

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Rosanne V, Greg S, Chris K, Devon M  
Dec 11 Kerry W, Tina S, Joseph D, Avery V  
Dec 18 Ella S, Marjan D, Chris K, Devon M  
Dec 25 Kerry W, Rosanne V, Lillian K

### AV

Today Chris & Sterling S  
Dec 11 Tim K & Emerson V  
Dec 18 Tim K & Emerson V  
Dec 25 Beverley & John vH

### Sunday School

Renee B  
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### Coffee Clean Up

Today Reach Up Committee  
Dec 11 Peter & Jacoba D  
Dec 18 Fred & Linda M  
Dec 25 John & Beverley vH

### Greeters

Greg & Andrea S  
Pete & Tammy K  
Matt & Charmaine V  
Jamie & Renee B

### Offerings

Today Calvin University  
Dec 11 Maranatha Christian Academy  
Dec 18 Essex Food Bank  
Dec 25 Essex Food Bank

### Preacher

Pastor Steve Vandyk  
Mr. Matt VandenBrink  
Pastor Steve Vandyk  
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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](https://www.facebook.com/EssexCRC) Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

### Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Wednesday – Day off  
Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 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

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



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REFORMED CHURCH

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**Sunday December 4, 2022**  
**Morning Worship 10:00 am**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022**

Weekly Offerings

Welcome to everyone either here in-person or online to our worship service this morning. Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee and lunch with us in the fellowship hall.

Our Church Family

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Jack D, Carl J, Gail L, Anna R, Gerry S, Winny S, Johanna W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Nick K Sr, Anna P, and Simon & Doris V.**

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Congratulations to Candice W (Tues), Beverley vH (Thurs) and Daniella G (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Second Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/Essex CRC. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

11:30 am – Potluck Luncheon

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Crossroads – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Time of Prayer – Saturday at 8:45 am

Bake Sale & Luncheon – Saturday at 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Next Sunday December 11, 2022

10:00 am – Third Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON! TODAY!**

Join us for a **Potluck Lunch** following the service today. We look forward to seeing all of you!

**ANNUAL BAKE SALE & SOUP LUNCHEON & CHILI EVENT**

Plan to attend our Annual Bake Sale & Soup Luncheon Event on Saturday December 10, from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

We are so excited to be able to host a sit down soup and chili luncheon. There will also be take-out option as well. We are excited for all profits from the Bake Sale and Luncheon will be donated in support of Ella S. If possible, please bring your packaged baked goods on Friday December 9 to the church from 4-6pm. For more information, see Rita or Beverley

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

Calvin University equips students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Our goal is to equip students to be agents of renewal, ready to step into the public square and renew all things for the glory of Christ. We believe that every student has something to offer the world; every student has something that God is calling him or her to do.

December 11 offering is for Maranatha Christian Academy. MCA is located in Windsor, ON. They provide an ideal environment for Godly growth of the mind, heart and soul of students in Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 12.

**GOD'S LOVE AT CHRISTMAS**

Share the warmth of God's love with a person living in poverty through your donation for World Renew's Gift Catalog this Christmas. Give a life-changing gift to a family that is facing hardship and hunger in the year ahead. Donate today at [www.worldrenew.net/gifts](http://www.worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972.

**THE MITTEN TREE IS BACK**

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 morning or during church office hours.

**MCA ONLINE AUCTION**

Maranatha Christian Academy is running its first online auction! Please check it out and consider bidding. There are many great gift ideas plus this is a way of supporting Christian education in Windsor-Essex, keeping MCA strong for the students who are here now and helping to ensure quality Christian education is an option for the generations to come. Our goal is to raise up students who will learn, lead and impact the world for Christ. The auction runs November 28 to December 8. Just go to [www.maranathachristian.ca](http://www.maranathachristian.ca) to find the auction information.

**BECOME A LEAD COOK WITH WORLD RENEW DRS!**

Do you enjoy caring for others by cooking for them? Consider a ministry opportunity by becoming a Lead Cook DRS volunteer! While volunteers are working hard on reconstruction sites, there are others working hard in the kitchen, cooking to nourish bodies which are rebuilding hope for disaster survivors! If interested, email Diana at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) with questions.

## ADVENT: GOD BRINGS PEACE

Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Look for ways you can be a peacemaker this Advent season. If you have any friends or family members who haven't trusted Jesus, tell them about how he came to earth to bring peace between us and God. You can also find ways to make things easier, less worrisome, or less lonely for people in need. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

## GROUNDWORK: ZECHARIAH, ELIZABETH, AND JOHN THE BAPTIST: PREPARING THE WAY FOR JESUS

Just like we prepare for Christmas, God prepared the world for salvation. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 to witness how Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son, John the Baptist, prepare the way for Jesus' birth and allow their message to prepare our hearts again for Jesus' second coming. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## COMMUNITY-FLOURISHING ONLINE COHORT

Is your congregation interested in helping your neighbourhood and community thrive? A new online cohort is starting January 2023! "Community-Flourishing: Becoming a Strengths-based, Community-driven Congregation" hopes to meet the third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM Eastern (6:30 CT, 5:30 MT, 4:30 PT, 8:30 AT). Diaconal Ministries Canada and World Renew are teaming up to inspire and mobilize your congregation to love, listen to, and engage with your neighbours, neighbourhoods, and local organizations as you seek to cultivate a place of flourishing. Find out more by contacting Rachel Vroege, Regional Ministry Developer for Diaconal Ministries, at [rvroege@crcna.org](mailto:rvroege@crcna.org) or visit [www.crcna.org/thrive/thriving-practices](http://www.crcna.org/thrive/thriving-practices)

## CANADIAN NATIONAL GATHERING 2023

Every three years, representatives of Christian Reformed churches and classes across Canada gather to discuss, pray, listen, and plan next steps for ministry at a congregational, regional, and national level. The next Canadian National Gathering will be held May 25-28, 2023 in Ottawa, Ontario, on the campus of Algonquin College and will focus on Indigenous justice and reconciliation. Representatives from every classis across Canada are invited to participate. If you are interested in attending to represent your area, please talk to someone who is attending the next meeting of your classis. For information, go to [www.crcna.org/canadian-national-gathering](http://www.crcna.org/canadian-national-gathering)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022 MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK  
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

### THE GATHERING

- Prelude
- Welcome & Opening
- Call to Worship
- Advent Candle
- † Gathering Song “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LUYH* 61: 1, 2
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” *on screen*  
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LUYH* 521

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering      Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*  
                         Calvin University – *bag*

### THE PROCLAMATION

- Children's Song “Stay Awake, Be Ready” *on screen*  
*Children are invited to come forward during the children's song*
- Children's Moment
- The Prayers of God's People
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading    Isaiah 40: 3 – 5; John 20: 26 – 28
- Message                Prepare
- † Song of Response    “At the Name of Jesus” *LUYH* 220: 1, 3, 5, 6

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE SENDING

- † Benediction
- † Doxology             “He Is Lord” *LUYH* 227
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*