



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

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

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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

 *Isaiah 49, John 1*

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

What can it mean that 'God chooses us?' Being 'chosen' was supposed to make things easier!

We're looking for a Messiah; Jesus comes as a teacher! God calls us to follow Jesus; and find our strength!

Hymn of Praise

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Let There Be Light

1. Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord opening into grace.
3. Perish the sword, perish the angry judgment, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.
4. Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name.
5. Your kingdom come, your Spirit turn to language, your people speak together, your Spirit never fade.
6. Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Prayer of Approach (*Unison*)

God, you call us, you redeem our lives, from darkness to light. Show us what is next. Show us what is right. Give us courage for the future unfolding in our time. Give us respect for the old ways, and strength to discern the new ways. As we follow you, put joy and hope in our hearts.

God, lead us to a life worth living! In following Jesus, teach us your way of love. Let your Spirit strengthen us to follow the path your love reveals with joy, Amen.

Anthem

Just as I am, Lord

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

We Hear God's Word

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

 *Isaiah 49:7, John 1:36*

King, Angel, Shepherd, or Lamb?



Youth and Scripture

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 28 in *All God's Children Sing*

Serve The Lord

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1977

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x)

Chorus: O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, (serve/trust/thank/love/serve) the Lord!

2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you! (2x)
3. Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions! (2x)
4. Love the Lord, and there is your freedom! (2x)
5. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x)

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The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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 49:1-7 (Old Testament, page 679)*

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

Psalm Response

Psalm 40:1-11

Tune: *Ellers* 10 10 10 10

1. I wait with patience, and God hears my cry! God lifts me from the pit, the miry bog!
God sets my feet upon a rock, secure, God put in my mouth a new song of praise!

2. Many will see and fear, and trust the LORD! Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
They are not proud, nor do they chase false gods! You, God, give to us wondrous deeds and thoughts!

3. None can compare to you, the LORD my God! You don't demand, you give an open ear!
I give myself, my joy is to serve you! Your law, O God, you write within my heart!

4. I tell the glad news of your help to all! I don't hold back, I do not hide your grace!

Your love and faithfulness I speak with joy! LORD, in your mercy, keep me always safe!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Corinthians 1:1-9 (New Testament, page 165)*
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 1:29-42 (New Testament, page 92)*
This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

O, Brother!

Gospel Hymn

One More Step Along the World I Go
Words: Sidney Carter 1971 Music: Southcote

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1. One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you!

Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me travelling along with You.

2. Round the corner of the world I go. More and more about the world I learn.

All the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.

3. As I travel through the bad and good Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.

4. Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with You.

5. You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with You.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Here Comes the Sun
Words and Music: George Harrison

Doxology

541

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

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more

2. Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to you, I will ever give to you.

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!

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!

Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

Office Hours! Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, January 29, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will do some cleaning and get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday and set up for Movie Night!

Laidlaw hosts Horse Falls Region Clergy Gathering, Friday, January 30, 2026, 9:30 a.m. till 11 a.m.

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Fourth Sunday of Epiphany, February 1, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Clap Your Hands, Stomp Your Feet!” 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/u5ORiaK_HdQ**

Upcoming Events

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

BINGO! Saturday, February 7, 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!

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting: Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stu Hamilton Room! We will approve the Finance report and budget, and prepare the slate of officers for 2026, in preparation for Annual Meeting February 22.

VALENTINES DAY with JUNESTONE at Laidlaw! Saturday, February 14, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., Junestone will perform at 6:30 p.m. **Pay What you Can, \$10 per person, \$20 per family suggested!** Junestone is Olivia Brown and Borys Franiczek’s band, and they will give a family friendly, bring your kids concert this valentines day at Laidlaw. Ben and Rev. Doug are putting on a Soup and Bread Supper at the event! There will be food, music, dancing, and we will wind up about 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Let’s celebrate together!

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!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, featuring Disney's WICKED for GOOD, Friday, February 20, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts 6:30 p.m. Wii, food and drink for sale—and POPCORN!—Fun for all—bring your family!

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!

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.*

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>

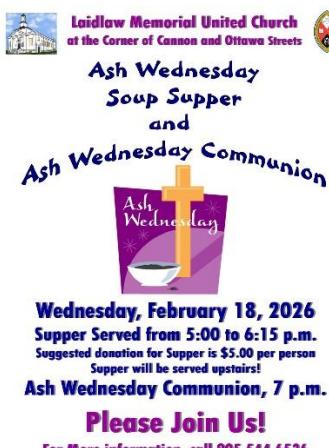
Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books, there is now a large selection of DVDs, they are \$1 each!

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!

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!



God's Eyewitness News

"I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
John 1:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 1:29-34 (NIV).



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