

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Kerry W, Joseph D
Dec 22 Tammy K, Chris S
Dec 25 Greg S, Joseph D
Dec 29 Heather H, Avery V

Lead Elder

Jamie B
Peter K

AV

Today Chris S, Sterling S
Dec 22 Chris S, Sterling S
Dec 25 John & Beverley vH
Dec 29 John & Beverley vH

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today Greg & Andrea S
Dec 22 Joanne W, Rita O
Dec 25 John & Beverley vH
Dec 29 Wayne & Electa B

Greeters

John & Beverley vH
Fred & Linda M
Peter & Tammy K
Joanne W, Rita O

Offerings

Today Essex Food Bank
Dec 22 Thrive
Dec 25 World Renew
Dec 29 ReFrame Ministries

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
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Pastor Darrell Edgar – 10:00 am
Mr. Ben Schinkel Sr. – 10:00 am



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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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

Essex CRC Council Executive

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

Sunday December 15, 2024
Morning Worship 9:00 am

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2024

Weekly Offerings

Welcome to everyone either here in-person to our worship service this morning. 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 B, Zackara B, Anne B, Gail L, Ruth S, Winny S, Niesje S** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris B, Simon V and Johanna W.**

What is Happening This Week

9:00 am – Third Sunday of Advent Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Essex Ministerial Advent Luncheon – Wednesday at 12:00

Our mid-week Advent services will be at the St. Stephen Anglican Church, Carol Jackson will be leading this half hour service followed by a lunch.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday December 22, 2024

9:00 am – Fourth Sunday of Advent Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar.

UP COMING SERVICE

Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am with Pastor Darrell Edgar

NOTE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday services with Pastor Darrell Edger will always be at 9 AM. When we have a classical appointment or other preachers who may be traveling a distance our worship services will be at 10 AM.

THE MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is ready to be adorned with some much needed winter weather accessories. Congregation, we would love to see the tree full of mittens, scarves and hats again this year. You can drop off your donations on Sunday mornings or during the church office hours. *This is our last Sunday for donations before the Deacons bring the items to the Essex Food Bank.*

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND ESSEX FOOD BANK**

December 22 offering is for Thrive! Thrive equips churches and ministry leaders with encouragement, connections and tools they need to flourish. Through listening to church members and ministry leaders can identify needs within your local congregation. Pastors and seasoned ministry leaders are eager to develop tools or will serve as resources for the wellbeing of your congregation.

December 25 offering is for World Renew. World Renew focuses on serving all around the world as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the CRCNA.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Soon we celebrate the gift of Jesus, who left his heavenly home to offer us the hope of eternal life with Him. Your gift for World Renew this season gives hope to people who live with poverty, disaster, and injustice worldwide. Put families in need on your Christmas list this year by giving generously in the World Renew offering. Travelling over the holidays? You can give at www.worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769.

THERE IS A NEED!

Ambassador is involved in helping a residential treatment home for women in Windsor called House of Hope, they are opening a second home in our area. They are doing some wonderful work with these ladies' recovery from a Christian foundation.

They are in need of 3 single mattresses for their residents. Ambassador has helped with that and outfitting their kitchen. Food as well.

Would anyone in the Congregation have a single mattress that they would like to donate. We can arrange pick up.

YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT

The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Stephen Terpstra from First CRC Iowa will be leading us in a series of discussions on engaging in the church community. The retreat will take place from January 24-26, 2025, with the theme Engage. Early bird registration is \$60. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram ([yawinterretreat](https://www.instagram.com/yawinterretreat)), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com

INTRODUCING THE POSTMA POST!

Stay connected with Al Postma, Executive Director of the CRCNA in Canada, as he shares updates, reflections, and key highlights about the incredible work God is doing in our communities. Through this new email, you'll receive updates like highlights from the Canadian Board meetings and insights into our strategic goals—delivered right to your inbox. Sign up today: www.crcna.org/canada/postma-post

KIDS CORNER: ADVENT WEEK 3: THE BABY

Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net In Luke 2:11-14, the long-awaited Messiah has come. The prophecy from the prophet Isaiah has happened. On that blessed night, the hope God promised so many years ago was born into the world. He came as a baby - not just any baby - he was the Son of God. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Journey of the Wise Men.

GROUNDWORK: JESUS: OUR EVERLASTING FATHER

Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah when he called him the "Everlasting Father." Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 63:15-16, John 14:6-14, 1 John 1:1-4, and 1 John 3:1-3 to better understand how this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This coming week marks the winter solstice—the "longest night" of the year. For many, the Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time. How might God be calling you to minister to people who struggle? How might you remind them that the dark of night will gradually give way to the light of day? Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM
LEAD ELDER JAMIE BOMBARDIER
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "Christ Be Magnified" *on screen*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" *LUYH 581*
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *LUYH 80*
- Advent Candle
- Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
Essex Food Bank – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" *on screen*
- † Children's Song "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" *on screen*
Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading Luke 12: 22 – 32
- Message Living with Open Hands
- † Song of Response "Hark the Glad Sound" *LUYH 60*

THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Glory Be to the Father" *LUYH 959*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*