



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

Palm/Passion Sunday



'Darkness Seeking Light'

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

Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/xvkICWl35gk>

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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!



**Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube! 'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams!
If you are online or in Person, 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!**

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.*



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
The Easter Lilies in the Church today are placed...



In Loving Memory of

Margaret Rodrigue
Our Mom
by Kathy Rodrigue

Alexander Jr. Gillis
Jack and Stella Naves
Sandra Naves, Jackie Naves
Roy Saunders
by Estelle Naves

Wayne McNally, my husband
Patrick Rodrigue, my brother
by Colleen McNally

Eddie Redburn
My Husband
by Audrey Redburn

Bryan and Edna Blair
My Parents
by Peter Blair

Diane Buckland
My Wife
by Len Buckland

Shirley Marie Moore
Née Chambers
by Benjamin Chambers Moore

Antonio Scacchi
Loving Husband and Grandpa
by Nancy Scacchi

Doris Oldfield,
Thomas (Larry) Padfield,
Joan Bond, Nick Audician, Steve Jacobs,
Joan Redburn, Dave Pashko,
Novil Staten, Maurice (Moe) Bond
by Janet Bond

Len Ferguson
My Loving Husband
by Merily Ferguson

Russel Rizza
by Lisa Rizzo

Beverly Acciaroli
My Loving Wife
By Joe Acciaroli



Geoffrey Lawrence, my Husband
by Dorothy Lawrence

Ed Van Minnen
Rhea Usher-Finch, Harris Usher
by Carol Courtney

Ferry and Connie Rowsell
Charlene Conkey
by Kathi Austin

Frank Whitehead
My Husband
by Marjorie Whitehead

Daniel Aaron Glover
By Cheryl and Dennis Glover

Peter, Jerry, and Esther
by David and Carol Crown

Molly McDonald
My Mother
by Heather Shaw

Shirley Marie Moore
Our Parents
by Rev. Doug Moore

Our Loved Ones
Our Beloved Pets
by Peter and Wendy Banting

Evelyn & Eileen Burris
Eileen & Jack McLean,
Tan & Evelyn Campbell
Julie and Larry Martin,
Fred Clarkson Aunt Kay,
Aunt Molly Mr. and Mrs. Dyna,
Violet Pam & Gordy Carey
Wendy and Bob Southall
Barb Lawrence,
Josie and Fibar Chontos
Kay Southall, Grandma Inrvie
Jodi Zimmerman
Stella Naves, my best friend.
by Elizabeth Chontos and Family

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call Call to Worship

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

 *Matthew 21:1-9 (New Testament, page 23)*

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Palm Parade Hymn

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All Glory, Laud and Honour

Refrain: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one.*
Refrain
- 2. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.*
Refrain
- 3. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*
Refrain
- 4. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.*
Refrain

Prayer of Approach and Confession *(Unison)*

God, your love is steadfast. You are kind. You welcome praises. You die on a cross for us. You hear our prayers! We confess that we are afraid to be loving and kind toward each other. We love a parade; but quickly disappear when love calls us to suffer or endure. We want a quick fix.

Forgive us, God! Let us see the power of your compassion. In Jesus, let us see love that endures through pain. By the power of your Spirit, help us bless all those who call on your name, Amen!

Assurance of God's Grace

 *Psalm 31, Isaiah 50, Philippians 2*

Do not fear to trust in God—God's steadfast love will save us! The LORD our God helps us—we will not be disgraced!

The LORD our God helps us; who will declare us guilty? Let the mind of Christ, who humbled himself, be in us all!

Anthem

If I Had Been

Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram (ASCSP)

We Hear God's Word

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

Youth and Scripture

 *Matthew 21:9*

A Waving Welcome

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 81 in *Joyful Nois*.



Were You There?

- 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*
- 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*
- 3. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*
- 4. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*
- 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Traditional Spiritual, Reproduced from the Public Domain

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

 *Isaiah 50:4-9a (Old Testament, page 681)*

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

Psalm Response

 *Psalm 31:9-16*

Tune: Walton L.M.

- 1. Be gracious unto me, O my LORD, for I am distressed, my eyes now burn in grief;
My soul, my body now wastes in deep grief, my life is sorrow; my years are a sigh!*

2. My strength now fails from my miseries, my bones are all thin, my enemies all scorn;
my life is horror to all my neighbours, all dread and flee from me when they see me!
3. I've passed from mind, like one who is dead, I am like a pot that's broken—good as gone.
I hear the whispering, feel the terror, they scheme against me, and plot my death too.
4. But I will trust in you, O my LORD, for you are my God, my times are in your hands;
Deliver me from the hands of my foes, Let your face shine, save me in steadfast love!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Philippians 2:5-11* (New Testament, page 197)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 27:11-54* (New Testament, page 29)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Darkness Seeking Light

Gospel Hymn

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand: the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home
within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me; and from
my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess, the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Words Music: Paul Simon

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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Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in unity combine. *Refrain*
3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
4. Saviour, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain*
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

Commissioning and Benediction

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 Flowers Today are in loving memory of

Tony Scacchi

*Husband to Nancy, Grandpa to Matthew, Nicholas and Addison
Who passed away April 1, 2024*



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!

Join us for Lunch Downstairs today!

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!

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! Crock Pot Lunch after worship, all welcome, pay what you can! Chili and Soup today!

Office Hours! Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, April 2, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday.

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION, Friday, April 3, 2026, at 11 a.m. “They Did Not Break His Legs.” Steve McRae is at the keyboards. Coffee Hour will follow the service. **Livestream the Good Friday Service** at <https://youtube.com/live/4m6j-Tmemkc>

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

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—EASTER CELEBRATION, Sunday, April 5, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Do Not Be Afraid!” Steve McRae is at the keyboards. Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday. Easter Sunday, we will enjoy Hot Cross Buns at 10 a.m., and there will be no coffee hour after worship! **Livestream at** https://youtube.com/live/Ccrlp_P8adQ

Upcoming Events

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

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!

RECITAL with Borys and Olivia’s students, Saturday, April 11, 2026 a 6 p.m.

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!

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting, Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stew Hamilton Room. Welcome to the new members of Council!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Movie TBA! Friday, April 17, 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, April 27, 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 lunch!

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 Rodrique! 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 has been confirmed for this season! We will continue to improve the security at the church, including replacing the rest of the window coverings, as well as a new camera monitor in the church hall for those waiting for a ride! We are grateful for this help from the Ontario Government! **Presbytery Mission Council** is helping to create the ‘*Artword Studio at Laidlaw*’ *The studio is ready now—we are looking forward to welcoming events in the space in 2026!*

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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