

## HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

### Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S  
Dec 1 Greg S, Joseph D  
Dec 8 Heather H, Avery V

### Lead Elder

Matt V  
Peter D  
Jamie B

### AV

Today John & Beverley vH  
Dec 1 Tim K, Emerson V  
Dec 8 Tim K, Emerson V

### Sunday School

Renee B  
Renee B  
Renee B

### Coffee Clean Up

Today Peter & Jacoba D  
Dec 1 Ben V  
Dec 8 Matt & Charmaine V

### Greeters

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

### Offerings

Today Resonate Global Missions  
Dec 1 Benevolence  
Dec 8 Maranatha Christian Academy

### 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



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### 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  
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Deacon Chair – Linda M



# ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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

**Sunday November 24, 2024**  
**Morning Worship 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

Welcome to everyone either here in-person to our worship service this morning. 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 B, Zackara B, Chris & Anne B, Gail L, Ruth S, Winny S, Niesje S** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Cory B, Simon V** and **Johanna W**.

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Niesje S & Janet G (Mon), Anne B & Ruth K (Tues), Greg W (Wed), Jeremy B (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

9:00 am – Morning Worship in-person and online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday December 1, 2024

9:00 am – First Sunday of Advent Morning Worship in-person and 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 appointment or other preachers who may be traveling a distance our worship services will be at 10 AM.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your Calendar and plan to attend our Christmas Dinner scheduled for Saturday December 7 at 5:00 pm. We are planning for Turkey and all the fixins! And save room for all the desserts! Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend. We love to see you all there!



#### THE MITTEN TREE

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

Weekly Offerings

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

Resonate Global Mission, your Christian Reformed mission agency, goes with you on this mission to every town and place. When you look for new ways to engage with your own community, discover where God is moving, and join God on mission around the corner and around the world, Resonate is here for you. God has given us all we need to fulfill his call to mission—what does that mean for you and your church? Your most important partners on mission are all around you, and your mission field is just steps away.

December 1 offering is for Benevolence. This offering helps those with needs in our church and in the community.

#### ESSEX MINISTERIAL ADVENT LUNCHEONS

Plan to attend our annual Essex Ministerial Advent Luncheons on the following dates:

December 4 at the Salvation Army Church

December 11 at Cottam United Church

December 18 at St. Stephan Anglican Church

These mid-week Advent services begin at 12:00 noon with a half hour service followed by a lunch. All are welcome

#### KIDS CORNER

**BEATITUDE 8: FOLLOWING GOD (EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD)**

Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) In Matthew 5:10, Jesus explained that his friends would be persecuted or punished for following him. Today, people will make fun of us, be mean, or even hurt us, and there are many countries in the world where being a Christian is tough. Jesus told us we would face problems because of our faith, but we can stay joyful because Jesus is king over everything. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of Paul's Conversion.

#### GROUNDWORK: YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Did the Christmas story really happen? Wasn't Christmas originally a pagan holiday? Why do some churches celebrate Advent? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 2:1-7, John 1:5, Isaiah 53:4-6, and Psalm 78:1-6 to let Scripture guide our discussion answering questions we've received about Christmas and Advent. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**GIVE THANKS WITH WORLD RENEW'S ADVENT GIVING TREE**  
Let's help people who live in poverty to experience more of God's love for them with a Christmas Giving Tree! Each ornament on our Christmas tree from World Renew's 2024-2025 Gift Catalog represents a gift for people living in poverty worldwide. Just choose an ornament and bring it, along with your donation, for the World Renew offering on Christmas Day. If you're not attending services with us on Christmas day, you can also go to [www.worldrenew.net/gifts](http://www.worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972 to give.

**GIVING TUESDAY: MEET BLAIR**

Our Giving Tuesday journey has now brought us to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where we visited the Indigenous Family Centre and met Blair. His story is one of many beautiful examples of how these local expressions of the gospel are promoting reconciliation and healing within communities historically hurt by the church. Help put fuel in the tank at: [www.crcna.org/canada/giving-tuesday](http://www.crcna.org/canada/giving-tuesday)

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week try playing the alphabet game using the topic "Things I'm grateful for." Prayers can take many forms, and naming things A-Z is a great way to remember that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17, NIV). Brought to you by Thrive : [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive)

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024**  
**MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM**

**LEAD ELDER MATT VANDENBRINK**  
**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 "Christ Is Mine Forevermore" *on screen*  
"You Are My All In All" *on screen*
- Announcements

**OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS**

- Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*  
Resonate Global Mission – *plate*
- The Prayers of the People
- † Song of Response "Before the Throne of God Above" *LUYH 682*
- † Children's Song "Jesus Loves the Little Children" *on screen*  
*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School*

**THE PROCLAMATION**

- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading Psalm 93
- Message The Lord Reigns? Or The Lord Reigns!!
- † Song of Response "Everlasting God" *on screen*

**THE SENDING**

- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Go Now In Peace" *LUYH 950*
- † Postlude
- † *Indicates Congregation standing if able*