

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Heather S, Avery V
Feb 15 Kerry W, Joseph D
Feb 22 Tammy K, Chris S
Mar 01 Greg S, Joseph D

Lead Elder

Peter D
Jamie B
Pete K
Ben S

AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V
Feb 15 Chris S, Sterling S
Feb 22 Chris S, Sterling S
Mar 01 John & Beverley vH

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Cadets Sunday
Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today Pete & Tammy K
Feb 15 Fred & Linda M
Feb 22 Jamie & Renee B
Mar 01 Peter & Jacoba D

Greeters

Fred & Linda M
Peter & Jacoba D
Joanne W, Rita O
Greg & Andrea S

Offerings

Today Ministry Shares
Feb 15 World Renew & Canadian Foodgrains Bank
Feb 22 Cadets
Mar 01 Benevolence

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
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Pastor Darrell Edgar
Ben S



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 Follow us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 09:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday 09:30 am – 12:30 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
Deacon Chair – Linda M

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



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REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday February 08, 2026

Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 08, 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 and is still at the hospital.

Keep **John Nin** in prayer as he was at the hospital this week with additional health concerns.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Harvey vH (Feb 11), Hayley vH (Feb 11), and Emerson V (Feb 12). 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.

TODAY – Souper Sunday after Service.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday February 15, 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 **MINISTRY SHARES**.

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.

February 15, 2026 offering is for 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.

Announcements

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. 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 – FEB 25, 2026

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 & WINNY SCHINKEL FAREWELL SERVICE – MAR 1, 2026

After many years of commitment and faithful service, Winny and Ben Schinkel 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, car pool, and further information, please contact the Church Office.

Resources

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: KINDNESS: PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice" at www.kidscorner.net Kindness is something you can get better at by practicing a little every day, just like a sport or a talent. Even small choices – like sharing, helping, or speaking gently – can make a big difference and inspire others to be kind too. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.

GROUNDWORK: WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE AND WHY IT MATTERS.

We're human in a sin-filled world; brokenness and grievances will happen. God Calls us to forgive. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:32-32, Colossians 3:12-13, Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 12:17-21, and Psalm 13:1-2 to learn how our ability to forgive others grows out of God's forgiveness, what forgiveness looks like in everyday life, and what to do when it's not easy. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP

As you prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day this week, spend some time learning about Saint Valentine and his ministry to persecuted Christians. Explore why Valentine's Day was first celebrated, and spend time as a family, with your friends, or on your own, praying for persecuted Christians around the world. If you know missionaries serving in areas where Christians are persecuted, consider making and sending cards to encourage them in their ministry. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 08, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER: PETER D
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Welcome
- † Gathering Song "Come Now Is The Time To Worship" LUYH 526
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Build My Life " on the screen
"Blessed Be Your Name" LUYH 343

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

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

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" LUYH 693

Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-23
Message Closer Than You Think

- † Song of Response "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)" on the screen
- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*