

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

“It’s Good to See You!”

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

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

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

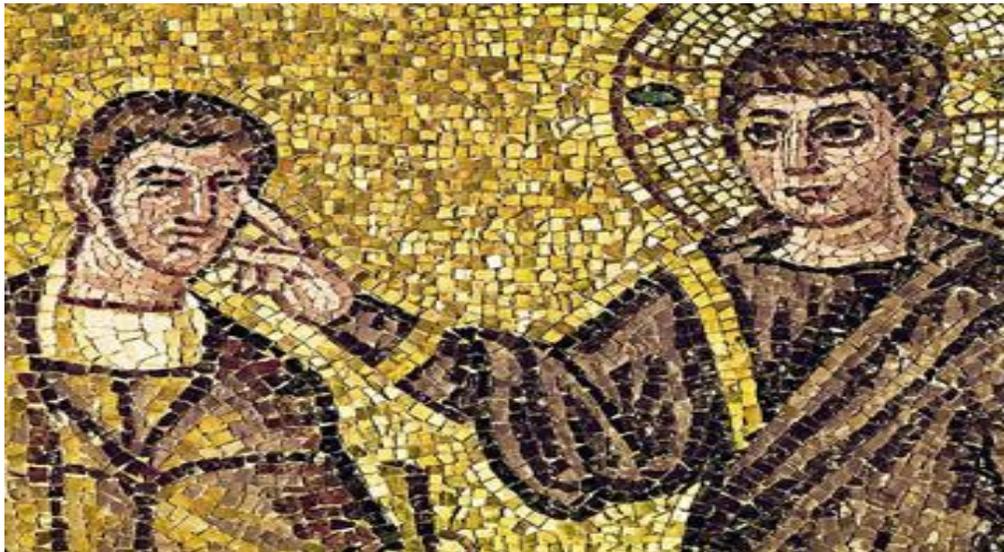
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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

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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send an Interac e-transfer to 'laidlawuc@bellnet.ca' or press the 'On-Line Donation' button
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Ministers: *All who follow Jesus Christ!*

Guest Musician: *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

 Psalm 23, John 9, Ephesians 5

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

*The LORD our God will guide us to light and peace! Let our spirits be gathered, let us seek grace and light!
Jesus heals us; disease is not a sin, but an opportunity for grace! Give thanks to God, who shows us strange mercies!*

Hymn of Praise

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He Leadeth Me

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
*Refrain: He leadeth me! He leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me!*
2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain*
4. And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Unison)

God, you are light; you give light! You give new sight; disturb the boredom we mistake for peace!
We confess: We were happy with the way things were. We are anxious and troubled because of sickness, instead
of doing what we need to do to be well. We grumble when you show us what we can do to make things better.
As we confess our sins, forgive us, God! Through Jesus, bring us into your light; and by your Spirit, give us purpose
and joy that heals; redeems our lives, Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

 John 9, Ephesians 5

*God sees beyond appearances; God sees our hearts! We are in darkness, until the light of Christ shines on us!
As we turn from darkness, we live as children of light! By truth and light, God transforms our lives!*

Anthem

Lead Me to a Brighter Day

Words and Music: Dave and Jean Perry

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

 John 9:11

The Mud that Heals

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 39 in *Joyful Noise*



We Shall Overcome

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual

1. We shall overcome! We shall overcome! We shall overcome some day!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, that we shall overcome some day!
2. We shall live in peace! We shall live in peace! We shall live in peace some day!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, that we shall live in peace some day!
3. We'll walk hand in hand! We'll walk hand in hand! We'll walk hand in hand some day!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, that we'll walk hand in hand some day!
4. We are not afraid! We are not afraid! We are not afraid today!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, that we are not afraid today!
5. The truth will make us free! The truth will make us free! The truth shall make us free some day!
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, the truth shall make us free some day!

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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

 First Samuel 16:1-13 (Old Testament, page 259)

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

 *Psalm 23, The Lord's My Shepherd*

1. **The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**
2. **My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, even for his own Name's sake.**
3. **Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**
4. **My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**
5. **Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.**

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Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Ephesians 5:8-14 (New Testament, page 194)*

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

Lesson from the Gospel

 *John 9:1-41 (New Testament, page 102)*

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

Sermon

It's Good to See You

Gospel Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

I Can See Clearly Now

Words Music: Johnny Nash

Offertory and Doxology

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

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,

give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. **You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***
2. **In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding. Give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***
3. **Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother. Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***
4. **You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing. Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.
*Refrain***

Commissioning, 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 after Worship
There is Coffee, Tea, cookies, conversation and games in the gym!

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

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

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, March 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, 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!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, March 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. “From Beyond Hope” Olivia 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/EiEZWIYBENE>

Upcoming Events

Funeral for Jayden-Onyx Finlayson, Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Laidlaw Church. Our deepest condolences to Zoie-Breanna, and to Jayden’s twin, Jayce-Raymond, and their family. Jayden-Onyx was baptised at Laidlaw on June 25, 2023. Jayden-Onyx died suddenly this week. Please pray for his 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 Crock Pot Lunch, Chili, Chowder, and Soup, 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 anymodel@yahoo.ca

BINGO! Saturday, April 11, 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!

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 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

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!*

PENNYSALE—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 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!*

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Movie Night at Laidlaw Church
ZOOTOPIA

Friday, March 20, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 8:30 P.M.
NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

Free Admission
POPCORN, HOTDOGS, CHILI, NACHOS, PIZZA AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$6/E!
AN ALL AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw
Shows under Church Video License—it's all legal!

EASTER WORSHIP
at Laidlaw Memorial United

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

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

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

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

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

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!
110 for Ten 3up Sheets, 120 Cash Prize per game.
Two \$50/\$50 3up Games, \$5 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 adult 16 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License.

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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, GRABY, ONIONS, COLE SLAW
WATER, POP, TBS OR COFFEE

\$15.00 PER PERSON
TABLES & CHAIRS INSIDE AND OUT
JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKET PLACE!
NEW THIS YEAR: HALF AND HALF DRAW
Held Under Lottery License
Winning Ticket Drawn at 2:00 p.m.
Proceeds to Laidlaw Church Activities!

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).



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

BLIND	EYES	SPIT	POOL	WASH
WORLD	SINNED	SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
HOME	MUD	LIFE	OPENED	LIGHT
SILOAM	PARENTS	RECEIVED	BIRTH	GROUND