

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Greg SI, Joseph D  
Feb 08 Heather SI, Avery V  
Feb 15 Kerry W, Joseph D  
Feb 22 Tammy Ks, Chris S

### AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V  
Feb 08 Tim K, Emerson V  
Feb 15 Chris S, Sterling S  
Feb 22 Chris S, Sterling S

### Coffee Clean Up

Today John & Beverley vH  
Feb 08 Pete & Tammy K  
Feb 15 Fred & Linda M  
Feb 22 Jamie & Renee B

### Offerings

Today GEMS  
Feb 08 Ministry Shares  
Feb 15 World Renew & Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
Feb 22 Cadets

### Lead Elder

GEMS Sunday  
Peter D  
Jamie B  
Greg S

### Sunday School

GEMS Sunday  
Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Greeters

GEMS Sunday  
Fred & Linda M  
Peter & Jacoba D  
Joanne W, Rita O

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar  
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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



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### Church Office Hours

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

### Contact Information

Church Office – Contact Information 519-776-5071, [office@essexcrc.ca](mailto:office@essexcrc.ca)  
Ana Mello – 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.



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**519-776-5071**  
**[www.essexcrc.ca](http://www.essexcrc.ca)**

**Sunday February 01, 2026**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 01, 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 **Stella W** in prayer as she waits for a 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, Michelle W, and John N** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, and Maartje W.**

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Ben S Jr (Feb 3) and Rita O (Feb 4). 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 the families from GEMS for a special GEMS Sunday Service.

GEMS and Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Council Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Community Dinner – Friday at 5:45 pm

Next Sunday February 8, 2026

09:00 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.

### Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **GEMS**.

Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour (GEMS) aims to see Girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others – girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith.

February 8, 2026 offering is for Ministry Shares. This offering funds programs that enable churches to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, use media to spread the gospel, and much more.

### Announcements

### COMMUNITY DINNER – FRIDAY FEB 6 AND FEB 20, 2026

Essex CRC is hosting a free Community Dinner open for the Community on Friday February 6 and February 20 @ 5:45 pm

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

### LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

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

### BEN AND WINNY S FAREWELL SERVICE

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 on February 18, 7 pm at Ambassador Church with Pastor Darrell Edgar. Everyone is welcome to join! For a complete calendar and further information, please contact the Church Office.

## Resources

### KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: PATIENCE: GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU.

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Patience: God is at Work in You" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Feeling impatient when things don't go your way? Remember, just like Paul in the Bible, God can help you be patient and trust His perfect timing! Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.

### GROUNDWORK: THE BIBLICAL MEANING OF FORGIVENESS.

Telling someone to forgive is easy. Actually offering forgiveness can be a lot more difficult. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 34:4-9, Matthew 6:12-15, Psalm 51:1-9, Hebrews 4:14-16, Colossians 1:9-14, and I John 1:5-10 to discuss the biblical concept of forgiveness by beginning with God's forgiveness and what it teaches us about God's character. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP

As we begin Black History Month, let's take time to explore and reflect on the church's role in Black History. One way to do this is to commit to learning from voices that have shaped both the Black Experience and the broader Christian tradition. For example, choose two Black theologians – one historical and one contemporary – and study how their theological insights have influenced not only Black History but also the life and witness of the institutional church. If you have young children, consider reading one of these picture books together: God's Very Good Idea by Trillia Newbell or Let It Shine by Ashley Bryan. Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

SUNDAY JANUARY 01, 2026  
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

GEMS SUNDAY  
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

### THE GATHERING

- † Welcome
- † Gathering Song      "What An Awesome God"      on the screen
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Good, Good Father"      on the screen
- "Goodness of God"      on the screen

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering      Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
                    GEMS – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "He Reigns"      on the screen
- † GEMS Litany
- † Song of Response "Always"      on the screen

*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading      Romans 12:1-2  
Message      Transformed

- † Song of Response "Who You Say I Am"      on the screen
- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "We Receive Your Blessing"      LUYH 947
- † Postlude

*† Indicates Congregation standing if able*