

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Heather S, Avery V
Jan 18 Kerry W, Joseph D
Jan 25 Tammy K, Chris S
Feb 01 Greg S, Joseph D

AV

Today Chris S, Emerson V
Jan 18 Chris S, Sterling S
Jan 25 John & Beverley vH
Feb 01 Tim K, Emerson V

Coffee Clean Up

Today Greg & Andrea S
Jan 18 Joanne W, Rita O
Jan 25 Wayne & Electa B
Feb 01 John & Beverley vH

Offerings

Today ReFrame Ministries
Jan 18 Edvance
Jan 25 Maranatha Christian Academy
Feb 01 GEMS

Lead Elder

Pete K
Matt V
Peter D
GEMS S

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Renee B
GEMS Sunday

Greeters

Wayne & Electa B
Matt & Charmaine V
Jamie & Renee B
GEMS Sunday

Preacher

Pastor Phil Apoll
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 Follow us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Church Office Hours

Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday 10:00 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
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
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Sunday January 11, 2026
Morning Worship 10:00 am

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 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 **John V** in prayer as he is having a complete right knee replacement surgery on Jan 16th noon. He would appreciate your prayers for the skilled hands of the medical team, for a smooth procedure, and for a quick and full recovery.

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

We express our sincerest condolences to Peter & Wilma W and Larry & Jacky B and families in the pass of Wilma and Larry's mother Trudy B on January 8, 2026. May God continue to comfort the family with his strength.

We express our sincerest condolences to Jason M & Ashley A and family in the passing of Ashley's brother Craig A on January 8, 2026. May God continue to comfort the family with his strength.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Stella Wolgen – Tues, Jan 13th. May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Phil Apoll.

GEMS and Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Free Community Dinner – Friday at 5:45 pm

Next Sunday January 18, 2025

09:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar and we will celebrate Lord Supper.

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.

COMMUNITY DINNER – FRIDAY JANUARY 16, 2026

Essex CRC is hosting a free Community Dinner open for the Community on Friday January 16 @ 5:45 pm

Everyone is welcome to come, have a meal and connect with each other. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up volunteer sheet in the church office. You can sign-up for set up or cleanup, whatever works in your schedule.

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **REFRAME MINISTRIES**.

ReFrame Ministries is an agency of the Christian Reformed Church of North America. Throughout its history, ReFrame Ministries has used existing and emerging mass media to reach the unreached and to foster disciples of Christ.

Their vision is that the lives and worldviews of all people around the globe will be transformed by God's gospel message. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in 10 major languages. More info at: www.reframeministries.org

January 18, 2026 offering is for Edvance. Edvance exists to foster excellence in leadership, learning, and school operations in Christian Schools in Eastern Canada.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026

We are hosting a Free Family Movie Night open to everyone in our Community. It is happening on Saturday, Jan 24th, at 5 pm. Invite friends, family, and come along. Also, if you want to help with set up, clean up, greeting, or passing out snacks, please talk to Ana Mello.

SOUPER SUNDAY – JANUARY 25, 2026

GET OUT THOSE 2026 CALENDARS!

After Church on Sunday January 25, 2026 you are invited to the home of your Elder from your Community group for Lunch and Fellowship.

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: JOY IS BETTER THAN HAPPINESS

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Joy is Better than Happiness." at www.kidscorner.net Discover how choosing Joy can make every day brighter, even when things don't go your way! Learn how God helps us find real joy that lasts longer than just being happy. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

GROUNDWORK: GRACE IS THE ROOT, OUR WORKS ARE THE FRUIT - If you were saved by Grace, what is the purpose of our works? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 2:11-14, Philippians 2:12-13, and Romans 6:1-4 to learn how the apostle Paul clarified the relationship between grace and works and gain a deeper understanding of how God's grace and our works cooperate in our faithful Journey of growing in Christlikeness. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

GO DEEPER IN FAITH THROUGH A TRIP WITH RESONATE

Come on a journey with Resonate Global Mission—starting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through Guatemala, and ending in Costa Rica as we visit stops along the route of people on the move. Together we will learn from their faith, hear their stories and connect them to our own, and learn to better love our neighbors as ourselves. The trip is April 17-28, 2026 with an application deadline of January 31, 2026. Learn more and let us know you're interested at www.resonateglobalmission.org/move

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – Galatians 3:28 reminds of the profound unity we share as believers in Christ, regardless of our backgrounds or perceived differences. As members of God's diverse yet unified family, we are called to live into the vision proclaimed in this verse. This week, as we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – a faithful advocate of this very vision – consider how you and your family or friends might actively embrace and embody this unity by building relationships with families of different racial and cultural backgrounds. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETE KUIPERS
PASTOR PHIL APOLL
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

† Gathering Song	“Holy Holy Holy”	LUYH 538
† Welcome		
† Call to Worship		
† God's Greeting		
† Song of Praise	“What A Beautiful Name”	on screen
Announcements		

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering	Financial Ministry Plan – <i>Budget Box</i>	
	ReFrame Ministries – <i>plate</i>	
The Prayers of the People		
† Song of Response	“Living Hope”	on screen
	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”	LUYH 898
	<i>Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School</i>	

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	Matthew 2: 1 – 13	
Message	According to Plan	
† Song of Response	“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”	LUYH 224

THE SENDING

† Parting Blessing		
† Doxology	“Go Tell It On The Mountain”	LUYH 93
† Postlude		
†	<i>Indicates Congregation standing if able</i>	