

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Kerry W, Joseph D  
Feb 22 Tammy K, Chris S  
Mar 01 Greg S, Joseph D  
Mar 08 Heather S, Avery V

### Lead Elder

Jamie B  
Pete K  
Ben S Sr  
Matt V

### AV

Today John & Beverley vH  
Feb 22 John & Beverley vH  
Mar 01 Chris S, Sterling S  
Mar 08 Chris S, Sterling S

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Cadets Sunday  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Fred & Linda M  
Feb 22 Jamie & Renee B  
Mar 01 Peter & Jacoba D  
Mar 08 Ben V

### Greeters

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

### Offerings

Today World Renew & Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
Feb 22 Cadets  
Mar 01 Benevolence  
Mar 08 Mortgage Reduction

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar  
Pastor Darrell Edgar  
Ben Schinkel Sr  
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

Tuesday 09:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Thursday 09:30 am – 12:30 pm

### Contact Information

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Ana M – Contact Information [contact@essexcrc.ca](mailto:contact@essexcrc.ca)

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



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**Sunday February 15, 2026**

**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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 **Ruth V** in prayer as she recovers from an emergency surgery.

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, John N, Michelle W, and Stella W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, and Maartje W.**

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Congratulations to Linda M (Feb 18). May the Lord bless you!

**What is Happening This Week**

09:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar and we celebrate 76 years of God's Faithful work here in Essex.

NO GEMS & Cadets – Family Day

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Community Dinner – Friday at 5:45 pm

Next Sunday February 22, 2026

09:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar and Cadets Families for a special Service.

**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.

**Weekly Offerings**

Today's offerings are for **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **WORLD RENEW AND CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK.**

**World Renew:** Focuses on serving all around the world as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank:** It is a partnership of 15 Canadian Churches and Church Based Agencies working together to end global hunger.

February 22, 2026 offering is for Cadets.

**Cadets:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.

**Announcements**

**NEW "TODAY" DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS ARRIVED!**

The Devotional "Today" Booklets arrived for the months of March/April. If you want a copy, please grab one at the table by the door.

**COMMUNITY DINNER – FEB 20, 2026**

Essex CRC is hosting a free Community Dinner open for the Community on Friday February 20 @ 5:45 pm

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

**LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES – FEB 25, 2026**

Essex Ministerial is hosting a series of Lenten Ecumenical Services. Every Wednesday starting on February 18 at 12 pm. Cottam United Church will host on Feb 18 and Essex CRC will host on February 25. Everyone is welcome!

**BEN & WINNY S FAREWELL SERVICE – MAR 1, 2026**

After many years of commitment and faithful service, Winny and Ben S Sr will move to a next chapter in their lives. And you are our special guest to join us as we honor and farewell them. Ben Schinkel Sr will lead the Service on March 1 at 10 am. And light refreshments will be served downstairs.

**CATECHISM CLASSES**

Catechism Classes will happen biweekly on Wednesdays, starting this Wednesday, February 18, 7 pm at Ambassador Church with Pastor Darrell Edgar. Everyone is welcome to join! For a complete calendar, car pool, and further information, please contact the Church Office.

## Resources

### KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: SHALOM: THE PEACE OF GOD.

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Shalom: The Peace of God" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Discover how you can feel calm and brave even when life feels stormy, just like when Jesus brought peace in the middle of crashing waves. Learn how God's special kind of peace fits everything together like a perfect puzzle and fills your heart with joy and purpose! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

### GROUNDWORK: WHEN FORGIVENESS IS COMPLICATED.

How do I forgive myself? What if someone died before I could offer them forgiveness? Can I even forgive someone who is not sorry? Join groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Micah 7:18-19, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Peter 2:21-23, Psalm 62:5-8, and Philippians 4:6-7 to see how Scripture helps us address the hard questions that arrive when life situations make forgiveness complicated. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP

This week we begin the Season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. As we enter this season of spiritual reflection, preparation, and renewal, take time to consider how the pursuit of Justice in your daily life can reflect the justice-centered journey of Christ – which led ultimately to the cross. Write down five ways in which you intend to approach the Lenten Season this year in alignment with Christ's call to Justice, Mercy, and Love. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER: JAMIE B  
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

### THE GATHERING

- † Welcome
- † Gathering Song "Here I Am To Worship" LUYH 567
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Christ Is Mine Forevermore" on the screen  
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" on the screen

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
World Renew & Canadian Foodgrains Bank – *plate*

### The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "I Am Not My Own" on the screen  
*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12a  
Message The Beatitudes

- † Song of Response "Seek Ye First" LUYH 899
- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "The Lord Is My Salvation" on the screen
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*