

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Kerry W, Joseph D  
Apr 6 Tammy K, Chris S  
Apr 13 Greg S, Joseph D

### Lead Elder

Greg S  
Matt V  
Peter D

### AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V  
Apr 6 Tim K, Emerson V  
Apr 13 Chris & Sterling S

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today John & Margaret vN  
Apr 6 Pete & Tammy K  
Apr 13 Fred & Linda M

### Greeters

Jamie & Renee B  
Peter & Jacoba D  
Ben S Sr.

### Offerings

Today Resonate Global Missions  
Apr 6 Ministry Shares  
Apr 13 World Renew

### 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](http://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](mailto:office@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



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**Sunday March 30, 2025**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

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

**SUNDAY MARCH 30, 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**.

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Electa B (Mon), Matt V (Thurs), Chris B (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

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 held at the Salvation Army 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 April 6, 2025

9:00 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.

#### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I will be out of the office for the next couple weeks. Bulletins and emails will continue to be sent out.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to all who provided soup and baked goods for our Lenten luncheon this past week. Thanks to all those helped in the kitchen too! It was a great success and so glad to see so many familiar faces.

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN** and **RESONATE GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Resonate Global Missions, your mission agency, walks alongside you and your church as you go out and proclaim that Christ, the light of the world, has overcome the darkness.

April 6 offering is for Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares make it possible for any congregation, of any size, to access the support they need, whenever they need it, without having to worry about costs. They are one way that we, as the body of Christ, show our commitment to each other. They also extend our reach, by making it possible to do more ministry in more places all over the world, by doing it together. This Sunday is our opportunity to say thank you for being part of this covenant relationship.

#### DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double)

#### REGISTER FOR AOYC 2025!

Registration for the All Ontario Youth Convention is open! Planning is well underway and it's shaping up to be another awesome year of worship, activities, discussion, and community for youth and leaders. The convention will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, May 17-19. Early bird registration is only open for the month of March; regular rates apply in April, and in May late rates apply. Please email [registration@allontario.com](mailto:registration@allontario.com) with any questions. To catch all the updates, follow us on social media @allontario on Instagram, All Ontario Youth Convention on Facebook or check out our website: [www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com) Thank you for supporting the AOYC through prayers, donations, and volunteering!

#### FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR SYNOD

Join people from across the denomination and around the world for 40 days of prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Writers of different ages, abilities, backgrounds, and places, from CRC congregations and ministries have shared prayers on the theme, Journey With Jesus. Find resources and sign up at [www.crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://www.crcna.org/synod/prayer)

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (October 13 - 24, 2025)

Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

#### KIDS CORNER: LENT: JESUS' SACRIFICE FOR US

Check out this week's kids' devotion "Lent: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to die? Discover the answer in this kids' devotional that shows how much Jesus loves you, why He made the ultimate sacrifice, and how His amazing victory gives us hope! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

#### GROUNDWORK: JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH

During the season of Lent, we reflect and prepare our hearts for Easter. Similarly, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for his death. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 8:31-36 and Luke 18:31-34 to study Jesus' words and see how Jesus' journey to the cross invites us to follow Him in faith, sacrifice, and hope. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Acts 2:42-47, we read how the early church lived and worshiped in community, "praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people" (v. 47, NIV). Think of your own church community this week. How can you make everyone feel welcome? Look at things in your church like the raised platform (pulpit area) and the seating. Is everyone in your congregation able to access these areas? Is the building welcoming to visitors? Do you have a way for individuals who may be sensitive to noise to participate in worship? Spend some time this week talking with others about how you can welcome everyone to your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025  
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

LEAD ELDER GREG SCHINKEL  
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR  
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

#### THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "Ancient of Days" on screen
- † Welcome
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "In Christ Alone" LUYH 770
- Announcements

#### OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
Resonate Global Missions– *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" on screen
  - † Children's Song "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" on screen
- Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

#### THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Message The Generous Hospitality

- † Song of Response Psalm 23 on screen

#### THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Glory Be to the Father" LUYH 959
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*