

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Kerry W, Joseph D
Jan 12 Tammy K, Chris S
Jan 19 Greg S, Joseph D

Lead Elder

Jamie B
Pete K
Greg S

AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V
Jan 12 Tim K, Emerson V
Jan 19 Chris S, Sterling S

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today John & Margaret vN
Jan 12 Pete & Tammy K
Jan 19 Fred & Linda M

Greeters

Greg & Andrea S
Wayne & Electa B
Matt & Charmaine V

Offerings

Today Therefore Go Ministries
Jan 12 ReFrame Ministries
Jan 19 Edvance

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



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

Church Office Hours

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Contact Information

Church Office – Contact Information 519-776-5071, office@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 November Banner and January/February Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
www.essexcrc.ca

Sunday January 5, 2025
Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025

Weekly Offerings

On this first Sunday of 2025 we welcome you to the opportunity to meet together in the presence of God, our Provider and Saviour. Whether as a regular participant or as a guest in-person or online 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 B, Zackara B, Gail L, Ruth S, Winny S, Niesje S** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, Simon V and Johanna W.**

What is Happening This Week

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Council – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday January 12, 2025

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar

NOTE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday services with Pastor Darrell Edger will always be at 9 AM. When we have a classical appointment or other preachers who may be traveling a distance our worship services will be at 10 AM.

YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT

The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Stephen Terpstra from First CRC Iowa will be leading us in a series of discussions on engaging in the church community. The retreat will take place from January 24-26, 2025, with the theme Engage. Early bird registration is \$60. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND 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

January 12 offering is for ReFrame Ministries. At the start of a new year, people around the world are looking to grow in faith or to recommit in their relationship with Christ. Through offerings and ministry shares, Christian Reformed congregations help them find the biblical resources they need to start a new journey!

STORIES & STRATEGIES

STRENGTHENING THE CRC IN CANADA

Are you interested in learning more about ministry happening in CRC churches? Join the Canadian Ministry Board for stories (and best practice learnings from those experiences) and how they might be applicable to your local church context. We look forward to discussing these ideas with you alongside other church members & leaders. Join us virtually on January 25, 2025 (11am-1pm ET / 8-10am PT). More at www.crcna.org/Canada

KIDS CORNER: GOD'S GUIDANCE

Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Ask yourself, "How can you tell what God wants you to do?" Spoiler Alert: the key is to remember who God is. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

GROUNDWORK: LEARNING FROM THE SINS OF KING DAVID

Complacency and desperation lead David to compound sin upon sin as he unsuccessfully relies on his own power and abilities to right his wrongs. Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 11 to study David's fall from grace, the consequences of his actions, and how his journey can illuminate our own path toward honesty, repentance, and a life that pleases the Lord. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A STUDY

Join one of our Global Coffee Break Online Zoom Studies. Here is your opportunity to participate in a CRCNA resource led by their team. Space is limited. Men, women and young adults welcome. Go to www.Globalcoffeebreak.org/events for more information and to register!

WORLD RENEW HONDURAS DISCOVERY TOUR

Begin the year by embarking on an unforgettable journey from March 15-20, 2025! Join us to see firsthand the incredible impact of World Renew's work in Honduras. This exciting tour offers a unique opportunity to explore World Renew's integrated agriculture projects in the beautiful, mountainous region of La Campa. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/2025honduras

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' coming as the light to all people. On this Sunday we remember the Magi, who saw the light in the sky and followed it to hono(u)r the birth of Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Talk about what kind of gift you would bring to Jesus, and why. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

LEAD ELDER JAMIE BOMBARDIER

PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR

MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song “Here I Am to Worship” *LUYH 567*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God’s Greeting
- † Song of Praise “10,000 Reasons Bless the Lord” *LUYH 559*
“What A Beautiful Name” *on screen*

Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
Therefore Go Ministries– *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *LUYH 348*
- † Children’s Song “I Love You Lord” *on screen*
Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 8 – 20

Message Boy Do I Have Good News

- † Song of Response “Joy to the World” *LUYH 92: 1, 2, 4*

THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*