

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S
Mar 16 Greg S, Joseph D
Mar 23 Heather H, Avery V

AV

Today Chris & Sterling S
Mar 16 John & Beverley vH
Mar 23 John & Beverley vH

Coffee Clean Up

Today Greg & Andrea S
Mar 16 Joanne W, Rita O
Mar 23 Wayne & Electa B

Offerings

Today Mortgage Reduction
Mar 16 Benevolence
Mar 23 Calvin Theological Seminary

Lead Elder

Peter D
Jamie B
Peter K

Sunday School

Renee B
Renee B
Renee B

Greeters

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

Preacher

Pastor Norm Visser
Pastor Darrell Edgar
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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Pastor's Office Hours

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

Church Office Hours

Contact Information

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Essex CRC Council Executive

Council Chair – Greg S
Vice-Chair – Matt V
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Deacon Chair – Linda M

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Sunday March 9, 2025
Morning Worship 9:00 am

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

SUNDAY MARCH 9, 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 Michelle W (today), Johanna W (Wed) and David L (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

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.*

Lenten Luncheon – Wednesday at 12:00 pm Our Essex and area Lenten noon hour service will be at Woodslee United 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 16, 2025

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar. We will witness the Profession of Faith of Rob M.

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.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Bible talks about many different ways to engage our bodies while we pray. As you observe the CRC's Annual Day of Prayer this week, try a different prayer posture: you could kneel, lie flat, pray with your hands or eyes open, dance to a worship song, or journal your prayer. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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

March 16 offering is for Benevolence.

COUNCIL REPORT

Council met on Wednesday and the following items were discussed:

- Council met with our Classis counsellor Pastor Tim Leferink from Wallaceburg CRC. Pastor Tim gave insight and support on leadership within the church and the new job position of Community Outreach Coordinator
- Rob M met with Council and after a good discussion Council is pleased to announce that Rob will publicly profess his Faith on Sunday, March 16. Please encourage and pray for Rob as he takes this step in his walk with Jesus.
- We will be celebrating Lord's Supper on Sunday March 23, 2025. We will also be hosting a Good Friday Service here at Essex CRC on Friday April 18, 2025 @ 10 am. Windsor Ambassador Community Church has been invited, we encourage all to join as we mediate over the sacrifice Jesus made for us.
- Council has received a number of applications for the Community Outreach Coordinator and have reviewed them. Council will pursue by contacting a few to get to know them. Please keep Council in prayer as we take this next step in serving the Lord. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your Community Elder.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ESSEX CRC

World Renew extends our deep gratitude for your generosity and commitment to living out God's call to justice and mercy. Your gifts of \$ in 2024 have played a vital role in equipping 559,987 people in 1,305 communities across 29 developing countries to overcome poverty, hunger, and injustice, creating pathways toward a brighter future. Through your faithful support, you are spreading God's love, bringing renewal to hearts and communities. The work of World Renew depends on your involvement, support, and prayers. We invite you to continue with us on this journey by reading stories of bold hope at worldrenew.ca.

KIDS CORNER: LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Check out this week's kids' devotion "Living in God's Kingdom" at www.kidscorner.net. Have you noticed that the Bible is full of stories about the kingdom of God? That theme appears more than 80 times in the New Testament. What does it mean to be a part of God's kingdom? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

GROUNDWORK: PAUL'S SECOND JOURNEY: JESUS THE MESSIAH AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

As he traveled, Paul convinced new believers of the gospel message, but his message also stirred up opposition. Join Groundwork as we explore his second missionary journey in Acts 15:39-18:22 to gain theological clarity and encouragement for our own efforts to share our faith and remain faithful to Jesus Christ in all circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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

SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETER DORIS
PASTOR NORM VISSER
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song “Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord” *LUYH 532*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise “Open the Eyes of My Heart” *LUYH 537*
“O Praise the Name” *on screen*
- Announcements

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
Mortgage Reduction – *plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Song of Response “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *LUYH 898*
- † Children's Song “This Little Light of Mine” *on screen*
Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 9: 28 – 36

Message Awe, Fear and Uncertainty

- † Song of Response “How Great Is the Love of the Father” *LUYH 683*

THE SENDING

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