

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today

### Usher

Today

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### Coffee Clean Up

Today

### Scripture Readers

Today

### Children's Moment

Elevator

### Little Lambs

Today

Sunday School

### Offerings

Today Mortgage Reduction

Nov 29 Faith Formations

Dec 6 Calvin College

Library

### Pastoral Prayer

Today

Preacher

Pastor Steve Vandyk



**ESSEX CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**

**519-776-5071**

**[www.essexcrc.ca](http://www.essexcrc.ca)**



Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See an Usher or 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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**Sunday November 22, 2020**

**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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

### Our Church Family

We express our sincerest condolences to **Betty B** and family in the passing of Betty's mother in Drayton, ON. May God continue to comfort the family with His strength.

**Carl** has been admitted to the hospital being treated for chest pains. Keep him and Florence in prayer during this time.

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

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Carolyn (Tues), Niesje & Janet (Wed), Anne & Ruth (Thurs) and Greg W (Fri). May the Lord bless you!

### What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk

The Mat'ters – Monday at 10:00 am

People of the Nativity Bible Study – Monday at 7:00 pm

Prayer for Healthy Church – Tuesday at 10:00 am

Council Executive – Tuesday at 6:15 pm

Deacons – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Elders – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Praise Practice – Thursday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday November 29, 2020

10:00 am – First Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk

### PRAYER BOX

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

### Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND MORTGAGE REDUCTION**

November 29 offering is for Faith Formations. Faith Formations Ministries encourages and equips local Christian Reformed ministry leaders in their calling to shape life long faith formation in their context so that all generations have an intentional and resilient faith.

### 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.

### BAKE SALE

We are planning to host a Bake Sale only on Saturday December 5, 2020. If you can donate baked goods, please call Florence or Rita.

### YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSHIP

If you're between the ages of 18-28 years, CRC campus minister Dr. Mike Wagenman (Western University) would like to invite you to a small group study of friendship as a resource for wellness, well-being, and flourishing. Time commitment is 1-2 hr/week for reading and meeting via Zoom to discuss your thoughts and reactions. Indicate your interest by emailing [mwagenman@uwo.ca](mailto:mwagenman@uwo.ca) or call/text 519-851-5845.

### AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Generosity: We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

The November 2020 Banner and November/December Today booklets are ready for pickup on the back table.

## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

A group of CRCNA agencies is collaborating to expose the Hidden Crisis of gender-based violence (GVB), this horror and pain inflicted on women and girls around the world for the “crime” of being female. Together, we have joined in the UN Women’s initiative, 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM (November 25–December 10), to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of GBV and how Christians can make an impact on families’ lives and bring hope for the future. Join us for a specialized podcast, webinars, advocacy opportunities, Bible study material, educational video, and more. Find out more details in this CRCNA Network article: <https://bit.ly/gbv2020>

## PREPARE YOUR HEART

Starting December 2, 2020, World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don’t let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year’s theme of He Will Be Our Peace every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to [justice.crcna.org/advent](http://justice.crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES FROM TODAY

It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God’s story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Saviour. Subscribe at [todaydevotional.com/advent](http://todaydevotional.com/advent). It's free!

## DIVE INTO KIDS CORNER’S NEW WEBSITE

Kids Corner has a brand new look! And we’ve got loads of new faith-building resources to help your child discover their part in God’s big story. Begin each week with a KC devotion for kids, with Bible readings, reflections, and prayer. And you’ll meet fun new characters in the Casey’s Day comic strip. You’ll also receive a weekly encouragement just for parents. Be sure to watch the encouraging Kids in Action videos, and of course, join the fun with Liz and Friends. Don’t miss any of it! Subscribe to Kids Corner at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).

## SAFE CHURCH DECEMBER WEBINAR

Raising our Voices - This webinar will feature two courageous people who will raise their voices to share with us from their own experience of abuse, what it was like for them and how the church responded in ways that were helpful, and perhaps sometimes in ways that were unhelpful. What can we learn for the future? Learn more: [network.crcna.org/safe-church/raising-our-voices](http://network.crcna.org/safe-church/raising-our-voices)