



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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Sunday, February 8, 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!

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

 Isaiah 58, Psalm 112, Matthew 5

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

Shout out! Don't hold back! Make your voice heard! Don't hide from the light God gives—take delight in it!

We worship God in prayer, in praise, and in sharing our bread! Thank God, who leads us through hope to joy!

Hymn of Praise

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.**
2. **Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**
3. **He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**
4. **Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!**
5. **My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of your name.**

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, you give light and joy to all. You ask us to mix and mingle, sharing your light and joy.

Give us the courage to shout for joy. Teach us to be generous. Help us to speak from the joy in our hearts; and do what we do for the good of all you have created.

Let us loose, God! In Jesus, show us the good we are meant to do in this world, without holding back. By your Spirit, lead us, through hope, to peace and joy. Amen!

Anthem

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual Arranger: Patsy Ford Simms

We Hear God's Word

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

 Matthew 5:15-16

Something We're Good At

Youth and Scripture

Young People Praying

Young People Singing



This Little Light of Mine

Traditional, Arrangement by Pamela Bye, copyright 1984

1. **This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...**
2. **Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine...**
3. **Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine...**
4. **Let it shine at Laidlaw Church! I'm gonna let it shine...**
5. **Let it shine in Hamilton! I'm gonna let it shine...**
6. **See the light spreading 'round the world! See all the faces shine! (3x)**

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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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 58:1-12 *(Old Testament, page 688)*

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

Psalm Response

Tune: All The Way 8787D moderate

 Psalm 112:1-9

1. **Praise the LORD! All those who fear God! Take delight in God's commands!
Let your children's children find strength As they bless, and do what's right;
They will find their wealth in goodness, they'll endure beyond their years,
they will rise before the dawn breaks, and give light to all the land.**

2. It goes well when we are generous, When we do what's right and fair;
 The truth told will be remembered; Do what's right, and stand the test;
 There's no need to fear what's evil If our hearts will trust in God;
 We can hope for a good future; Those who help, God will reward!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Corinthians 2:1-12 (New Testament, page 166)*
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 5:13-20 (New Testament, page 4)*
This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Don't Hold Back!

Gospel Hymn

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Shout For God!

Words: Walter Farquharson Music: Ron Klusmeier

1. Shout for God! Make a Happy Sound! Clap for God! God is all around!
2. Hush for God! Let the quiet sing. Wait for God! Deepest feelings bring.
3. Sing for God! Sing a pleasant song! Work for God! Good replaces wrong!
4. Praise our God! Care for all God's friends! Love our God! God's love never ends!

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Fire and Rain

Words and Music: James Taylor

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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Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

964

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, February 10, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, February 11, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, February 12, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will do some cleaning and get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday!

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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY, February 15, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Jesus Bids Us Shine” Steve McRae 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/ubJiOhu4kTA>**

Upcoming Events

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!

LADIES OF LAIDLAW meet! Monday, February 23, 2026, at noon for lunch, meeting to follow! Rev. Doug will make grilled cheese and tomato soup for lunch! All ladies are welcome, help us get ready for the Feb 28 Penny Sale!

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!

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, March 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, March 14, 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!

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!

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>

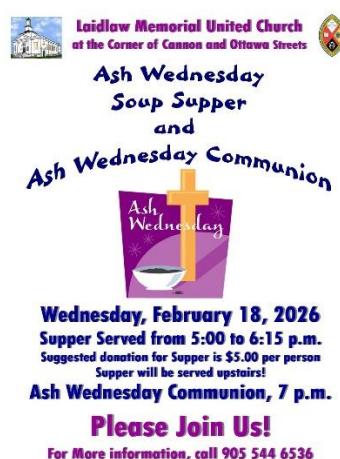
Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books, there is now a large selection of DVDs, they are \$1 each!

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!



Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



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