

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S  
Feb 01 Greg S, Joseph D  
Feb 08 Heather S, Avery V  
Feb 15 Kerry W, Joseph D

### AV

Today John & Beverley vH  
Feb 01 Tim K, Emerson V  
Feb 08 Tim K, Emerson V  
Feb 15 Chris S, Sterling S

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Wayne & Electa B  
Feb 01 John & Beverley vH  
Feb 08 Jamie & Renee B  
Feb 15 Pete & Tammy K

### Offerings

Today Maranatha Christian Academy  
Feb 01 GEMS  
Feb 08 Ministry Shares  
Feb 15 World Renew & Canadian Foodgrains Bank

### Lead Elder

Peter D  
GEMS Sunday  
Jamie B  
Greg S

### Sunday School

Renee B  
GEMS Sunday  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Greeters

Jamie & Renee B  
GEMS Sunday  
Fred & Linda M  
Peter & Jacoba D

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar  
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Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assisted 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.



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REFORMED CHURCH

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**Sunday January 25, 2026**

**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 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

We express our sincerest condolences to the family of **Johanna W.** May God continue to comfort the family with his strength. 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** Nalong with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B, and Maartje W.**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to John N (Jan 28) and Pete W (Jan 31). 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.

Souper Sunday – You are invited by your Elder from your Community Group for Lunch and Fellowship. Today after Service.

GEMS and Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday February 1, 2026

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.

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 **MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.**

Maranatha Christian Academy provides a Christ-centered education that nurtures both academic excellence and spiritual growth. They have been partnering with families since 1985 to help students discover their God-given potential and grow into confident, compassionate leaders.

February 1, 2026 offering is for GEMS. GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting their Saviour) 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.

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.

JOSEPH D MISSION TRIP

Please keep Joseph Doris in your prayer as he departed to his Mission Trip in Guatemala on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a blog for his trip. If you want to follow, please access <https://maranathachristian.ca/missions-blog/>

Resources

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: GOODNESS: IT'S YOUR MOVE.

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "It's Your Move" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Discover the secret power of gentleness – a strength that helps you stay kind, calm, and caring even when things get tough. Like carefully moving a Jenga block, your gentle words and actions can help keep hearts standing strong! Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

GROUNDWORK: SAVED BY GRACE ALONE. LET YOUR WORKS RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

The apostle Paul wrote a lot about salvation and the Christian life. Study Galatians 2:19-21, Galatians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:13-25, Romans 8:1-4, and

Colossians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to gain clarity from his teaching on how we walk in step with the Spirit and grow in Christlikeness while keeping grace and Christ's work on the cross at the center of salvation. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

*Resonate Global Mission* – Are you around 16-20 years old? Interested in getting a taste of ministry in Central America? Join an unforgettable two week journey with Resonate Global Mission – travel through Guatemala and El Salvador where you'll dive into real-life mission work, get to know Central American young people, experience God's love, and discover how God might be calling you to make a difference now and in the future. The trip is July 1-15, 2026 and the application deadline is February 28, 2026. Learn more at [www.reasonateglobalmission.org/encounter](http://www.reasonateglobalmission.org/encounter)

SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026  
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETER D  
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 “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me ” on the screen  
“Cornerstone” on the screen

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OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
Maranatha Christian Academy– *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 4:12-23
- Message Closer Than You Think
- † Song of Response “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” on the screen
- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology “My God My King” on the screen
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*