

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

AV

Today Chris & Sterling S

Dec 4 Chris & Sterling S

Dec 11 Tim K & Emerson V

Coffee Clean Up

Today Matt & Charmaine V

Dec 4 Reach Up Committee

Dec 11 Pete & Jacoba D

Little Lambs

Today

Offerings

Today Diaconal Ministries

Dec 4 Calvin University

Dec 11 Maranatha Christian Academy

Preacher

Today Pastor Steve Vandyk

Dec 4 Pastor Steve Vandyk

Dec 11 Mr. Matt VandenBrink



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

Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – Day off

Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Deacon Chair – Linda M



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REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071
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Sunday November 27, 2022

Morning Worship 10:00 am

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Weekly Offerings

Welcome to everyone either here in-person or online to our worship service this morning. Do plan to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee with us in the fellowship hall.

Our Church Family

Doris V was discharged from the hospital on Friday and she will be home until Monday. On Monday **Simon and Doris** are moving to Southgate Retirement Home in Kingsville. Please pray for a smooth transition.

Keep **Anna R** in prayer as she prepares for surgery that is scheduled for December 8. We thank God she will soon be able to have relief from neck & back pain.

Keep **Johanna W** in prayer. She has been fighting a cold for sometime. Pray that medication doctors have prescribe will help her.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Jack D, Carl J, Gail L, Anna R, Gerry S, Winny S, Johanna W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Nick K Sr, Anna P, and Simon & Doris V**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Greg W (today), Jeremy B (Wed), Ruth V & Eric B (Sat). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – First Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/Essex CRC.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Council – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Time of Prayer – Saturday at 8:45 am

Seniors Christmas Dinner – Saturday at 12:00 noon

Next Sunday December 4, 2022

10:00 am – Second Sunday of Advent Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person or online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

11:30 am – Potluck Luncheon

POTLUCK LUNCHEON! DECEMBER 4

Join us for a **Potluck Lunch** following the service on **Sunday December 4**. Please bring a lunch item or a dessert or both! Getting together and sharing a meal is a great way we can connect as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We look forward to seeing all of you!

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

This offering helps Diaconal Ministries Canada partner with churches and ministries across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community.

December 4 offering is for Calvin University. Calvin University equips students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Our goal is to equip students to be agents of renewal, ready to step into the public square and renew all things for the glory of Christ. We believe that every student has something to offer the world; every student has something that God is calling him or her to do.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE & SOUP LUNCHEON & CHILI EVENT

Plan to attend our Annual Bake Sale & Soup Luncheon Event on Saturday December 10, from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

We are so excited to be able to host a sit down soup and chili luncheon. There will also be take-out option as well. We are so glad to be able to have a Chili fundraising in support of Ella S. We are excited for all profits from the Bake Sale and Luncheon will be donated in support of Ella S. For more information, see Rita or Beverley

THE MITTEN TREE IS BACK

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 morning or during church office hours.

MCA ONLINE AUCTION

Maranatha Christian Academy is running its first online auction! Please check it out and consider bidding. There are many great gift ideas plus this is a way of supporting Christian education in Windsor-Essex, keeping MCA strong for the students who are here now and helping to ensure quality Christian education is an option for the generations to come. Our goal is to raise up students who will learn, lead and impact the world for Christ. The auction runs November 28 to December 8. Just go to www.maranathachristian.ca to find the auction information.

SHARE THE LIGHT OF ADVENT

As we begin the Advent season, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world. Will you share God's light of hope with those who live in poverty by adding an item from World Renew's Gift Catalog to your Christmas list? Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

WORLD RENEW GIVING TREE

Help people who live in poverty experience more of God's love for them by participating in our Christmas Giving Tree! Through the World Renew Gift Catalog, each ornament on the tree is a giving suggestion for people living in poverty worldwide. Just choose an ornament and bring it, along with your donation, to put in our World Renew offering on Christmas Day. If you're not attending services this Christmas, you can also go to www.worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972 to give instead!

ADVENT: OUR GREAT HOPE

Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net We know God always loves us and is kind to us and that he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. This is our great hope! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

GROUNDWORK

THE MAGI: A REMINDER THAT JESUS CAME FOR ALL NATIONS
The Magi may not be present at Christ's birth like most nativity sets would suggest, but the inclusion of the Magi in the gospel of Matthew is strategic and intentional. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 2:1-12 to hear the gospel writer's message and prepare our hearts to once again celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Advent, we light the candle of Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God provides us with hope for our daily living and hope for our future. How can you be a messenger of hope this week? Wonder and talk about that with someone this week. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Opening

Call to Worship

Advent Candle

† Gathering Song “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LUYH 61*

† God's Greeting

† Song of Praise “Hark, the Glad Sound!” *LUYH 60*
“King of Kings” *on screen*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Anticipating the Lord's Supper

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *plate*
Diaconal Ministries – *bag*

THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Song “Stay Awake” *on screen*

Children are invited to come forward during the children's song

Children's Moment

The Prayers of God's People

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9: 6 – 7; John 15: 26 – 27

Message Come

† Song of Response “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *LUYH 56*

THE SENDING

† Benediction

† Doxology “Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow” *LUYH 965*

† Postlude

† *Indicates Congregation standing if able*