

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Heather H, Avery V  
Jan 5 Kerry W, Joseph D  
Jan 12 Tammy K, Chris S

### Lead Elder

Jamie B  
Pete K

### AV

Today John & Beverley vH  
Jan 5 Tim K, Emerson V  
Jan 12 Tim K, Emerson V

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
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### Coffee Clean Up

Today Wayne & Electa B  
Jan 5 John & Margaret vN  
Jan 12 Pete & Tammy K

### Greeters

Joanne W, Rita O  
Greg & Andrea S  
Wayne & Electa B

### Offerings

Today ReFrame Ministries  
Jan 5 Therefore Go Ministries  
Jan 12 ReFrame Ministries

### Preacher

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



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

**Sunday December 29, 2024**  
**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 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 Jacky B (today), John B (Tues). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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

Next Sunday January 5, 2025

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person and 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 appointment or other preachers who may be traveling a distance our worship services will be at 10 AM.

#### THANKS TO ALL!

Thanks to all who work so hard during this past year in all of our volunteer positions. We need you Praise Team, Greeters, Coffee Clean Up, Nursery, AV teams, Cadet & GEMS leaders, Sunday School teachers & Helpers, Reach IN, Reach UP, Reach OUT, Board of Administration, Council Members and those who quietly work behind the scenes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you're grateful for, one thing you're sad about, and one way you've seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

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

January 5, 2025 offering is for Therefore Go Ministries. ThereforeGo Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their ministry to youth and emerging adults. We strongly believe that the local church is the tool God created to use to reveal himself to the world. We know that taking the call of ministering to today's youth is not for the faint of heart. Therefore, we are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping, and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ! [www.ThereforeGo.com](http://www.ThereforeGo.com)

#### 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*

#### GIVING THANKS AT CHRISTMAS

Thank you for sharing God's love with people in need through the World Renew offering this season. Your gift is providing help and hope for families who are facing poverty, disaster, and injustice today. Thank you for sharing the Good News at Christmas! As we enter a New Year, join us in continuing to help share the love of Christ with those living with poverty, disaster, and injustice. Learn more at [www.worldrenew.ca](http://www.worldrenew.ca)

#### 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](http://www.worldrenew.ca/volunteer) for trip dates and register today!

## KIDS CORNER: HOME IS A BLESSING

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.

## GROUNDWORK: YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT SCRIPTURE AND HOPE

Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## SUPPORT THE LIGHTHOUSE IN 2024

There is still time to support The Lighthouse in 2024. It is still easy to give despite the mail strike. You can go to The Lighthouse's website [www.lighthousecentre.ca](http://www.lighthousecentre.ca) and click on the donate button. You can also send an e-transfer to [info@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:info@lighthousecentre.ca) or call The Lighthouse at 416-535-6262 to make a donation with your credit card. If you would like a copy of our recent newsletter, send an email to Nicolette at [nicolette@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:nicolette@lighthousecentre.ca) The Lighthouse thanks you for your continued support.

## 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 [www.TheBanner.org/Give](http://www.TheBanner.org/Give)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Diaconal Ministries Canada has been supporting Canadian deacons for over 20 years. CRC deacons are on the frontlines of ministry and our resources and workshops help them bring lasting transformation to their churches and communities. We couldn't do any of our work without the financial and prayerful support of churches and individual donors. So thank you! May God bless you richly in this coming year as you bring his light and love to those around you!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2024  
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER MR. BEN SCHINKEL SR.  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

## THE GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship Isaiah 40: 31

† Gathering Hymn “We Come to Thank You God, By Singing”  
*PsH 439*

† Prayer of Invocation

† Opening Hymn “Hours and Day and Years and Ages” *LUYH 401*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Litany on Psalm 90

Song “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LUYH 405: 1, 2, 3*

Responsive Reading

Song “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LUYH 405: 4, 5*

Responsive Reading

Song “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LUYH 405: 6*

## OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Announcements

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*

Reframe Ministries – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

† Children's Song “Beautiful Saviour” *LUYH 17*

*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

## THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5: 8 – 21 *Christian Schinkel*

Message The Time of Our Lives

† Song of Response “Take Time to Be Holy” *BPsH 451*

## THE SENDING

† Parting Blessing

† Doxology “Another Year Is Dawning” *BPsH 475*

† Postlude

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*