

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Kerry W, Joseph D  
Mar 9 Tammy K, Chris S  
Mar 16 Greg S, Joseph D

### Lead Elder

Matt V  
Peter D  
Jamie B

### AV

Today Chris & Sterling S  
Mar 9 Chris & Sterling S  
Mar 16 John & Beverley vH

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today John & Beverley vH  
Mar 9 Greg & Andrea S  
Mar 16 Joanne W, Rita O

### Greeters

Joanne W, Rita O  
Wayne & Electa B  
Greg & Andrea S

### Offerings

Today GEMS  
Mar 9 Mortgage Reduction  
Mar 16 Benevolence

### Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar  
Pastor Norm Visser  
Pastor Darrell Edgar



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 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](mailto:clerk@essexcrc.ca)  
Deacon Chair – Linda M

**Sunday March 2, 2025**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

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

**SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025**

Weekly Offerings

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 those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Robin & Zackara B, Ezekiel D, 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 or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Lenten Luncheon – Wednesday at 12:00 pm Our Essex and area Lenten noon hour service will be at Bethel-Maidstone Church. After this half hour service there is lunch provided by the host church on a voluntary donation basis. Join the Essex community churches during this season of Lent.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday March 9, 2025

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Norm Visser from Calvary CRC in Chatham ON. *Note this service is a Classical appointment and will begin at 10:00 am.*

**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.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the congregation for the cards, e-mails and phone calls we received after the death of our dear mother and Oma. We appreciate all the support. *John and Margaret VN*

THANK YOU

We would like to everyone for all the prayer support, meals, and visits I had with my recent hip surgery and recovery. All is going very well, and I see the hand of God each day as I get stronger.

*John & Beverley vH*

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

GEMS is a ministry devoted to bringing the Good News of Jesus to girls around the world. The mission of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our vision is 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. Our goal for every club meeting is to create a welcoming, safe, and fun environment for girls to hear the truth that they are LOVED by God. Together, we learn how to love and care for one another, other people, ourselves, and our relationship with God. And we do this by learning about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us, and His plans for each of our lives.

March 9 offering is for Mortgage Reduction.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Last week, generous-hearted people like you helped share Christ's hope with families around the world struggling with hunger. Thank you! Your offering will help World Renew and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank address the emergency food needs of vulnerable families and provide communities with the training they need to overcome hunger, not just today, but for generations. To learn more about how World Renew is answering God's call to feed the hungry, please visit: [www.worldrenew.ca](http://www.worldrenew.ca)

DEAR FRIENDS AT ESSEX CRC,

Thank you for joining God in all He's doing through Resonate!

All around the globe, God is working through your church's support for your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. Together, we are taking part in the way God's Spirit is moving! I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church's gifts and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community's support is an important way you help make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate.

I hope that you find warmth in knowing that by sending others to share the Good News of Jesus, your church is helping change the lives of individuals and communities for generations to come! Thank you!

In Christ, Kevin *DeRaaf*, Director, Resonate Global Mission

## KIDS CORNER: THE PRICE OF LIES

Check out this week's kids' devotion "The Price of Lies" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Have you ever told a fib? Believe it or not, lies that seem small can hurt others, and we eventually have to pay the cost for them. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

## GROUNDWORK: THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL: THE CHURCH RESOLVES DIVISION AND SEEKS UNITY

As the church grew, it experienced confusion and disagreement while welcoming new Gentile believers. Join Groundwork as we explore Acts 15:1-38 to learn from the early church about resolving division and seeking unity by gathering, listening, and relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to resolve their division and seek unity. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - "Dust you are and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19, NIV). This week marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. While it might seem morbid to focus intentionally on our mortality, we can use this time to remember our humanity. We live with bodies and minds that not only are fearfully and wonderfully made but will also age and begin to fail us. Give thanks to God for the gift of your body, and ask him to help you be mindful of its limits. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025  
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER MATT VANDENBRINK  
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

### THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "What a Beautiful Name" *on screen*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Who You Say I Am" *on screen*
- Announcements

### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
- GEMS – *plate*
- The Prayers of the People
- † Song of Response "Living Hope" *on screen*
- † Children's Song "Jesus Loves Me" *LUYH 709: 1*
- Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

### THE PROCLAMATION

- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading Luke 4: 1 – 13
- Message One Little Word
- † Song of Response "Your Grace is Enough" *LUYH 698*

### THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "New Doxology" *on screen*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*