



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 112th Year—1912-2024

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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

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

...wisdom, signs, and frustration...

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



Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/eBDNFBGKRLg?feature=share>

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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021

Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!

(Rev. Doug will try to keep up with the messages!)

Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube!

'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams!

Ministers: *All who follow Jesus Christ!*

On Tech: *Ben Moore*

With the Children: *Drew Walker*

Acolytes: *Children, Youth, and James Hawkes*

Offering: *Keith Greeniaus*

Musician: *Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.*

Minister: *Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.*

Back to normal...we'll pass the offering plates during service...

If you are online, 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!

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call

Call to Worship

📖 John 2, 1 Corinthians 1 Psalm 19, Exodus 20

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

Let us gather here; and let this be a house of prayer! God gives us law and love that can save us all!

Let us gather here, seeking the new life God would give! Let the meditations of our hearts welcome our God!

Hymn of Praise

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only
thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky
and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Approach and Confession *(Unison)*

God, you are faithful! Your promise of peace comes to us in your laws, and in your steadfast love for us!

We confess: In upholding our many laws, we neglect the golden rules that make for peace. We want a sign from heaven; but reject the sign we see in the love of Jesus.

Forgive us, God! Help us discern the love in your laws. In Jesus, show us love and hope that redeem. By your Holy Spirit, help us open our hearts, Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

📖 John 2, Exodus 20, 1 Corinthians 1

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God gave Ten Commandments, calling us to obedience!

Jesus suffers to call us to obedience and faithfulness. Christ is the power and wisdom of God that saves us all!

Anthem

The Laidlaw Music Project

If I Had Been

Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram

We Hear God's Word

Children and Youth may gather at the front, or by your screen!

Youth and Scripture

📖 John 2:15

Jesus Had a Tantrum!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 31 in *All God's Children Sing*

The I Don't Wanna Blues

Words and Music: Lesley J. Clare



1. I don't wanna wear my socks, don't wanna wear my shoes And it's all because I've got the I don't wanna blues.
*Chorus: I don't wanna do this, got the I don't wanna blues. I don't wanna do that, but hear my good news.
Daddy is baking me cookies. Mommy just gave me a hug. Even my puppy is wagging her tail, Jesus is giving me love!*
2. I just pulled my puppy's tail, I spilled some milk on you. And it's all because I've got the I don't wanna blues.
3. I don't wanna go outside, don't wanna stay indoors. I don't wanna wear a smile. Maybe in a while.

The Lord's Prayer

There are colouring pages and puzzles at the back, and in the Bulletin, there is Sunday School Class with Drew too!

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Exodus 20:1-17 (Old Testament, page 66)

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

Psalm Response

Tune: WINSCOTT L.M. moderate


📖 Psalm 19

1. The heavens all God's glory tell! The skies proclaim God's handiwork!
Both day and night, they speak silently; their voice is heard throughout the earth!
2. Our God has set the sun in heaven, glorious, like a handsome groom!
Like a strong athlete who runs with joy; crossing the sky from end to end!
3. The laws of God revive the soul! Trusting God's ways will make us wise!
God shows the way to know heartfelt joy. God's will is clear, and gives us light!


4. To fear the LORD is right and pure, so it is now, will always be!
What God ordains is all truth, and right; better than gold, like honey sweet.
 5. God's law will give a warning true! Keeping God's law is great reward!
But who can know all the wrong they do? God clear us from our hidden faults!
 6. God, keep your servants back from those who act and speak with disrespect.
Keep me from being pushed to such ways; then I'll avoid the greater sins.
 7. Seeing our sins, let's turn from them! Let's seek the new life God will give!
- Let all our words now, our thoughts and prayers, welcome our God, the Rock who saves!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *First Corinthians 1:18-25* (New Testament, page 166)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 2:13-22* (New Testament, page 93)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Wisdom, Signs, and Frustrations...

Gospel Hymn

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God Remembers Pain

1. God remembers pain: nail by nail, thorn by thorn, hunger, thirst and muscles torn.
Time may dull our griefs, and heal our lesser wounds,
but in eternal love, yesterday is now, and pain is in the heart of God.
2. God remembers joy: touch of love, taste of food, all our senses know is good.
Love and life flow by and precious days are gone, but in eternal love
every day is now, and joy is in the heart of God.
3. God remembers us: all we were, all we are, lives within our Lover's care.
Time may dull our minds and death will take us all,
but in eternal love every life is now: our life is hid with Christ in God.

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

The Laidlaw Music Project

The Long and Winding Road

Words and Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Doxology

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In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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God, Who Gives to Life It's Goodness

1. God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy, God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy: teach us now to laugh and praise you, deep within
your praises sing, till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.
2. God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend, God who names us
co-creators, God who wills that chaos end: grant us now creative spirits, minds responsive
to your mind, hearts and wills your rule extending all our acts by Love refined.

Benediction and Commissioning

Choral Response

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God is the One whom we seek together, God is the Life which is part of us all;
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery, God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also, with you!

The bulletins today are placed in loving memory of

Edna Francis Blair née Chevier

Born August 9, 1934, in Hurkett, Ontario

Died March 6, 2022, in Hamilton, Ontario

By her son, Peter



Today: 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 know or love deserves a cake, bring it and we'll celebrate!



Join us Next Sunday!

Worship IN PERSON, or by Livestream, with Chat

There are Activities for the Children!

Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The Order of Service is available at www.laidlawchurch.ca on the home page.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

...look up, and live...

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/Ab1-RQy5xoE?feature=share>

Chat with us online, or text to 905 547 2021!

Worship and Sunday School are available every week—join us!

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This Week and Beyond at Laidlaw...

TODAY: Plan on staying a while after Service to enjoy 50th Anniversary Cake with Cheryl and Dennis Glover!

Office Hours: Rev. Doug will hold office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week, 9 a.m. till noon. For pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! The coffee is on, and you are welcome to stop by, or stay awhile! L'Arche is at Laidlaw Tuesday Morning, the Rising Phoenix AA Group meets Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Al-Anon meets Thursday Mornings. Narcotics Anonymous groups will meet Thursdays at noon, and Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Office Hours, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 9 a.m. till noon! Also, L'Arche Day!

Wednesday Gathering Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m. till noon! Join in crafts, conversation, coffee, and any project you can think up! A film crew will be filming at Laidlaw all day long!

Work Day at the Church—Thursday, March 7m, 2024, 9-11 noon!—coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! AlAnon and Narc Anon groups meet! We will set up for Bingo!

BINGO! Saturday, March 9, 2024, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! There has been an adjustment to Bingo pricing, \$7 for 10 regular games (three cards per sheet) for a \$10 prize, and two 50/50 games, the first for \$1, the second for \$2.

THE LAIDLAW MUSIC PROJECT— Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. The Music Project has evolved! We are rehearsing Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We hope this will allow more people to join us both regularly, and occasionally. Everyone is welcome, young, and not as young people are welcome—bring your instrument!

Worship at Laidlaw—Third Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 10, 2024, 11 a.m. ...look up, and live... Join us every Sunday in person, or catch the service by Livestream, Bring the children to Church! —there is a class for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship, with games in the gym! Invite a friend!

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United Church Women Lunch! Monday, March 11, 2024, at noon! All women are welcome to come to lunch and see what our United Church Women are all about! Rev. Doug is planning to do Bolognese!

80th Birthday Party for Merily Ferguson Sunday, March 17, 2024, after worship at Laidlaw! Join Merily and her family for a birthday celebration!

Laidlaw Church Council Meets: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7:00 till 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge. All council members should attend, this will be the first meeting of the 2024 newly elected council!

MOVIE NIGHT, Disney's WISH! Friday, March 22, 2024, doors open at 6 p.m. Wii, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Nachos and Cheese, drinks for sale—and POPCORN! —movie starts at 7 p.m. Fun for all!

GREEN VENTURE LAIDLAW GARDEN PRESENTATION Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Laidlaw. Refreshments will be served! Come and learn about the plans for new Gardens around Laidlaw Church, and what you can do to help make it all happen! We will need help to serve refreshments, and donations of baked goods for the evening would be amazing and much appreciated!

SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale—Saturday May 11, 2023, Rent a table for \$35.00, 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!***

Penny Sale—Saturday May 25, 2024—please keep an eye out for prizes for the penny and raffle tables, and the kid's table—your donations make the difference! We need 75 Penny Prizes valued between \$15 and \$20, and 25 raffle prizes valued at \$25 and up! Gift Cards are always a hit—please give donations of gift cards to Kathy Rodrigue! New items only (that's a rule under our License from the City of Hamilton)! We will need lots of baking for the bake table, your donations are appreciated! Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

A New Venture with Green Venture! We are happy to announce that Laidlaw Church has been chosen as a site for a community garden, in cooperation with Green Venture! It began with the garden along the back fence, and plans are now being drawn up to make permanent improvements to facilitate a community garden at Laidlaw, with the cost being granted through Green Venture. We will need volunteers to help build and then help tend the new gardens. The plan calls for the gardens to be installed by June of this year! If you are interested to know more or help out, speak to Rev. Doug!

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 Keith Greeniaus at 289 941 3654 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.***

We appreciate help! help with supplies... thanks for all your donations! **The coffee, tea and cookies are low again!**

Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to provide something baked for coffee hour—celebratory cakes are welcomed!

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

Donation Box for Wesley Centre! Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc, needed!

Book Corner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books—new additions regularly!

Change for Lent Coin Boxes Coin boxes are at the back today!

WEBSITE: www.laidlawchurch.ca works on computer, phone, tablet—**The Sunday Bulletin is there!**

BUDGET NEWS! The goal in 2024 is balance our budget for 2024, and 'catch up' the unfunded deficit of \$6,588.25 from 2023. The Wheelchair Lifts are now paid for in full. We continue to live 'hand to mouth'. Regular giving is critical to ensuring cash flow to meet expenses! The Penny Sale proceeds will be needed to meet annual insurance costs that come due June 1. We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge of the new year! **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 (speak to Keith Greeniaus). Inflation has affected us all, and our church too. Please consider an increase in your offerings to Laidlaw. Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity!**

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are now available! If you would like Offering Envelopes and don't have a set, Contact Keith Greeniaus at 905 312 4945. Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted immediately, by Canada Helps.

Accessible Entrance: The lifts have been TSSA inspected and passed. Laidlaw is now, officially, accessible, the lifts are available to the general public! Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes. Rev. Doug would love to do some training with people needing to use the lifts!



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
at the corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets



BINGO



Saturday, January 13, 2024
Saturday, February 10, 2024
Saturday, March 9, 2024
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Saturday, June 15, 2024

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.

Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Refreshments Available

Cash Prizes, Two 50/50 Games

Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area

Children must be accompanied by a guardian at least 18 years old

Held under Ontario Lottery License

EASTER WORSHIP

at Laidlaw Memorial United

PALM SUNDAY PARADE
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

"JESUS CAME, RIDING ON A DONKEY, AND THE PEOPLE CAME BRANCHING ON HIS PATH."
 THE CHILDREN WILL ENJOY BEING PART OF THE PALM SUNDAY PARADE!

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE,

JOIN US FOR A LOAVES AND FISHES LUNCH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

"FROM NOON ON, DARKNESS CAME OVER THE WHOLE LAND."
 WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PROMISE TO SAVE US FROM DARKNESS AND DEATH
 WITH HYMNS AND ACCESSIONS

JOIN AFTER SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR

EASTER COFFEE & HOT CROSS BUNS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

JOIN US, BEFORE THE EASTER SERVICE FOR A LIGHT BREAKFAST OF
 COFFEE, TEA AND HOT CROSS BUNS

EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF EASTER—BRING YOUR FAMILY!
 "DON'T BE AFRAID—JESUS IS RISEN!"
 WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



community marketplace

At Laidlaw Church

At the corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets
 In the Ottawa Street Shopping District
www.laidlawchurch.ca

SEW Hungry on Ottawa Street Sale
Saturday, May 11, 2024

Welcome to Fall Sale

Saturday, September 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION—Free Parking!

Refreshments and Lunch Available

Local Arts, Crafts, Makers and Vendors

Gathered at Laidlaw for your Shopping Convenience

Support your Local Artisans!

Vendors:

To Rent a Table, or for more information
 go to www.laidlawchurch.ca—there's a fillable form
 or Contact the church office, 905 544 6536



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
 A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
 at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets



Penny Sale
Prize Raffle,
Half & Half Raffle
Bake Sale



Saturday,
May 25, 2024
at 12 noon



Draws begin at 2 p.m.



There is something for everyone!
 Great Penny Sale and Raffle Items
 Scrumptious Home Baking!

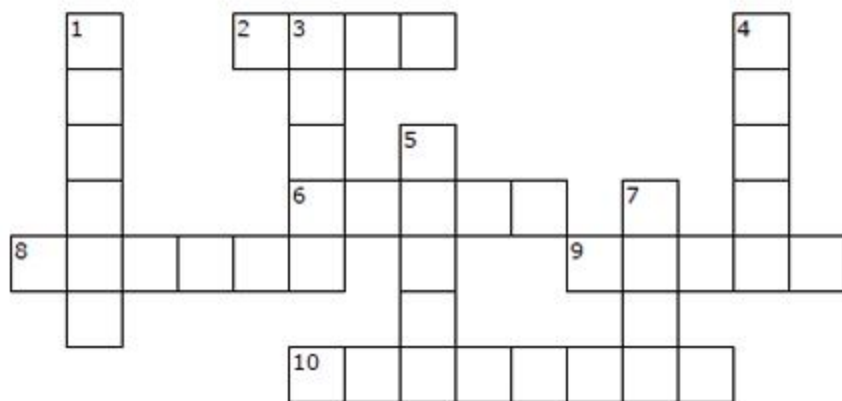


Come in Time for LUNCH!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
 (with the Children's table—a prize for every child!)

Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
6. An animal raised for its wool
8. A building dedicated to the worship of God
9. Coins or bills used to pay for something
10. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN

1. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
3. A building where a family lives
4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
5. The Son of God
7. A small, wild pigeon

WHIP	MARKET	PASSOVER	SHEEP	TEMPLE
HOUSE	TABLE	MONEY	JESUS	DOVE

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DROVE
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HOUSE

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DOVES
CHANGERS
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PASSOVER
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