

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S
Dec 25 Greg S, Joseph D
Dec 29 Heather H, Avery V
Jan 5 Kerry W, Joseph D

Lead Elder

Peter K
Peter D
Jamie B

AV

Today Chris S, Sterling S
Dec 25 John & Beverley vH
Dec 29 John & Beverley vH
Jan 5 Tim K, Emerson V

Sunday School

Renee B
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Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today Joanne W, Rita O
Dec 25 John & Beverley vH
Dec 29 Wayne & Electa B
Jan 5 John & Margaret vN

Greeters

Fred & Linda M
Peter & Tammy K
Joanne W, Rita O
Greg & Andrea S

Offerings

Today Thrive
Dec 25 World Renew
Dec 29 ReFrame Ministries
Jan 5 Therefore Go Ministries

Preacher

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



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

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



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
www.essexcrc.ca

Sunday December 22, 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 22, 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, 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 Joanne W (Wed) and Epeüs D (Thurs). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

Christmas Day Service – Wednesday at 10:00 am

Christmas Day Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar

Next Sunday December 29, 2024

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Mr. Ben Schinkel Sr.

NOTE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday services with Pastor Darrell Edgar 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

Thank you so much for all those who donated to the Mitten Tree. Again we were amazed at how full our tree was this year with mittens, socks, scarves. All the items have been brought to the Essex Food Bank for donation during the Christmas season.

THANK YOU,

Chris & Anne B have moved

Chris & Anne tell me they will miss us here at Essex CRC. They made some great friendships over the many years.

They want to thank everyone for the frequent phone calls and visits and especially they would like to thank Fred & Linda for their visits and delicious meals.

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

December 29 offering is for ReFrame Ministries. Everyday, your global media ministry partners at the CRC's media ministry, ReFrame Ministries, send out thousands of biblical messages, videos and podcasts in 10 different languages.

ATTENTION CONGREGATION – 2024 DONATIONS

Please note the final time to donate monies for 2024 will be Sunday December 29, 2024. After that date monies donated will be posted to 2025. We thank you for your dedication trying to meet the Financial Ministry Plan of Essex CRC for 2024. *Treasurer & Counting Committee*

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN!

As we exchange gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's great gift to us. Will you add someone in need to your Christmas giving today? Your financial gift to World Renew helps people around the world who live in poverty improve their lives and find a home for their heart in Jesus. Please give generously in today's offering for World Renew, go to www.worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769.

JOURNEY WITH WORLD RENEW IN 2025!

World Renew offers global engagement journeys to educate and equip Canadians about the story of poverty. Plan to join us in the new year to experience World Renew firsthand. Opportunities include Discovery Tours to Honduras, Uganda, and Cambodia, as well as the Guatemala Christian Leaders Tour and Nicaragua Young Adults Trip. Visit www.worldrenew.ca/volunteer for trip dates and register today!

KIDS CORNER: ADVENT WEEK 4: THE BLESSING

Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net We cannot repay God for his love. What we can do is give his love to others and bless those around us the same way God blesses us. Christ is the ultimate blessing, and when we receive him, it's not something we keep to ourselves. As God's children, he wants us to share the good news of Jesus's birth, death, and resurrection with others. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of the Shepherds.

GROUNDWORK: JESUS: OUR PRINCE OF PEACE

As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 137, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 53:4-12, Ephesians 2:14-19, and Luke 2:1-21 to discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

YEAR END SUPPORT FOR THE BANNER!

Help The Banner reach its annual goal of raising \$500,000 by giving before December 31. Your gift will enable The Banner to continue reaching North Americans with inspiring and insightful Christian content for another full year. Please donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A STUDY

Join one of our Global Coffee Break Online Zoom Studies. Here is your opportunity to participate in a CRCNA resource led by their team. Space is limited. Men, women and young adults welcome. Go to Globalcoffeebreak.org/events for more information and to register!

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - For you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is finished"; for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you, though you do not know it yet. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first." – Adapted from the French Reformed Church liturgy During this week of Christmas, tell the familiar story of the birth of our Savior with the hope of hearing it in new and beautiful ways, remembering Christ's incarnation and birth for YOU. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2024 MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETER KUIPERS
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "King of Kings" *on screen*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "We Will Glorify" *on screen*
"Christmas Offering" *on screen*

Advent Candle Reading
Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
Thrive – *plate*
- The Prayers of the People
- † Song of Response "Come As You Are" *on screen*
- † Children's Song "Silent Night Holy Night" *LUYH 85*
Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading Isaiah 9: 2 – 7
- Message Beyond Expectations
- † Song of Response "How Great Is Our God" *LUYH 574*

THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "O Come Let Us Adore Him" *on screen*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*