HOW WE SERVE HERE

Nursery: Heather S and Ana M
AV: Christian & Andrea S
Coffee Clean-Up: Matt and Charmaine V
Greeters: Greg and Andrea S
Sunday School: Renee B
Offerings: Essex Food Bank
Lead Elder: Greg S
Preacher: Pastor Tim L

Our church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistance Listening Service. See a member of the Sound Team for Assistance.

Church Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

CONTACT

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Vice-Chair: Matt V
Clerk: Ben V clerk@essexcrc.ca
Deacon Chair: Linda M

First Time Here?

Thank you so much for coming!
Please, scan the QR Code below and allow us to get to know you better!

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Welcome to

ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

10 AM SERVICE | OCT 11, 2026

Welcome

We are delighted to have you with us today! Whether you are here in person or online, whether you are here for the first time or have been with us for years, you belong here! Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Keep **Pastor Darrell and Beth E** in prayer as Beth continues her treatment.
Keep **Eric B** in prayer as he will undergo surgery this week. Pray for a successful surgery.
Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure various health issues: **Gail L**, **Ben S**, **Niesje S**, **John V N**, **Ruth V, Wilma W**, and **Ashley W**, along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support: **Chris & Anne B.**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today - 10 AM - Sunday Service
Friday - 5:45 PM - Free Community Dinner

Happy Birthday to Ashley A (Oct 11), Charmaine V (Oct 11), Jacoba D (Oct 12), Gail L (Oct 13), Hank A (Oct 15), and Gerda B (Oct 16)

May God Bless You!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Today's offerings are for **The Essex Food Bank.** The Essex Food Bank is a primary provider of food assistance for residents in the town of Essex.

October 18 , 2026, offerings are for **Thrive/Disability Awareness.** Thrive is a unified Agency of the CRC helping local churches and leaders to flourish. Your gift this Sunday will help CRCs to create a church environment that is more conscious about people with disabilities, and where everyone belongs and everybody serves.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Deacons are collecting food donations to bring to the Essex Food Bank this Thanksgiving. Save the dates and bring what you can.

Today: Canned Soups & Vegetables
October 18: Noodles & Pasta Essentials
October 25: Cereal & Other Boxed Items.

Thank you for helping us share God's provision and care with our Community!

Free Community Dinner

Join us for our Free Community Dinners! Friday, October 16, at 5:45 pm. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help or bring a dessert to share, please sign up at the Church office or talk to Ana M.

RESOURCES

Kids Corner Devotions: Letter to God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Letter to God" at www.kidscorner.net. To help your prayer life, try using a prayer journal. It's like writing letters to God. You can tell him your thoughts, dreams, worries, and feelings. It's a way of talking to God and listening to what he might be saying. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Thankfulness is an important faith practice. Each day between now and Thanksgiving, notice the things in your life that you can give thanks for. Write those things on slips of paper and collect them in a jar or box to read during your Thanksgiving celebration. Visit crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude for other ways to respond with thankfulness for God's goodness, love, provision, and grace. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Thank You!

This Thanksgiving, we want to say thank you to our volunteers, leaders, and church family—thank you for your time, generosity, prayers, and willingness to serve. May this Thanksgiving remind us of how blessed we are to serve and journey together. Thank you for being part of our church family!

Save the Date: Christmas Dinner

Please save the date for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. More information to come! We will also be having a Dessert Auction to help support Emerson VandenBrink's upcoming mission trip to Guatemala.

ORDER OF SERVICE

LEAD ELDER: GREG S
PREACHER: PASTOR TIM L

The Gathering

Welcome

- "Come People Of The Risen King" — on screen
- Call to Worship
- God's Greeting
- Song of Praise: "Let All Things Now Living" — on screen
  "Holy Forever" — on screen

Announcements

Offerings and Prayers

Offering: Financial Ministry Plan - Budget Box
Essex Food Bank - Plate

The Prayers of God's People

- Song of Response: "This Is Amazing Grace" — on screen
  "10,000 Reasons" — LUYH 559

Children are dismissed for Sunday School.

The Proclamation

Scripture Reading: Jonah 2

Sermon: "Thanksgiving in the Midst of a Messy Life"

- Song of Response: "Give Thanks" — LUYH 358

The Sending

- Parting Blessing
- Doxology: "Praise And Thanksgiving" — LUYH 873
- Postlude

- *Indicates the congregation standing if able.*