



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

First Sunday in Lent

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

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

Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/S2OmLsd1j3Q>

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Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021—Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!



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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

📖 Matthew 4, Romans 5

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

We cannot live by bread alone! Every Word God speaks gives life!

Worship the Lord your God—serve God only! By one act of faithful obedience, many are saved!

Hymn of Praise

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On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of our God, who abide in his shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!" And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to rise like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.
2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: Under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness, your shield. And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to rise like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to rise like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.
4. For to God's angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to rise like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.

And hold you in the palm of my hand.

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Unison)

God, in your created order there is good and poison fruit, and you would show us the difference.

We confess: We hide that we have eaten poison, when telling you would save our lives. Our sins wizen us; but cannot heal us. We want bread alone, when we can't live by bread alone.

As we confess our sins, forgive us, God! In following Jesus, let us serve you only, even as your Holy Spirit satisfies our hunger with wisdom and joy, Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

📖 Psalm 32, Romans 5

When we hide our sins, we waste away and wear out! When we confess our sins, God forgives us!

One evil act destroys many—one good act saves many! God forgives our sins; and leads us to joy and peace!

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!

Communion Anthem

Come Share the Lord

Words and Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech, Arranger: Roland Bell

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! You created Eden, where there was joy and temptation. We chose temptation. We chose knowledge without wisdom, bringing death and destruction in your garden.

We thank you for staying with us; calling to us in the voices of prophets and poets who showed us our sins, even as we hid from you. So, you came to us in Jesus Christ, who shows us that love and faith are stronger than temptation, and life is more than bread.

We share this broken bread and poured out wine; they are more than bread and wine to us. As we remember Jesus, who gave his life to save us, we find communion with you, and connection with all you created, and we move toward forgiveness, healing and joy. יהוה שׂמֵחַ Save us, we pray!

We wait, calling on you to help us! Heal each one who is sick or injured. Encourage those who are anxious, afraid, or in danger. Comfort those who are grieved. Keep us from falling into temptations; lead us into the wilderness, so that we may see the angels who are there to help us. Μαράνα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on each and all. Turn the temptations we face into opportunities for obedience and joy and healing. Come near us and speak to us, that your words might be the bread that sustains us.

All glory and honour belong to you, God! You alone are worthy of our worship! Make us witnesses of your forgiving grace and love for all people. Bless us with peace, that we may praise you 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!

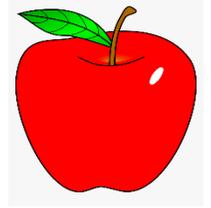
Youth and Scripture

📖 *Genesis 2, Matthew 4*

Apples or Stones

Young People Praying Young People Singing

no. 42 in *All God's Children Sing*



Stay With Us

Words: *Walter Farquharson* Music: *Ron Klusmeier*

1. Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed Jesus, 'til the morning breaks again.
2. Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the grief.
Stay with us, blessed Jesus, 'til the morning brings relief.
3. Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the dread.
Stay with us, blessed Jesus, 'til the morning breaks new bread!

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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

📖 *Genesis 1:15-17, 3:1-7 (Old Testament, page 1)*

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

Psalm Response

Tune: *Melcombe L.M.*

📖 *Psalm 32*

1. Happy are those forgiv'n their sin! Happy are those, whose guilt God lifts!
Happy the spirit without guile, all those whose sin has been forgiv'n!
2. When in my silence, sins I hid, my body wasted, wracked with pain!
Both day and night I felt my shame, my strength dried in a summer's heat!
3. Then I confessed my sin to you, I did not hide my sin from you!
I said, "I'll tell my sins to God!", and you forgave and cleansed my guilt!
4. Let all who trust in you now pray! In times of stress, we will be safe!
You are a hiding place for me, you save my life and bring me joy!
5. I will instruct you in God's way. I'll keep my eye on your best hopes.
Don't like a stubborn mule dig in, let understanding guide your way.
6. The wicked walk tormented ways, but trust in God brings steadfast love!
Be glad in God, rejoice in right, all you who trust God shout for joy!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 *Romans 5:12-19 (New Testament, page 156)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

📖 *Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament, page 3)*

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

Sermon

The Apple Story

Gospel Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
2. O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People
Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity
Offertory

Blowin' in the Wind
Words Music: Bob Dylan

Offertory and Doxology

We give you but your won, whate'er the gift may be; that that we have is ours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

Pass Me Not

1. Pass me not, O gentle Saviour, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.
2. Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.
3. Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.
4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?
Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

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

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!

Office Hours! Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, February 25, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, February 26, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will do some cleaning and get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday; and set up for the Penny Sale!

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—if you have prizes, bring them in for this or the May Penny Sale! *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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, March 1, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Always Beginning Again” *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! Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/2knmMQrLhus>

Upcoming Events

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 anymodel@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!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, movie To Be Announced! Friday, March 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!

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!*

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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 are 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. *Donations to the general fund are a great help*, from those in person, and online! 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 Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT).



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TEMPTED	ANGELS	HUNGRY	STONES	SERVE
WORLD	KINGDOMS	BREAD	DESERT	SPLENDOR
DEVIL	FASTING	SATAN	TEMPLE	JESUS