



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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: https://youtube.com/live/u5ORiaK_HdQ

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If you are online or in Person, please consider making an offering in one of two ways:
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!*

At the Keyboards Today: *Olivia Brown*

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

 *Micah 6, Matthew 5*

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

With what shall I come before the LORD my God? God asks of us humility, justice, and loving kindness!

These are what God requires; God has called these good! In following Jesus, we will find true blessing and joy!

Hymn of Praise

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise: may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer of Approach (*Unison*)

God, you save and redeem our lives! By your love, call us together in blessing and hope!

You show us how seeking justice, being kind, and doing what is right is all the luck we need. You ask us to find our heavenly reward in loving kindness shared.

Turn us toward humility, justice, and kindness. In following Jesus, show us our many blessings. Let your Spirit strengthen us to do what is required with peace and joy! Amen!

Anthem

Thy Word

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith Arranger: Jack Schrader

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

The Beatitudes

 *Matthew 5:9*

If You're Happy and You Know It

Words and Music: *Anonymous*

1. If you're happy and you know it, *clap your hands*.
If you're happy and you know it, *clap your hands*.
- If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it, *clap your hands*.
2. ...*snap your fingers*... 3. ...*slap your knees*... 4. ...*stomp your feet*...
5. ...*shout "Amen!"*... 6. ...*do all five*...

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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

 *Micah 6:1-8 (Old Testament, page 866)*

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

Psalm Response

Tune: *Hesperus L.M. moderate*

Psalm 15

1. O LORD who may abide with you? Who, on your holy hill, may dwell?
Those who walk blameless, and do right, and speak the truth from deep in their hearts.
2. They do not slander with their tongue, they do no evil to their friends,
They are good neighbours, kind and fair, evil they shun, they fear God, the LORD!
3. They keep their oath, ev'n to their hurt, they freely lend; but shun a bribe.
Those who act thus shall not be moved! They are the ones who will dwell with God!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Corinthians 1:18-31 (New Testament, page 166)*
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 5:1-12 (New Testament, page 4)*
This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Clap Your Hands, Stomp Your Feet

Gospel Hymn

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Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

1. Ask me what great thing I know that delights and stirs me so,
what the high reward I win, whose the name I glory in: Jesus Christ, the crucified.
2. Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart, healing all that grief imparts? Jesus Christ, the crucified.
3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?
Who holds all my days secure, in God's heart where love is sure? Jesus Christ, the crucified.
4. This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:
faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who triumphed o'er the grave, Jesus Christ, the crucified.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Count Your Blessings

Words: Rev. J. Oatman, Jr. Music: E.O. Excell

Doxology

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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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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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’ ‘non-retired’, 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, February 3, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, February 4, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, February 5, 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!

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—Fifth Sunday of Epiphany, February 8, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Don’t Hold Back” 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/Z48veU9HDEI>**

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.

Upcoming Events

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 SNOW WHITE (2025), 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 Ladies of Laidlaw, 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 auto deposit, no password needed)!** 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!

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

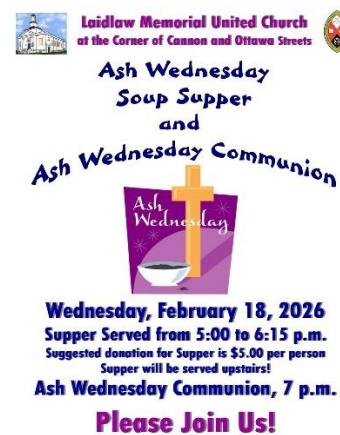
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS? We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!

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.

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>

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 Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



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