

# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Sunday Worship at Laidlaw

# The Third Sunday in Lent

“The Courage to Ask”

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

**Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/oz6ye40B-VU>

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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!*



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If you are online or in Person, please consider making an offering in one of two ways:  
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at [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://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

📖 Psalm 95, John 4

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

*Come, let us sing with joy to the LORD our God! God is our Maker, our Rock, and our Deliverer! Quarrels and tests will not redeem our lives! In spirit and in truth, let us trust God and worship!*

#### Hymn of Praise

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*I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

#### Prayer of Approach and Confession (Unison)

Creator, you help us before we see our need of your help! Your Spirit leads us to hard won peace!

We confess: When we come to a dry place, our demands and quarrels dry our spirits. Our hard hearts find no opportunity for rest, for worship, or for grace.

As we confess our sins, forgive us, God! Through Jesus, show us your love that will provide all we need. Let your Spirit bring a fountain of joy and peace, Amen!

#### Assurance of God's Grace

📖 Psalm 95, Romans 5, John 4

*O that today we would not harden our hearts; but listen! We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Jesus gives living water that is the beginning of eternal life! The Holy Spirit pours God's love into our hearts!*

#### Anthem

*What a Friend*

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig (ASCAP)

#### We Hear God's Word

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

#### Youth and Scripture

📖 Exodus 17:6, John 4:10

Just Ask, Nicely!

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

no. 28 in *All God's Children Sing*



*Serve The Lord*

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1977

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x)
- Chorus: O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, (serve/trust/thank/love/serve) the Lord!*
2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you! (2x)
  3. Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions! (2x)
  4. Love the Lord, and there is your freedom! (2x)
  5. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x)

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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

📖 Exodus 17:1-7 (Old Testament, page 64)

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

#### Psalm Response

Tune: Horsley C.M.

📖 Psalm 95

1. Come, let us sing to the LORD our God, make joyful noise with thanks, To our God, our rock, the One who saves, with joyful songs of praise!
2. For God, our LORD, is great, the great king above all gods God stands! The high mountains and deep caves are God's, God made all seas and lands!

3. Come, worship God, kneel and bow before the LORD, who made us all!  
For the LORD is our God, we're God's sheep, the people God holds dear!
4. O that today God's voice you would heed! Hard hearts you'd set aside!  
Be not like you were at Meribah, or Massah, testing God.
5. They saw God's works, they needed no proof, yet wandered forty years!  
Our God's anger kept them from their rest, let us regard God's ways!

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

### Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 5:1-11 (New Testament, page 155)*

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

### Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 4:5-42 (New Testament, page 94)*

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

### Sermon

#### The Courage to Ask

### Gospel Hymn

600

*When I Needed a Neighbour*

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there? When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there? I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there? I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
4. When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there? When I needed a healer, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
5. Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there, wherever you travel I'll be there.  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, I'll be there.

#### **We Respond to God's Word**

### Prayers of the People

### Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

### Offertory

*For What It's Worth*

*Words Music: Stephen Stills*

### Offertory and Doxology

542

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

### Prayer of Dedication

#### **In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve**

### Closing Hymn

661

*Come to My Heart*

1. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.
2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
fill me with love today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.
3. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
Answer my prayer today. Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

### Commissioning and Benediction

### Choral Response

964

<sup>1</sup>Go now in peace, go now in peace. <sup>2</sup>May the love of God surround you <sup>3</sup>everywhere, everywhere, <sup>4</sup>you 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 after Worship  
There is Coffee, Tea, cookies, conversation and games in the gym!

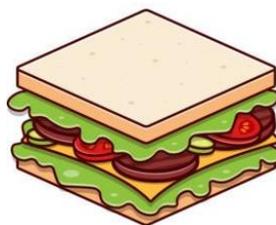
Today is Annual Meeting:

Join us for Lunch Downstairs today!

Stay for the Annual Meeting, upstairs, after lunch, around 1 p.m.

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!

**Remember a Loved One with a Lily at Easter:** Please use the Envelope at the back, write the person to be remembered, your name and envelope number and place it in the offering plate, with an offering of at least \$10 by March 22, 2026.

**Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)**

## This Week at Laidlaw

**TODAY: ANNUAL MEETING** Sunday, March 8, 2026, after Worship and a Loaves and Fishes Lunch! Join us as we celebrate the progress we enjoyed in 2025, and our aspirations for 2026! Everyone is welcome!

**Office Hours!** Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

**Wednesday Office Hours!** Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

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

**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!

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT,** March 15, 2026, at 11 a.m. “It’s Good to See You!” Olivea 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! **Livestream** at <https://youtube.com/live/dL2dFOVTZOI>

## Upcoming Events

**FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Disney’s ZOOTOPIA 2!** 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 ‘The Women of Laidlaw’ will gather!** Monday, March 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 manicotti and garlic bread for lunch!

## Easter Services

**Sunday, March 29, 2026: Palm Sunday** 11 a.m.

*A Loaves and Fishes Lunch will follow the service!*

**Friday, April 3, 2026: Good Friday Communion** 11 a.m.

**Sunday, April 5, 2026: HOT CROSS BUNS** and Coffee at 10 a.m.

**Sunday, April 5, 2026: Easter Communion** at 11 a.m.

*There will not be a coffee hour after service Easter Sunday!*

**Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason** the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, April 9, 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](mailto:anyamodel@yahoo.ca)

**WOW! BERTHA WOOD is turning 90!** Sunday, April 12, 2026, 2-4 p.m., a drop in party at Meadowlands Retirement Community, in the main floor Craft Kitchen Room, 1248 Mohawk Road, Ancaster. Best wishes only, please! If you would like to join a group of us from Laidlaw, let Rev. Doug know, and we will RSVP, as requested. If you can’t come, a greeting sent to [berthamwood36@gmail.com](mailto:berthamwood36@gmail.com) would be a welcome substitute!

**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](http://www.theacoustics.ca)

**SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale**—Saturday May 9, 2026, Rent a table for \$50.00, 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 serving 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! See Carol if you would like to book a table for the sale!*

**PENNY SALE**—Thanks for all the help and donations for the February Penny Sale! The Next Penny Sale at Laidlaw will be Saturday May 30, 2026—we will need prizes! *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 Raffle 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 Women 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 Rodrigue! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**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!

**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](http://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](mailto: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!*



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# BINGO

Saturday, January 17, 2026  
Saturday, February 7, 2026  
Saturday, March 14, 2026  
Saturday, April 11, 2026  
Saturday, May 16, 2026  
Saturday, June 13, 2026

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.  
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch and Refreshments Available  
**NEW, IMPROVED PRIZES!**  
\$10 for Ten 3up Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.  
Two \$0/50 3up Games, \$2 and \$3 to play.  
Cash Prize is half of game sheet sales.  
Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area  
Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at least 18 years old  
Held under Ontario Lottery License



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## Movie Night at Laidlaw Church

# ZOOPIE

**Friday, March 20, 2026**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.  
NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

**Free Admission**  
POPCORN, HOTDOGS, CHILI, NACHOS, PIZZA AND DRINKS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!  
AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)  
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw  
Shown under Church Video License—It's all legal!



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# EASTER WORSHIP

at Laidlaw Memorial United

**PALM SUNDAY PARADE**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, 11:00 A.M.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE:  
BROODS FOR A SOAP AND SHAMPOO LUNCH

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026, 11:00 A.M.

JOIN AFTER SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR

**EASTER COFFEE & HOT CROSS BUNS**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

**EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026, 11:00 A.M.



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# SEW HUNGRY

**AT LAIDLAW CHURCH**  
Saturday, May 9, 2026

Inside or Outside, depends on the weather!

**10:00 A.M. TILL SELL OUT!**  
MEAT PIE, GRAVY, ONIONS, COLE SLAW  
WATER, POP, TEA OR COFFEE

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

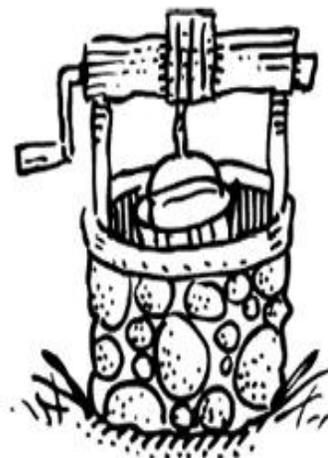
TABLES & CHAIRS INSIDE AND OUT!

JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE!  
NEW THIS YEAR: HALF AND HALF DRAW!  
Held Under Lottery License  
Winning Ticket Drawn at 2:00 p.m.  
Proceeds to Laidlaw Church Activities!

# The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."  
John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



X K B R K K T W G Q D W W L W  
W A Q N O S J F S M E K U W O  
T E I Q R Q B C V P W L V P M  
J R L I A L X M A Y R A I L A  
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C D G I E E Z E G O V F K A Z

LIFE	LIVING	NEVER	WATER	THIRST
WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK