

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Heather S, Avery V
Nov 30 Kerry W, Joseph D
Dec 7 Tammy K, Chris S
Dec 14 Greg S, Joseph D

Lead Elder

Pete K
Greg S
Matt V
Peter D

AV

Today John & Beverley vH
Nov 30 Tim K, Emerson V
Dec 7 Tim K, Emerson V
Dec 14 Chris S, Sterling S

Sunday School

Renee B
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Renee B

Coffee Clean Up

Today Pete & Tammy K
Nov 30 Joanne W, Rita O
Dec 7 Jamie & Renee B
Dec 14 George & Ruth V

Greeters

Wayne & Electa B
Matt & Charmaine V
Peter & Jacoba D
Ben S Sr.

Offerings

Today Resonate Global Missions
Nov 30 Matthew House
Dec 7 Maranatha Christian Academy
Dec 14 Essex Food Bank

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 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

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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.



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REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday November 23, 2025

Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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 **Charmaine V** in prayer as she will undergo another surgery on Tuesday. We pray that the doctors will be able to fully resolve the issue in her arm.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Robin & Zackara B, Alissa BT, 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, Bill B** and **Johanna W**.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Niesje S & Janet G (Tues) Anne B & Ruth K (Wed), Greg W (Thurs). 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 where we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Community Dinner – Friday at 5:45 pm

Next Sunday November 30, 2025

9:00 am – First Sunday of Advent 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.

THE MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is ready to be adorned with some much needed winter wear accessories. Congregation, we would love to see the tree full of mittens, scarves and hats again. You can drop off donations on Sunday mornings or during office hours.

Weekly Offerings

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

The writer of Revelation paints a beautiful portrait of people from all over the world worshipping God—but we do not have to wait to experience this reality. Even today, we are part of a global church working to spread the gospel among people in every square inch of this world! As your Christian Reformed mission agency, Resonate Global Mission is here to connect you and your church to the work of the global church.

November 30 offering is for Matthew House This offering will help the Matthew House which is a Christian organization supported by churches and individuals of different denominations to help refugees who are fleeing for their lives and coming to Canada. They are not part of any government program and receive no subsidies directly from the government. Please give generously to help this Windsor-based organization help others get a start in Canada.

YOU CAN HELP END HUNGER THIS GIVING TUESDAY

This Giving Tuesday, you can help families in Sudan and South Sudan who are facing a hunger crisis. World Renew is providing emergency food assistance through trusted local partners, but the need is greater than ever. With your support on Giving Tuesday, we can provide more food and share hope in Christ amid this crisis. Thanks to challenge gifts and matching fund from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your gifts can be matched up to 5X, up to \$117,000. Learn more and give generously on December 2 at www.worldrenew.ca/givingtuesday

PARTICIPATE IN RENEWAL

Your support helps more people participate in the Canadian National Gathering. This national conversation will shape the future of the CRC in Canada. When leaders return to their churches, the insights, prayer, and vision they carry will ripple across every congregation: www.crcna.org/canada/giving-Tuesday

CATECHISM CLASSES

In the early 1560's Frederick III desired that his subjects be led to a "devout knowledge and fear of the Almighty and His holy word of salvation". A group of ministers and theologians were commissioned to compose a summary of biblical truths that could be committed to memory and be an encouragement to personal faith and growth in Christ. The result was the Heidelberg Catechism which still stands today as a faithful testimony to the ancient Christian Faith. Pastor Darrell would like to start classes to study the Heidelberg Catechism. If you would like to learn or relearn about the foundations of the Christian faith, please contact Matt VandenBrink.

ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION

We're excited to announce that AOYC 2026 planning is well underway and it's shaping up to be another incredible weekend!

The All Ontario Youth Convention began in 1975 when a group of young adults started hosting gatherings for youth across the province. 50 years later, the AOYC continues to thrive, with hundreds of youth and leaders attending each year.

During the weekend, teens are encouraged to grow through engaging, youth-focused speaking and teaching that challenges them to make an impact in the communities where God has placed them. The weekend is filled with worship, teaching sessions, small group discussions, intramurals, activities, and shared meals, creating a life-changing experience.

We'll be announcing details very soon, but for now, mark **May 16-18, 2026** on your calendar and plan to join in the learning, worship, and fun! Please also note: **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1, 2026!**

Check allontario.com for the latest info or follow us on Instagram @allontario to catch all the updates!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: ADVENT: THE SEASON OF WAITING

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent: The Season of Waiting" at www.kidscorner.net Advent starts next week—it's the four weeks before Christmas, a time to get our hearts ready for Jesus. We remember that He was born for us and that one day He will come again, so we can trust God while we wait. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, "Kids in Action", telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

GROUNDWORK: BLESSED ARE...THE MERCIFUL, THE PURE IN HEART, THE PEACEMAKERS, AND THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED

Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER PETE KUIPERS
WORSHIP LEADER PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Gathering Song "King of Kings" *on screen*
- † Welcome
- † Call to Worship
- † 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 "You Are My King" (Amazing Love) *LUYH 360*
Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 93: 1 – 5; Colossians 1: 15 – 20

Message Prayer as Transformation

- † Song of Response "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *LUYH 330*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE SENDING

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Glory Be to God the Father" *on screen*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*