Seminary

Lead Elder

Matt V
Greg S
Peter D
Jamie B

Sunday School

Renee B
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Greeters

Wayne & Electa B
Jorge & Ana M
Matt & Charmaine V
Jamie & Renee B

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
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REFORMED CHURCH**

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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

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

Sunday March 8, 2026

Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 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** in prayer as she recovers from an emergency surgery. Keep **John V N** in prayer. Updates from John: “Yesterday I had my bending of the knee measured at the clinic where I have physio (when I can) twice a week. It was 102 degrees. The week before it was 95 degrees. Our goal is at least 120 degrees. Swelling can last up to six months the surgeon said. Praise God! It is healing well. I am able to drive again.” Keep **Eric B** in prayer as he 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 Michelle W – Monday, March 9th. 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.

GEMS and Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday March 15, 2026

09:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar.

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 **MORTGAGE REDUCTION**.

March 15, 2026 offering is for 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.

Thank You Notes

“I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, food, and visits as I recover from my surgery. It is a blessing to have a congregation that is so caring and supportive. My recovery is going well and I hope to be worshipping with you soon.” – **Ruth V**

“We want to express our gratitude to our church family for the overwhelming love and support shown during John’s recent hospitalization. Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, emails, and texts – each one brought us comfort and strength. We are truly blessed by this community. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.” – **John & Margaret V N**.

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 set up, clean up, offer rides, help with games/crafts for kids/youth, 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 on Sunday March 22 after the morning service. The training/conversation will be no longer than one hour, and we will have snacks provided by the Council Members. Everyone is encouraged to join!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: LENT: WASHING STINKY FEET

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Lent: Washing Stinky Feet" at www.kidscorner.net In John 13, Jesus washed his disciples' feet – a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love isn't just about words; it's about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

GROUNDWORK: JESUS: JUDGED, BEATEN, AND CROWNED WITH THORNS – At the fifth Station of the Cross, we reflect on Jesus before Pilate, and at the sixth, we witness Jesus endure mocking and beating from Roman Soldiers as they placed a crown of thorns on his head. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:1-15 and John 19:1-3 for a Lenten reflection on Jesus' suffering and persecution, and what it means for his followers. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Annual Day of Prayer (March 11) – On the night of his arrest, Jesus asked his disciples to stay with him, watch, and pray. Prayer is a discipline that requires the dedication of our precious time and attention. It is also a practice through which Jesus invites all disciples to experience sweet communion with him. Today is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. This week set aside intentional time to pray for your local church, our denomination, and the worldwide communion of saints. In your prayer ask Jesus to draw you and all believers to himself, that we may be one (John 17 :20-23). Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER MATT VANDENBRINK
PASTOR DARREL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

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| † Gathering Song | "King Of Kings" | on screen |
| † Welcome | | |
| † Call to Worship | | |
| † God's Greeting | | |
| † Song of Praise | "Mighty To Save" | LUYH 611 |
| | "I Stand Amazed" | LUYH 174 |
| Announcements | | |

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

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| Offering | Financial Ministry Plan – <i>Budget Box</i> | |
| | Mortgage Reduction – <i>plate</i> | |
| The Prayers of the People | | |
| † Song of Response | "What An Awesome God" | on screen |

Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

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| Scripture Reading | Luke 15:1-10 | |
| Message | When Grace Comes Looking | |
| † Song of Response | "Softly And Tenderly" | LUYH 615 |

THE SENDING

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| † Parting Blessing | | |
| † Doxology | "We Receive Your Blessing" | LUYH 947 |
| † Postlude | | |
| † | <i>Indicates Congregation standing if able</i> | |