

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S  
Apr 13 Greg S, Joseph D  
Apr 18 Heather H, Avery V  
Apr 20 Kerry W & Joseph D

### Lead Elder

Matt V  
Peter D  
Jamie B  
Pete K

### AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V  
Apr 13 Chris & Sterling S  
Apr 18 Chris & Sterling S  
Apr 20 Beverley & John vH

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Fred & Linda M  
Apr 13 Pete & Tammy K  
Apr 18 John & Beverley vH  
Apr 20 Jamie & Renee B

### Greeters

Peter & Jacoba D  
Ben S Sr.  
Fred & Linda M  
Pete & Tammy K

### Offerings

Today Ministry Shares  
Apr 13 World Renew  
Apr 18 Essex Food Bank Combined Service with Essex and Windsor  
Apr 20 Resonate Global Missions

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar  
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# 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 a member of the Sound team for assistance



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### Church Office Hours

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

### Contact Information

Church Office – Contact Information 519-776-5071 [office@essexcrc.ca](mailto:office@essexcrc.ca)

### Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Greg S  
Vice-Chair – Matt V  
Clerk – Ben V [clerk@essexcrc.ca](mailto:clerk@essexcrc.ca)  
Deacon Chair – Linda M

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

**Sunday April 6, 2025**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025**

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 those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Robin & Zackara B, Ezekiel D, Gail L, Ruth S, Winny S, Niesje S** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, Simon V** and **Johanna W**.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Congratulations to Wilma W (Sat). 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 & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm – Kub Car Races

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday April 13, 2025

9:00 am – Palm 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.

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

I will be out of the office for the next couple weeks. Bulletins and emails will continue to be sent out.

**CADETS VS GEMS KUB CAR RACES 2025**

Monday April 7 is our final evening of the year. Everyone is invited to join us at our Annual Car Races.

Come cheer on the kids as they race to win the Championship Trophy! It is going to be a happening place with snacks, drinks and especially all the fun! See you there at 6:30 pm

Weekly Offerings

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

Ministry Shares make it possible for any congregation, of any size, to access the support they need, whenever they need it, without having to worry about costs. They are one way that we, as the body of Christ, show our commitment to each other. They also extend our reach, by making it possible to do more ministry in more places all over the world, by doing it together. This Sunday is our opportunity to say thank you for being part of this covenant relationship.

April 13 offering is for World Renew. Compelled by a deep passion for justice and mercy, World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Council met on Wednesday evening and the following items were discussed:

- At our Council meeting we discussed the planning of our upcoming session of ALPHA, which will be held in the fall. If you have someone in mind who would like to know more about Jesus, we encourage you to pray so they may feel led by GOD to attend.
- Council is in the process of conducting preliminary interviews for 2 applicants for the "Community Outreach Coordinator". We ask for your prayers during this time, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your community Elder or any member of Council.

**REGISTER FOR AOYC 2025!**

Registration for the All Ontario Youth Convention is open! Planning is well underway and it's shaping up to be another awesome year of worship, activities, discussion, and community for youth and leaders. The convention will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, May 17-19. Early bird registration is only open for the month of March; regular rates apply in April, and in May late rates apply. Please email [registration@allontario.com](mailto:registration@allontario.com) with any questions. To catch all the updates, follow us on social media @allontario on Instagram, All Ontario Youth Convention on Facebook or check out our website: [www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com) Thank you for supporting the AOYC through prayers, donations, and volunteering!

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR SYNOD**

You're invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Echoing the Emmaus Road theme from Gather events, we hope to "Journey With Jesus" as we ask for God's guidance, with prayers written by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up at [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. The 40 days of prayer will begin on Sunday, May 4.

## HELP FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN MYANMAR

Magnitude 7.7 and 6.4 earthquakes rocked Myanmar on March 28, claiming the lives of at least 2,700 people, destroying homes and infrastructure, and displacing families. World Renew is working with our network peers to share Christ hope with displaced families and the most vulnerable people impacted by this disaster. Your gift will help us deliver much-needed essentials. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or visit: [www.worldrenew.ca/earthquake](http://www.worldrenew.ca/earthquake)

## YOUR GIFT WILL GO TWICE AS FAR

As we prepare to celebrate our Savior who is the Resurrection and the Life, let's go out with joy in our hearts to join God's mission! This Easter, you can help Christian Reformed church planters, missionaries, and campus ministers live out the good news by making a gift to Resonate while your gift will go twice as far! Find out how at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double)

## CADETS ALL ONTARIO CAMPOREE

Are you a parent of a Cadet? Registration has been open for boys in Cadets to sign up for the All Ontario Camporee since January, and we as counselors encourage you to consider sending your boys. For information or pictures from previous Camporees, visit <https://camporee.ontariocadets.ca/index.php> Requirements to attend: minimum age of 10 years old by Dec 31, 2025; completion of the required 4 badges (Camp cooking, Knots and Lashing, Fire building and Axemanship -- these must be done before the Camporee, not necessarily before registration); taking part in the Camporee Certification Course which is scheduled at the end of May. We as counselors have seen this activity to be a blessing not only to the boys but also to the counselors who attend. Thank you for taking the time to talk to your boys and considering this. *In His Service, All Ontario Host Committee*

## THE ANNUAL BANNER APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

The 2025 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: [www.TheBanner.org/Give](http://www.TheBanner.org/Give)

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Katherine Wolf, coauthor of Hope Heals, said, "Before Jesus worked all things together for good, he wept over all the things that were not good. He made himself vulnerable to every kind of hurt to guarantee that we would never be alone in our pain. He offered us solidarity within his sovereignty." What are you, or the people in other parts of the world, weeping about right now? What can we do to be reminded that Jesus weeps with us? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025  
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER MATT VANDENBRINK  
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

## THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "Beautiful One" *LUYH 607*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "I Lift My Eyes Up" *LUYH 652*  
"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine" *LUYH 363*

## Announcements

## OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
Ministry Shares – *plate*

## The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "He Will Hold Me Fast" *on screen*
- † Children's Song "Jesus Loves Me" *LUYH 709: 1*  
*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

## THE PROCLAMATION

### Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 62

Message A Life of Rest

- † Song of Response "My Soul Finds Rest" *LUYH 370*

## THE SENDING

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