

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S
Jan 4 Greg S, Joseph D
Jan 11 Heather S, Avery V

AV

Today John & Beverley vH
Jan 4 Tim K, Emerson V
Jan 11 Tim K, Emerson V

Coffee Clean Up

Today Ben V
Jan 4 Matt & Charmaine V
Jan 11 Greg & Andrea S

Greeters

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

Offerings

Today World Renew
Jan 4 Therefore Go Ministries
Jan 11 ReFrame Ministries

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
Pastor Darrell Edgar
Pastor Phil Apoll

 Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See a member of the Sound team for assistance



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EssexCRC Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Church Office Hours

Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Contact Information

Church Office – Contact Information 519-776-5071, office@essexcrc.ca
Ana M – Contact Information contact@essexcrc.ca

Essex CRC Council Executive

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

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

Lead Elder

Jamie B
Greg S
Pete K

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Renee B



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
www.essexcrc.ca

Sunday December 28, 2025
Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 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, Gail L, Ben & Winny S, Niesje S, Wilma W, Ashley W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, Bill B, Johanna W and Maartje W.**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Jacky B –Mon and John B – Wed. 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.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday January 4, 2025

9:00 am – 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.

UP COMING SERVICES

Sunday January 11, 2026 – Classical appointment with Pastor Phil Apoll from Mount Brydges, ON. This service will begin at 10:00 am

COMMUNITY DINNER – FRIDAY JANUARY 16, 2026

Essex CRC is hosting a free Community Dinner open for the Community on Friday January 16 @ 5:45 pm

Everyone is welcome to come, have a meal and connect with each other.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have had such wonderful success with our Community Dinners but we need your help. The plan is to have our Community dinners twice a month. We will be asking for helpers to sign up to help for each dinner. Sign-up sheets will be in the church office.

You can sign up for set up or cleanup – Whatever works in your schedule. For more details, see Ana M or Beverley vH

Weekly Offerings

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

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

January 4, 2026 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

ATTENTION CONGREGATION – 2025 DONATIONS

Donations received by the following dates will be included as charitable contributions for 2025:

Budget Box and Plate - Sunday December 28, 2025

Bridge APP donations - Sunday December 28, 2025

E-transfers - Wednesday December 31, 2025

Donations made after the above dates will be attributed to the 2026 fiscal year.

SOUPER SUNDAY – JANUARY 25, 2026

GET OUT THOSE 2026 CALENDARS!

After Church on Sunday January 25, 2026 you are invited to the home of your Elder from your Community group for Lunch and Fellowship...follow the bulletin for more details in the New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM DIACONAL MINISTRIES!

As this year draws to a close, we pause with deep gratitude for the ways churches and individuals have supported Diaconal Ministries Canada. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement have been a steady sign of God's presence at work through His people. Our work with deacons and churches across Canada is deliberate, relational, and Spirit-led—and it is only possible through faithful partners like you. You can read more about our work and the impact it's having on our website: <https://diaconalministries.com> We also invite you to give a year-end donation - through your church or via our website. Together, may we enter the new year with expectation, believing that what we already have is enough for God to do immeasurably more. Merry Christmas from all of us at Diaconal Ministries Canada!

JOURNEY WITH US IN 2026

Planning your 2026 travel? Looking for a trip with a purpose? Journey with us to see the transformative work of World Renew, while experiencing God in another country and growing in your faith. Consider Guatemala, Tanzania, Cambodia, or Nicaragua! To learn more, please visit: <https://worldnew.ca/travel>

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Thank you for sharing God's love with people experiencing need in the World Renew offering this season. Your gift is providing help and hope for families who are facing poverty, disaster, and crisis today. Do you want to give to show love to our global neighbours as we enter the New Year? You can go to www.worldnew.ca/gifts Thank you for renewing hope with us!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: NEW YEAR. NEW YOU

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at www.kidscorner.net Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

GROUNDWORK: REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

On Epiphany, we recall the moment when the star appeared and guided the Magi to Jesus. This event signifies the extension of God's family to include Gentiles. Study Titus 2:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 with Groundwork to discover what to expect when we encounter the transformational light of Christ and how that light affects our discipleship as members of his family. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER JAMIE BOMBARDIER
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

† Gathering Song	"Angels (Glory to God)	<i>on screen</i>
† Welcome		
† Call to Worship		
† God's Greeting		
† Song of Praise	"King of Kings"	<i>on screen</i>
Announcements		

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering	Financial Ministry Plan – <i>Budget Box</i>
	World Renew – <i>plate</i>

The Prayers of the People

† Song of Response	"What a Beautiful Name"	<i>on screen</i>
	<i>Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School</i>	

THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Luke 2: 41 – 52
Message	When Christmas is Over
† Song of Response	"Make Way"

THE SENDING

† Parting Blessing		
† Doxology	"For All That You've Done"	<i>on screen</i>
† Postlude		
†	<i>Indicates Congregation standing if able</i>	