



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

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/ubJiOhu4kTA>

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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

 Exodus 24, Psalm 99, Matthew 17

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

God calls to us: "Come up to me on the mountain!" God speaks to us from the fire and cloud!

While on the mountain, Jesus' face shone like the sun. It's good to be here! Get up, and do not be afraid!

Hymn of Praise

413

O Splendour of God's Glory Bright

Tune: Duke Street at no. 330

1. O splendour of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;
O light of life, light's living spring, true day, all days illumining;
2. Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, pour down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.
3. O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.
4. O Christ, with each returning morn your image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever see anew our Saviour and our God in you!

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, we are amazed by the splendour of light and the joys of life. We are dazzled by your grace and truth.
Yet we are afraid. We just sit there. We know there is more to see, and more to do. You call us to do what is right.
Guide us; help us; by your Holy Spirit, move us forward.
Let your grace shine on us all. In being near Jesus, let us see things anew, and be transformed. Pour out your
Spirit, so that joy, peace, and progress might prevail. Amen!

Anthem

Shout to the Lord

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech Arranger: Jack Schrader

We Hear God's Word

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

 Second Peter 1:16

Youth and Scripture

Phosphorescent

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

One More Step Along the World I Go

Words: Sidney Carter 1971 Music: Southcote



no. 52 in *All God's Children Sing*

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.

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

 Exodus 24:12-18 *(Old Testament, page 70)*

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

Psalm Response

Tune: *Stuttgart 8787* moderate

 Psalm 99

1. The LORD God is king—we tremble! God sits high on cherubim!
The earth quakes, God is exulted, in the land and over all!
2. Let all people praise your name, God! Holy is God's awesome name!
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have done what's right and fair!
3. At his footstool, praise the LORD God! Holy is the LORD our God!
Moses, Aaron, were God's servants! Samuel called on God's name!

4. They cried to God, and God answered! God spoke from the fire and cloud!
 They did all that God instructed, keeping all the laws God gave!
 5. O, LORD God, you answered their prayers—set them right, forgave their sins,
 Praise the LORD our God and worship! Holy is the LORD our God!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Second Peter 1:16-21 (New Testament, page 236)*
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 17:1-9 (New Testament, page 18)*
This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Jesus Bids Us Shine

Gospel Hymn

585

Jesus Bids Us Shine

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night.
 In this world is darkness, so let us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine first of all for him; well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
 Jesus walks beside us to help us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around; many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
 sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

I Can See Clearly Now

Words and Music: Johnny Nash

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

582

There's A Spirit In the Air

1. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
 'Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.'
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done:
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!
3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,
 praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.
4. Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!
5. When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,
 praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.
6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay, live tomorrow's life today.
7. There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:
 praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

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 (Tuesday 7 p.m. this week!), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

Office Hours! Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, February 18, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER, WORSHIP and COMMUNION: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, supper served from 5 to 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m. There will be soup and bread for supper, a donation of \$5 for supper is requested. Ash Wednesday Communion will follow at 7 p.m., supper and worship will be upstairs! Join us! **Ash Wednesday Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/0ACwVQPxHRC>**

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, February 19, 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!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, featuring Nintendo and Illumination's THE SUPER MARIO BROS. Movie, 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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, February 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. "The Apple Story" 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/S2OmLsd1j3Q>**

LOAVES AND FISHES LUNCH Sunday February 22, 2026 after Worship! (Annual Meeting has been postponed!)

Upcoming Events

The 'The Ladies of Laidlaw' will gather! Monday, February 23, 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!

Light Rail Transit Community Meeting Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6 to 8 p.m. at Laidlaw. Narinder Nann's office and the LRT people will be at Laidlaw, speaking about upcoming work at Ottawa and Main Streets. An opportunity to hear and see what is happening this summer with the LRT! Everyone is welcome!

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

ANNUAL MEETING—POSTPONED TO Sunday, March 8, 2026, after Worship and Lunch! Reports for the Annual Meeting Docket are needed now! All Council Chairs and Representatives should write a report!

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!

THE ACOUSTICS in Concert Friday, May 1, 2026, 7 till 9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling 519 732-2542, or \$15 at the door! See the details at www.theacoustics.ca

SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale – Saturday May 9, 2026, Rent a table for \$40.00, bring and sell your stuff, buy other people's stuff, keep the money! If you would like a table, go to the 'Community' tab on the church website—book your table soon! The Ladies of Laidlaw will be service meat pies, and there will be a half and half draw by Laidlaw at the event this year! Come out and enjoy SEW Hungry this year!

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>

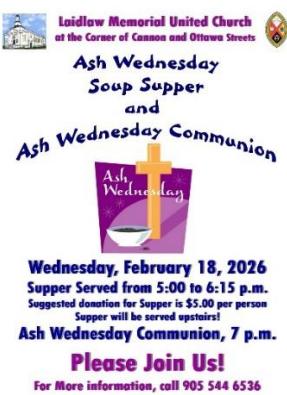
Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books, **there is now a large selection of DVDs, they are \$1 each!**

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!



The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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