

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today Tammy K, Chris S
Mar 01 Greg S, Joseph D
Mar 08 Heather S, Avery V
Mar 15 Kerry W, Joseph D

AV

Today Tim K, Emerson V
Mar 01 Chris S, Sterling S
Mar 08 Chris S, Sterling S
Mar 15 Tim K, Emerson V

Coffee Clean Up

Today Fred & Linda M
Mar 01 Peter & Jacoba D
Mar 08 Ben V
Mar 15 Matt & Charmaine V

Offerings

Today Cadets
Mar 01 Benevolence
Mar 08 Mortgage Reduction
Mar 15 Diaconal Ministries

Lead Elder

Pete K
Ben S
Matt V
Greg S

Sunday School

Cadets Sunday
Renee B
Renee B
Renee B

Greeters

Joanne W, Rita O
Greg & Andrea S
Wayne & Electa B
Ana & Jorge M

Preacher

Pastor Darrell Edgar
Pastor Darrell Edgar
Ben S
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 Follow us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 09:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday 09:30 am – 12:30 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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Sunday February 22, 2026
Morning Worship 9:00 am

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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 **Ruth V** in prayer as she recovers from an emergency surgery at home.

Keep **John V N** in prayer as he recovers from a surgery and deals with different health issues.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Margaret V N (Feb 24), Wayne B (Feb 27), Renee B (Feb 28). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

09:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we welcome Pastor Darrell Edgar and Cadets Families for a Special and Joyful Sunday Service.

GEMS & Cadets – Monday 6:30 pm

Lenten Ecumenical Service – Wednesday at 12 pm

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Sunday March 1, 2026

10:00 am – Sunday Morning Worship in-person or online where we will farewell Winny and Ben S.

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.

Weekly Offerings

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

Cadets: The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.

March 01, 2026 offering is for Benevolence.

Benevolence: This offering helps those with needs in our Church and in the Community.

Announcements

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES – FEB 25, 2026

Essex Ministerial is hosting a series of Lenten Ecumenical Services. Every Wednesday starting at 12 pm. Essex CRC will host on February 25. Everyone is welcome! We will have a luncheon after service.

BEN & WINNY S FAREWELL SERVICE – MAR 1, 2026

After many years of commitment and faithful service, Winny and Ben Schinkel Sr will move to a next chapter in their lives. And you are our special guest to join us as we honor and farewell them. Ben Schinkel Sr will lead the Service on March 1 at 10 am. And light refreshments will be served downstairs.

COMMUNITY DINNER – MARCH 6 & 20, 2026

Essex CRC is hosting free Community Dinners open for the Community on Fridays, March 6 & 20 @ 5:45 pm

Everyone is welcome to come, have a meal and connect with each other. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the church office and sign up! Or talk to Ana M.

OUTREACH TRAINING – MARCH 22, 2026

We will be hosting an Outreach Training Session on Sunday March 22 after the morning service. The training/conversation will be no longer than one hour, and we will have snacks provided by the Council Members. Everyone is encouraged to join!

Resources

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: FAITHFULNESS: NEVER GIVE UP.
Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Faithfulness: Never Give Up" at www.kidscorner.net God is always with us and shows us what true loyalty looks like, no matter what we face. Discover how his never-ending love can help us become faithful, kind, and trustworthy friends to others! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

GROUNDWORK: IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE: JESUS PRAYS, JUDAS BETRAYS, AND JESUS IS ARRESTED.

As Lent begins, let's prepare our hearts in this season by following Jesus to Golgotha and studying the biblical events that comprise the traditional stations of the cross. Join Groundwork as we begin our journey by studying Matthew 26:31-56 to reflect on what happened to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and consider the effects of his prayer, betrayal, and arrest for Jesus and for us. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

FOCUS ON THE CROSS

Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today Devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at www.todaydevotional.com/lent

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The forty days of Lent bring to mind the forty days of fasting that preceded Jesus' public ministry. During Lent, Christians around the world reflect on the weight of sin, the cost of salvation, and the love that motivated Jesus' earthly sojourn and sacrificial death. This year during Lent, find an object that reminds you of the wilderness (like a small stone or a container of sand) and place it in plain sight. Whenever you see it, pause and remember the depth of Jesus' love and how far he went to rescue you from sin and death. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

LEAD ELDER: PETE K
PASTOR DARRELL EDGAR
MUSIC – PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING

- † Welcome
- † Gathering Song "Cornerstone" on the screen
- † Call to Worship
- † God's Greeting
- † Song of Praise "Whom Shall I Fear" on the screen

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering Financial Ministry Plan – *Budget Box*
 Cadets – *Plate*

The Prayers of the People

- † Cadet Litany
- † Song of Response "Trust In God" on the screen

Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 16:13-14
Message Stand Firm

- † Song of Response "In Christ Alone" LUYH 770
- † Parting Blessing
- † Doxology "Our God" LUYH 580
- † Postlude

† Indicates Congregation standing if able

Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship!