



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th Year—1912-2026

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Our Mission: With respect, cooperation, and joy, through acts of love that build each other up, we seek to share the light of Christ as a Beacon from our corner in East Hamilton

Sunday Worship at Laidlaw

Baptism of Jesus

“Well Pleased”

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Worship with us In Person, or by Livestream on YouTube, search “Laidlaw Live”

Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/c0LLJ5Ir0Do>

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send an Interac e-transfer to 'laidlawuc@bellnet.ca' or press the 'On-Line Donation' button
at www.laidlawchurch.ca Thank you for your support!

Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

Musician: Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.

Minister: Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call

Call to Worship

📖 Acts 10, Matthew 3

The Lord be with You! And, also, with You!

We now understand the truth: God shows no partiality! God welcomes all who show respect by doing what's right!

God loves us, gently leading us with unfailing persistence. Praise God, who takes delight in gathering us together!

Hymn of Praise

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When Jesus Comes to Be Baptised

1. When Jesus comes to be baptized, he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace, to bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down, anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound, and to the mourner, comfort bring.
3. He will not quench the dying flame, and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt, and out of death his triumph make.
4. O Spirit help us be like Christ: to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now, and grow in Christian dignity.
5. We praise you, God, source of all life, we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift; your triune presence fills our world.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

LORD God of glory and grace, you refuse to break a bruised reed. Lead us to what is just and right.

Give us the joy of coming to understand that you show no partiality--that your love is for all people! Call us to do what is right; help us to do the things that make justice, joy, and peace prevail.

Be our God who gives us strength. In Jesus Christ, show us a gentle way that makes us strong and gives life to all.

By your Spirit, let us witness your glory, grace, and love, Amen!

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion will be served to you in the pew for In-Person worship, if you are online, gather bread and wine!

Anthem

What a Friend

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig, Music: Don Besig

Greeting

The Lord be with you! And Also with you!

Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Unison)*

God, we give you thanks! Your voice is heard above the thundering water, yet you delight in your servant who will not quench a dimly burning wick.

We thank you for your persistence in calling us to seek peace and pursue justice. You show us forgiveness that sets right what has gone wrong. You give us bread and wine and wine to share, so that we may find communion with Jesus, who suffered without crying out for vengeance, who you raised from death as the beginning of new life for all people. הַשְׁמִיעָה Save us, we pray!

We share this sacred gift of bread and wine, seeking the deeper communion of love that shows no partiality; love that embraces all of creation. Give us the courage to be forgiven and to forgive. Show us faith and hope that redeem all creation, healing all that is out of joint.

We wait and work together, knowing that you will fulfill all that you have promised. Let your peace and justice prevail, let the former things come to pass, and new things be revealed. Give healing to those who are sick, and comfort to those who suffer and grieve. In renewed love, teach us to embrace everyone. Μαράνα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on each and all, as a fire that lights our way. Gather us, and take delight in us as we delight in one another, that we may find strength to trust your love. Make us witnesses of all that Jesus has done to bring peace. By the power of your Spirit, fulfill all that is right and good.

All glory and honour belong to you, God! Let us hear your voice from heaven, that you take delight in us all. Bless us with peace, that we may speak your praise always and forever, Amen.

Communion will be served to you in the pews, please wait and we will partake together.

The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

Youth and Scripture

 *Matthew 3:17*

God Whispering in Our Ears

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 86 in *All God's Children Sing*

Spirit be Our Breath of Life

Words: Anonymous Music: Traditional


1. Spirit be our breath of life, Alleluia! (2x)
2. Spirit be our wind of change, Alleluia! (2x)
3. Spirit help us share our gifts, Alleluia! (2x)
4. Spirit help us live God's love, Alleluia! (2x)

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Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons, there are colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

 *Isaiah 42:1-9* (Old Testament, page 670)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response


Tune: *Langran 10 10 10 10*

 *Psalm 29*

1. Ascribe to God, all you who dwell in heav'n, Ascribe to God all glory and all strength!
Ascribe to God the glory of God's name! Worship the LORD in holy splendor all!
2. The voice of God like water thunders down! God's glory rides above the mighty waves!
God's voice is power, and full of majesty, Breaking the cedars, making nations jump!
3. The voice of God comes like a raging fire! The voice of God shakes all the wilderness!
The sound of God makes mighty oaks to whirl! 'Glory' say all who in God's temple wait!
4. The LORD sits down, enthroned o'er every flood; The LORD sits down, enthroned as king forev'r.
May God, our LORD his people now give strength! May God, our LORD his people bless with peace!


Adapted from the Scripture and set in metre by Rev. Doug Moore

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

 *Acts 10:34-43* (New Testament, page 129)

This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 3:13-17* (New Testament, page 3)

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Well Pleased

Gospel Hymn

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Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey, I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears,
for you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey, but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side;
and with all of my brothers you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Words and Music: Gordon Lightfoot G. Holland Music: Karl P. Harrington

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures, high and low;
Give thanks to God in love make known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

76 (All God's Children Sing)

Kum Bah Yah

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
2. Someone's crying, Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
3. Someone's praying, Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
4. Some one's singing, Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
5. Come by here, my Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, come by here!

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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¹Go now in peace, go now in peace. ²May the love of God surround you ³everywhere, everywhere, ⁴you may go.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Join us for Coffee Hour!

At 10 a.m. before worship And Also:
After Worship Coffee and Games in the Gym!

Join us for Wii and Games in the gym and conversations!

Everyone is Welcome!

*Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!
If someone you love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!*



Announcements

OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Doug is 'officially' working 'half time' now! Regular Office Hours for Rev. Doug will continue Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. till noon! Rev. Doug continues to be 'on call', so, if there is a need for pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! Coffee is on during office hours; you are always welcome to come by! We appreciate lots of help! Rev. Doug will now consider Mondays and Fridays a 'day off'. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 are at the back of the church today, please pick yours up! If you would like to have offering Envelopes for 2026, we are happy to provide you with a set—speak to Rev. Doug!

This Week at Laidlaw

Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon) resume their meetings this week!

Office Hours! Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! There will be a film crew survey at the church, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, January 15, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will do some cleaning and get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, and set up for Bingo!

BINGO! Saturday, January 17, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! **Bigger Prizes!** 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3. Children are welcome to play if they have a parent or guardian with them!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Third Sunday of Epiphany, January 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Fishing, Right Here!" Lunch will Follow the Service! Olivia Brown is at the keyboards. Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship with games in the gym! **Worship Livestream at** <https://youtube.com/live/WVvDauswNrg>

Loaves and Fishes Lunch, Sunday, January 18, 2026, after worship! We ask for a \$5 donation for lunch of Sandwiches, and deserts, cheese and pickles!

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting: Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stu Hamilton Room! Everyone should be there, we will look at the finance report for 2025 and budget for 2026, and get the nominations report ready for Annual Meeting. It would be great to receipt reports for the Annual Report at this meeting!

Upcoming Events

The First Gathering of 'The Ladies of Laidlaw' will take place Monday, January 19, 2026 at noon! All women of the church are welcome to join us! Bring your knitting if you like, conversations, working on helping with events at Laidlaw, and Rev. Doug will make us grilled cheese and tomato soup for lunch!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, featuring BAD GUYS 2, Friday, January 23, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Wii, Lots of food and drink for sale—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring your family!

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, February 5, 2026, 7-9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Do you write songs, poetry, stories, fiction, pretty much anything? This is your open mic! And if you would like to just listen—it's a great night for that too! Refreshments available at modest prices! For more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Laidlaw... There will be a soup and bread supper available from 5-7 p.m., Followed by the Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m., all upstairs. Join us!

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, February 22, 2026, after Worship and Lunch! Reports for the Annual Meeting Docket are needed soon! All Council Chairs and Representatives should write a report! Speak to Rev. Doug if you have yours ready or need help to begin!

PENNY SALE—Saturday February 28, 2026—we are collecting prizes for the Winter Penny sale—if you have prizes, bring them, if we get more than we need, we'll keep them for the May sale, Thanks! *We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated!* Doors open at noon. Draws will take place at 2 p.m. Winners must be present at the draws! There will be a Penny Table with 75 prizes, a Mega Penny Table with 25 big prizes, and a Half and Half Draw. A children's table ensures a prize for every child, there will be a Bake Table by the UCW, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrique! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$20-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Accessible Entrance: Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes.

We appreciate help! with supplies... We need regular coffee. We have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

Looking for conversations about art, life, culture, society, history, and religion? Catch up with all of Rev. Moore's appearances on THE SPS PODCAST—and while you're at it, please like, share, comment, and subscribe! The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/@VERYEDiTORiAL>

Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books, there is now a large selection of DVDs, they are \$1 each!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS? *We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!*

Donation Box for Wesley Centre, etc.! *Rose McGowan is making 'kindness kits' for men and women experiencing housing and health issues. Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!*

Offerings and Donations to Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Z2 can be made by mail, Electronic donations can be made through Canada Helps, go to laidlawchurch.ca and click the "Donation" button (*a form will pop up on our website, and allow you to make the donation without leaving the Laidlaw Website!*); or by Interac E-transfer, use the church email address, laidlawuc@bellnet.ca (we have set this up for automatic deposit—no password needed)! This is a great time to go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)! Call the Church Office at 905 544 6536 if you would like to go on PAR, or have a set of offering envelopes. *Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted separately by Canada Helps.*

BUDGET NEWS! We are truly blessed by the generosity of our members and friends, and the good people who attend events and fundraisers at Laidlaw. The offerings of time, expertise, labour and treasure have us making amazing progress. We know that going into 2026, we will need to 'catch up' national dues! *Donations to the general fund are a great help!* Regular giving from those in person, and online, are critical to ensuring cash flow to meet expenses! We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge! **You can help us in several ways.** Participate and promote fundraising events at Laidlaw. Helping with donations for events is a great help. Encourage people to come with you to Bingo, Penny Sales, Movie Nights, Concerts, and Sunday Worship. Consider increasing or starting a regular monthly gift for the General Fund at Laidlaw by PAR (call the Church Office at 905 544 6536). *We deeply appreciate when those who are gathering with us online also make a donation to help keep the Laidlaw Beacon shining!* Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity! If you would like Envelopes and don't have a set, call the Church Office at 905 544 6536.

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program: the report has been filed, and an application for next year is in the works—no word yet! The Grant from the Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the *'Artword Studio at Laidlaw'* The studio is mostly ready now—we are looking forward to welcoming events in the space in 2026!

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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