

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Heather H, Avery V
Oct 5 Kerry W, Joseph D
Oct 12 Tammy K, Chris S
Oct 19 Greg S, Joseph D

Lead Elder

Matt V
Peter D
Jamie B
Pete K

AV

Today Chris S, Sterling S
Oct 5 Chris S, Sterling S
Oct 12 John & Beverley vH
Oct 19 Tim K, Emerson V

Sunday School

Renee B
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Coffee Clean Up

Today George & Ruth V
Oct 5 Peter & Jacoba D
Oct 12 Ben V
Oct 19 Matt & Charmaine V

Greeters

Matt & Charmaine V
Jamie & Renee B
Peter & Jacoba D
Ben S Sr

Offerings

Today Ministry Shares
Oct 5 Essex Food Bank
Oct 12 Mortgage Reduction
Oct 19 Thrive

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
Pastor Phil Apoll
Pastor Darrell Edgar
Pastor Darrell Edgar



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.



ESSEX CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday September 28, 2025

Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 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 **Peter W** in prayer, he will be in London this coming week for a procedure to address his irregular heart rhythm. We pray for a successful surgery.

Keep **Alissa B T** in prayer as she continues to recover from Breast Cancer surgery. She is now waiting for pathology results.

Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Robin & Zackara B, Gail L, Winny S, Niesje S, Wilma W, Ashley W** along with our elderly in care homes or those receiving extra support **Chris & Anne B** and **Johanna W**.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Jamie B (Fri) and Ezekiel D (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

Council Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Community Dinner – Friday at 5:45 pm

Next Sunday October 5, 2025

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Phil Apoll from Mount Brydges. *This is a Classical appointment therefore the service will begin at 10:00 am*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Congregational meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm. An agenda package will be provided soon.

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.

THANKS

A huge shout out to Fred M and Matt V who install the new dishwasher in the kitchen last week. We used it during the Potluck and it works great! We appreciate all your hard work!

Weekly Offerings

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

October 5 offering is for Essex Food Bank Drive.

FOOD BANK DRIVE – SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Help Us Out ~ The Deacons are hosting a one Sunday Food Drive so we can deliver all the items to the Essex Food Bank before Thanksgiving. See Linda or Ben for more information

Many items needed are –

- i. School Snacks including pudding, fruit and applesauce cups, granola bars...
- ii. Canned Veggies & Fruit ...
- iii. Breakfast is the best way to begin your day with cereal or oatmeal
- iv. Baby Needs ... formula, diapers etc
- v. Hygiene Products

NEW TREASURER

After 26 years of devotion and service to the job of Treasurer for Essex CRC, Harvey vH will be retiring at the end of 2025. Therefore, we are in need of someone who would be willing to take over the job of Treasurer. If you feel you can do this job, please see Greg S.

COMMUNITY DINNER – FRIDAY OCTOBER 3

Essex CRC is hosting a free Community Dinner open for the Community on Friday October 3 @ 5:45 pm

Everyone is welcome to come, have a meal and connect with each other. For more details, see Ana M.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - God's family is beautifully diverse. Revelation 7:9 gives us a glimpse of heaven as a great multitude "from every nation, tribe, people, and language" worshiping together (Rev. 7:9). As you celebrate All Nations Heritage Week this week, ask a Christian from another nation or culture to share with you one meaningful way in which people in their tradition worship God. Or look online for stories about Christians in other cultures and how they worship God. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE

Registration is now open! Join us November 14-15 at Kings Christian Collegiate in Oakville, Ont., for dynamic workshops and plenary sessions by keynote speaker Danielle Strickland daniellestrickland.com This conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your neighbours and local community. Special rates for Early Bird registrations, Youth/Young Adults, AND for groups! Visit the event website for the weekend's schedule, workshop descriptions, and how to register: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith> Contact Conference Organizer, Joan Brady, at jbrady@crcna.org with any questions you may have. We can't wait to see you there!

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: LIVING GOD'S STORY

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Living God's Story" at www.kidscorner.net Proverbs 13:20 encourages us to find wise friends. Who do you think is wise? Who can teach you about God and the Bible? Talk to your parents. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

GROUNDWORK: WHEN DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH STALLS

Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER MATT VANDENBRINK
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

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| † Gathering Song | "10,000 Reasons Bless the Lord" | LUYH 559 |
| † Welcome | | |
| † Call to Worship | | |
| † God's Greeting | | |
| † Song of Praise | "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" | on screen |
| Announcements | | |

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

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| Offering | Financial Ministry Plan – <i>Budget Box</i> | |
| | Ministry Shares – <i>plate</i> | |
| The Prayers of the People | | |
| † Song of Response | "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" | on screen |
| † Children's Song | "This Is the Day" | PsH 241 |
| | <i>Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School</i> | |

THE PROCLAMATION

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| Prayer of Illumination | | |
| Scripture Reading | Psalm 118: 1 – 9, 14 – 16, 19 – 24 | |
| Message | The Practice of Celebration | |
| † Song of Response | "This Is My Father's World" | LUYH 21 |

THE SENDING

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| † Parting Blessing | | |
| † Doxology | "The Blessing" | on screen |
| † Postlude | | |
| † | <i>Indicates Congregation standing if able</i> | |